

6 January 2021

FULL COUNCIL

A meeting of the **Full Council** will be held on **Thursday, 14th January, 2021 at 10.00 am**. This will be a virtual meeting and you can observe the meeting [via our Youtube Page](#).

PHIL SHEARS
Managing Director

Membership:

Cllrs Austen, Bradford, Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Connett, Cook, D Cox, H Cox, Daws, Dewhirst, Eden, Evans, Foden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Haines, Hayes, Hocking, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffery, Jeffries, Jenks, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Orme, Parker-Khan, Parker (Vice-Chair), Patch, Peart, J Petherick (Chair), L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne, Tume and Wrigley

Please Note: The meeting will be live streamed with the exception where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of the media and public.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Minutes**

(Pages 5 - 10)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the previous Council meeting.

3. **Announcements (if any)**

Announcements only from the Chair of Council, Leader, Members of the Executive or the Managing Director.

4. **Declarations of interest (if any)**

5. **Public Questions (if any)**

Members of the public may ask questions. A maximum period of 15 minutes will be allowed with a maximum period of three minutes per questioner.

The deadline for questions is no later than 12 noon two working days before the date of the meeting.

6. **Councillor Questions (if any)**

Members of the Council may ask questions of the Council subject to procedural rules.

The deadline for questions is no later than three clear working days before the meeting.

7. **Office for National Statistics - Presentation**

A short presentation on the 2021 Census by Liza Oxford - the Office for National Statistics Census Engagement Manager for Teignbridge.

8. **Council Tax Base 2021/22**

(Pages 11 - 16)

To consider the Council Tax Base for 2021/22.

Recommendations from Committees to Full Council

9. **Recommendation from Executive - Future strategic planning working with Exeter City Council, East Devon District Council, Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council**

The Executive Member for Planning to present the recommendation of the [Executive 3 November 2020](#).

The report was considered [Overview and Scrutiny Committee \(2\) 11 December 2020](#) and [Overview and Scrutiny Committee \(1\) 22 December 2020](#).

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that:-

- (1) It formally withdraws from the preparation of the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan; and
- (2) It supports in principle the production of a joint non-statutory plan, to include joint strategy and infrastructure matters, with East Devon, Exeter and Mid-Devon Councils, and in partnership with Devon County Council. This will be subject to agreement of details of the scope of the plan, a timetable for its production, the resources required, and governance arrangements to be agreed at a later date.

10. **Recommendation from Executive - Council Tax Reduction Scheme**

The Executive Member for Corporate Services will present the recommendation from [Executive 5 January 2021](#).

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

- (1) the current [Council Tax Scheme](#) be adopted for the year 2021/22 with the one proposed change set out in the report.
- (2) the revised Discretionary Discount and Exceptional Hardship Scheme (see Appendix A) be adopted from 1 April 2021.

11. **Recommendation from Executive Notice of Motion - Preference Voting including proportional representation**

The Leader will present the recommendation from [Executive 5 January 2021](#).

RECOMMENDED to Council:-

- (1) To call upon Her Majesty's Government by writing to the Home Secretary, and the Prime Minister urging them to:-
 - a. commit to changing electoral law to permit such a move.
 - b. Introduce such a system of voting in any reforms to local government presented to Parliament; and
- (2) To write to Teignbridge's two MPs to ask them to call for changes in electoral law to permit such a system and promote the matter for debate in Parliament.

12. **Recommendation from Audit Scrutiny Committee**

The Committee Chair will present the recommendation of the [Audit Scrutiny Committee 17 December 2020](#).

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that the revision of the Contract Procedure Rules replaced the 2015 Contract Procedure Rules.

13. **Notice of Motion**

Notice of Motion's shall be referred to the Executive. The mover of the motion can outline the proposal and then it will stand adjourned. The motion may be debated to assist debate later if agreed by two-thirds of Council Members.

The following motion on the £20 uplift to Universal Credit to be made permanent has been presented by Cllr D Cox and supported by Dewhirst, G Hook, Parker and Wrigley.

Background provided by Cllr D Cox to the Motion:

Teignbridge Council strongly urge the Government to make the £20 uplift to Universal Credit permanent and extend this same support to those on legacy

benefits. By doing this, it will help keep families afloat and strengthen our social security system so it provides the public service we can all turn to when we hit hard times.

Teignbridge Council is ready to work with the Government to continue to prevent a rising tide of poverty in our society and ensure we achieve a recovery that is felt by everyone, and supports this through the retention of the 100% Council Tax support system, the only council in Devon to do so.

Council believes retaining the £20 Universal Credit uplift will support the wider economic recovery. Cutting support for those on the lowest incomes will reduce demand in the economy at a time when we are trying to secure a recovery.

Wording of Motion proposed by Cllr D Cox:

The Council resolves that:-

The Leader of the Council is therefore instructed to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Members of Parliament serving Teignbridge to call for the retention of the £20 Universal credit uplift.

If you would like this information in another format, please telephone 01626 361101 or e-mail info@teignbridge.gov.uk

FULL COUNCIL

23 NOVEMBER 2020

Present:

Cllrs Austen, Bradford, Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Connett, D Cox, H Cox, Daws, Dewhirst, Eden, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Haines, Hocking, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffery, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Orme, Parker-Khan, Parker (Vice-Chair), Patch, Peart, J Petherick (Chair), L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne and Wrigley

Apologies:

Cllrs Cook, Evans, Foden, Hayes, Jeffries, Jenks and Tume

Also in attendance

Planning Advisory Service representatives: Cllr Bryony Rudkin - Deputy Leader Ipswich Council;
Bridget Downton - Head of Business Insight & Corporate Communications, Dorset Council;
Richard Crawley - Planning Advisory Service;
Paul Clarke of Local Government Association;
Andrew Davies of Grant Thornton.

Officers in Attendance:

Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services;
Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services;
Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer;
Fergus Pate, Principal Delivery Officer;
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer;
Phil Shears, Managing Director;
Estelle Skinner, Green Infrastructure Officer;
Beth Tipton, Administrative Assistant;
Karen Trickey, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer.

55. MINUTES

Cllr D Cox proposed that the minutes of the 30 September 2020 be signed as a correct record of the meeting, this was seconded by the Leader.

Cllr Daws proposed an amendment that that the minutes include his wording on his supplementary question in respect of minute no.49, this was seconded by Cllr Patch.

A roll call was taken on the amendment (see voting report). 19 member's voted for and 19 members against the amendment. On the Chair's casting vote against the amendment, the amendment was lost.

On a further role call (see the voting report), the minutes of the 30 September 2020 were approved as a correct record.

56. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair encouraged Members to attend the Leaders weekly Members' Briefings on the current COVID situation.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wrigley declared an interest as a committee member of the South East Devon Habitat Regulations Committee at minute no.65.

58. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Member's questions and responses are attached to minutes.

The relevant Executive Member responded to the supplementary questions arising therefrom. See the [live stream of this meeting](#).

In response to Cllr Daws supplementary question, the answer was provided by the Executive Member for Corporate Services in writing after the meeting [see below]:-

The Council's Executive made the decision on 30 November 2009 to purchase 9 acres of land at Decoy for £100,000. The price paid represented a fair market value for the land based on objective valuation.

The land was purchased using Growth Fund money 'to enable the delivery of new employment land in Teignbridge and to support related regeneration projects' and 'to provide clear evidence to funding agencies and partners that Teignbridge are delivering the regeneration and development goals of the Growth Point and funding agencies.'

The draft version of the Local Plan containing sites including NA3 was first published as the 'Preferred Options' stage in January 2012.

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning/local-plans-and-policy/archive/preferred-options-january-2012/>

59. PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE FINDINGS ON THE REVIEW OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR LANGFORD BRIDGE, NEWTON ABBOT - PRESENTATION

Cllr Bryony Rudkin (Deputy Leader Ipswich Council) on behalf of the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) presented the findings of the review of the planning application for Langford Bridge, Newton Abbot and answered questions from Members (presentation attached to minutes).

The Leader thanked the representatives from PAS for their work on the review.

60. 2019/20 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS INCLUDING THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources thanked Grant Thornton, the External Auditors, and officers for their work on concluding the audit work.

The Chair of Audit Scrutiny Committee proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Executive Member for Corporate Resources.

The Grant Thornton Manager clarified that assessment of adequate for the management process was the highest assessment that a council could receive.

The Chief Finance Officer advised that to date there was no assurance that the New Homes Bonus funding would continue. The provisional grant settlement from Central Government was expected in mid-December.

A roll call was taken (see voting report).

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) The 2019/20 Statement of Accounts be approved including the Annual Governance Statement and letter of representation as recommended by the Audit Scrutiny Committee subject to any final adjustments agreed with the external auditors to be reported to Council; and
- (2) The Audit Findings Report from Grant Thornton be noted and the actions arising from the action plan be approved.

61. RECOMMENDATION FROM STANDARDS COMMITTEE

It was proposed by the Chair of Standards Committee and seconded by the Leader that the recommendation be approved.

The Leader, through the Chair, apologised to Cllr Daws and to the Council for the phrase that he used at the last meeting when replying to Cllr Daw's question, there having been no intention to upset Cllr Daws. Cllr Daws acknowledged this point from the Leader.

A roll call was taken (see voting report).

RESOLVED that the membership of the Standards Committee be limited to six elected councillors.

62. RECOMMENDATION FROM LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

It was proposed by the Chair of Licensing and Regulatory Committee and seconded by the Executive Member for Sport, Recreation and Culture that the recommendation be approved.

The Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 4 November 2020 recommended that Full Council approve the policy.

Members thanked officers for the work undertaken to bring this review forward.

A roll call was taken (see voting report).

RESOLVED that the Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted.

63. NOTICE OF MOTION

Cllr Swain presented his Notice of Motion.

The Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Executive for consideration.

64. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair of Council proposed, seconded by the Executive Member for Sports, Recreation and Culture that because of financial sensitivity the Council go into Part II session and exclude the press and public.

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that press and public be excluded from the meeting of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Para 3 Pt 1 Schedule 12A of the Act.

The meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes for a comfort break. Following which a roll call was taken.

65. LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF DAWLISH COUNTRYSIDE PARK

The Executive Member for Planning presented the report and proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by Cllr Bullivant.

A roll call was taken (see voting report).

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) Funding to secure the long term management of Dawlish Countryside Park Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS) be approved;
- (2) The Council enter into a contract with Land Trust for use of an endowment to secure the long-term management of Dawlish Countryside Park; and
- (3) The Head of Place & Commercial Services be given delegated authority in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, to complete agreements to facilitate the long term management of Dawlish Countryside Park.

Voting report

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.50 am.

Chair

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TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

14 JANUARY 2021

Report Title	COUNCIL TAX BASE 2021/22
Purpose of Report	To consider the proposed council tax base 2021/22 as recommended by the Executive at its meeting on the 5 January 2021 as shown at appendix A.
Recommendation(s)	That the Council resolve to approve the council tax base of 48,410 for 2021/22 at appendix A of the agenda report.

Financial Implications	The financial implications are principally to formulate the predicted council tax numbers to allow all preceptors to identify their income from the precept they set for the financial year 2021/22. Martin Flitcroft – Chief Finance Officer Tel: 01626 215246 Email: martin.flitcroft@teignbridge.gov.uk
Legal Implications	The estimate has to be approved by Council and notified to the major preceptors between 1 December 2020 and 31 January 2021. See section 2.2 of the report. Martin Flitcroft – Chief Finance Officer Tel: 01626 215246 Email: martin.flitcroft@teignbridge.gov.uk
Risk Assessment	The major risk is that the estimate is not accurate and results in a deficit in income from council tax for all preceptors – see section 3. Martin Flitcroft – Chief Finance Officer Tel: 01626 215246 Email: martin.flitcroft@teignbridge.gov.uk
Environmental/ Climate Change Implications	There are no direct climate change implications within this report. David Eaton – Environmental Protection Manager Tel: 01626 215064 Email: david.eaton@teignbridge.gov.uk
Report Author	Martin Flitcroft – Chief Finance Officer Tel: 01626 215246 Email: martin.flitcroft@teignbridge.gov.uk
Executive Member	Councillor Richard Keeling – Executive member for Resources
Appendices	App A – Council tax base 2020/21
Part I or II	Part I
Background Papers	None

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider the proposed council tax base 2021/22 as recommended by the Executive at its meeting on the 5 January 2021 as shown at appendix A.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The council tax base is the estimated number of band D equivalent properties in the district for next year less a small allowance for likely collection losses. The details are shown at section 1 of appendix A. The council tax for each of district, county, fire, police and towns/parishes multiplied by the council tax base gives the income or precept which the district pays to each authority. The district is responsible for collecting council tax.

- 2.2 The estimate for next year must be based on information available on the 30 November. It has to be approved by Council and notified to the major preceptors - county, fire and police between 1 December 2020 and 31 January 2021. Similarly towns and parishes also need the council tax base for their area to calculate their council tax from their precept.
- 2.3 The initial data is extracted from the council tax records. This includes the deduction for council tax support which reduces the base. Finally an estimate is made of the growth in the number of dwellings to 2020/21 based on recent history and this has been calculated at 0%. This assumes that any further growth in completed dwellings will be offset by anticipated growth in council tax support numbers. Thus a total of 49,651.3 is the estimated number of band D properties for next year.
- 2.4 The impact of Covid has reduced the collection rate and this has been adjusted in the estimate for next year resulting in a collection rate of 97.5% being assumed giving 48,410 for 2021/22. For Teignbridge this base means that at the current council tax level of £175.17 just under £8.5 million of income would be generated next year. This is 2.6% or £228,000 less than in the current year. Estimated 2021/22 income for all preceptors is shown at appendix A section 2 based on the current council tax.

3. RISKS

- 3.1 The risk is the variation in calculating the likely equivalent band D council tax numbers which is influenced by projected housebuilding, numbers in receipt of council tax support and the level of collection from council tax payers. These risks are mitigated by careful analysis of existing data and trends to determine future projections.

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Section 1

Council Tax Base adjustment for Council Tax Support (CTS) and estimated growth						
	Estimated 21/22 Band D Number	20/21 Council Tax £	Estimated Income £	Estimated Collection Rate %	Estimated Net Income £	Estimated 21/22 Base
Full band D at November 2020	54,662.1	2,000.95	109,376,130			
less CTS at November 2020	-5,010.8	2,000.95	-10,026,360			
Starting point based on November 2020	49,651.3		99,349,770			
Anticipated growth at 0%	0.0	2,000.95	0			
Total (rounded)	49,651.3	2,000.95	99,349,770	97.5%	96,865,990	48,410

Section 2

2021/22 Expected Council Tax (CT) Income at Current Council Tax Levels compared with 2020/21				
Preceptor	Estimated CT Base Number	20/21 Council Tax £	Expected income £	
2021/22 expected income (rounded)				
Towns and parishes	48,410	76.44	3,700,460	
District	48,410	175.17	8,479,980	
County	48,410	1,439.46	69,684,260	
Fire	48,410	88.24	4,271,700	
Police	48,410	221.64	10,729,590	
Total (rounded) shows a 2.6% decrease in expected income		2,000.95	96,865,990	
2020/21 expected income (rounded)				
Towns and parishes	49,714	76.44	3,800,338	
District	49,714	175.17	8,708,401	
County	49,714	1,439.46	71,561,314	
Fire	49,714	88.24	4,386,763	
Police	49,714	221.64	11,018,611	
Total (rounded)		2,000.95	99,475,430	

