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Dear Sir/Madam

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stevenage Borough Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage on Wednesday, 28 February 2018 at 7.00 pm and you are summonsed to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Scott Crudgington
Chief Executive

AGENDA

5. **MAIN DEBATE - 2018/2019 COUNCIL TAX AND GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

The Main Debate concerns the setting of the 2018/2019 Council Tax and the General Fund and Capital Budgets. The recommendations from the Executive are set out in each of the attached reports.

Report 5A and Appendix D attached
Report 5B and Appendix I attached

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CONCESSIONS 2018/19 APPENDIX D



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Allotments (fees shown are an average total fee based on average plot size)		£21.25	£13.81	£7.44	35%	£20.00	£15.00	£5.00	25%	8.60%	£20.00	£15.00	£5.00	25%	0.00%		Disability Living Allowance/Job Seekers Allowance Employment Support Allowance/Attendance Allowance/Income Support/Housing Benefit/Council Tax Support	No concession given
Bulky Waste (Only available to Stevenage Residents)																	Disability Living Allowance Job Seekers Allowance Employment Support Allowance Attendance Allowance Income Support Housing Benefit Council Tax Support State Pension	No concession given
- Household Junk per 6 items		£60.00	£39.00	£21.00	35%	£63.00	£47.25	£15.75	25%	21.15%	£66.00	£49.50	£16.50	25%	4.76%			
- Garden Waste per bag		£6.05	£3.93	£2.12	35%	£6.17	£4.63	£1.54	25%	17.77%	£6.40	£4.80	£1.60	25%	3.71%			
Football/Rugby Pitches (Single Match Bookings)																	No concession given	Junior Football (Under 18), Scout, Brownies and Cub Groups, Stevenage Schools
- With Shower (Adult Price & Junior Price)		£65.61	£42.65	£22.96	35%	£67.25	£50.44	£16.81	25%	18.27%	£69.75	£52.31	£17.44	25%	3.72%			
- Without Shower (Adult Price & Junior Price)		£55.74	£36.23	£19.51	35%	£57.13	£42.85	£14.28	25%	18.27%	£59.20	£44.40	£14.80	25%	3.62%			
Ridlins Athletic Track (service used by concessionary users only)																	No concession given	Juniors (Under 18), Scout, Brownies and Cub Groups, Stevenage Schools, Stevenage Schools Discount
- Track Use (per person - per session)		£4.52	£2.94	£1.58	35%	£4.63	£3.47	£1.16	25%	18.27%	£4.78	£3.59	£1.20	25%	3.17%			
- With floodlights (Club Hire)		£54.37	£35.34	£19.03	35%	£55.73	£41.79	£13.93	25%	18.27%	£57.50	£43.13	£14.38	25%	3.19%			
- Without floodlights (Club Hire)		£39.77	£29.83	£9.94	25%	£40.76	£30.57	£10.19	25%	2.50%	£42.25	£31.69	£10.56	25%	3.64%			
- Meetings		£49.32	£36.99	£12.33	25%	£50.56	£37.92	£12.64	25%	2.50%	£52.50	£39.38	£13.13	25%	3.85%			
Pavilions (per hour)												Please see separate sheet for details of charges for "existing Paviillion users"					No concession given	
Small Pavilion Hall		£15.00	£9.75	£5.25	35.00%	£15.38	£11.53	£3.84	25%	18.27%	£15.90	£11.93	£3.97	25%	3.46%			SNH Athletic Club Community Groups Reduced rate for all the above if they block book

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Small Pavilion Hall - Not for Profit (Existing Clients)		£15.00	£10.55	£4.45	29.7%	£15.38	£11.53	£3.84	25%	9.30%	£15.90	£11.93	£3.97	25%	3.46%			Juniors (Under 17) Scout, Brownies and Cub Groups Toddler and Play Groups
Large Pavilion Hall		£50.00	£32.50	£17.50	35.00%	£51.25	£38.44	£12.81	25%	18.27%	£53.00	£39.75	£13.25	25%	3.41%			SNH Athletic Club Community Groups Reduced rate for all the above if they block book
Large Pavilion Hall - Not for Profit (Existing Clients)		£50.00	£10.55	£39.45	78.9%	£15.38	£11.53	£3.84	25%	9.30%	£53.00	£13.40	£39.60	75%	16.21%			Juniors (Under 17) Scout, Brownies and Cub Groups Toddler and Play Groups
Bandley Hill Play centre (per hour)																	Budget Manager has expressed a desire to limit increases at the Play Centres to 2% as the groups who use them are not-for-profit. An attached sheet gives the breakdown of users.	Concessionary rates agreed by Committee Meeting
Small Hall		£15.00	£9.75	£5.25	35%	£15.38	£11.53	£3.84	25%	18.27%	£15.90	£11.77	£4.13	26%	2.07%			
Medium Hall - Voluntary Organisations - groups & clubs		£25.00	£16.25	£8.75	35%	£25.63	£19.22	£6.41	25%	18.27%	£26.55	£19.61	£6.94	27%	2.04%			
Medium Hall - Not for profit		£25.00	£16.25	£8.75	35%	£25.63	£19.22	£6.41	25%	18.27%	£26.55	£19.61	£6.94	27%	2.04%			
Pin Green Play centre (per hour)																	No concession given	Concessionary rates agreed by Committee Meeting
Small Hall - Voluntary Organisations - groups & clubs		£15.00	£9.75	£5.25	35%	£15.38	£11.53	£3.84	25%	18.27%	£15.90	£11.77	£4.13	26%	2.07%			
Small Hall		£15.00	£9.75	£5.25	35%	£15.38	£11.53	£3.84	25%	18.27%	£15.90	£11.77	£4.13	26%	2.07%			
St Nicholas Play centre (per hour)																	No concession given	Concessionary rates agreed by Committee Meeting
Small Hall		£15.00	£9.75	£5.25	35%	£15.38	£11.53	£3.84	25%	18.27%	£15.95	£11.77	£4.18	27%	2.07%			
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Large Hall		£50.00	£32.50	£17.50	35%	£51.25	£38.44	£12.81	25%	18.27%	£53.00	£39.24	£13.76	26%	2.09%			
Animal Control - Stray Dogs																	The concessionary rate of 25% shall apply in domestic premises where the occupant (occupant includes the partner, but does not include other members of the household or other residents) is in receipt of: Income support Job seekers allowance (income based) Guaranteed pension credit Council tax benefit (not single person's discount) Housing benefit	No concession given
- Admin Charge		£25.00	£18.75	£6.25	25%	£25.00	£18.75	£6.25	25%	0.00%	£26.00	£19.50	£6.50	25%	4.00%			
- Admin Charge (if dog is micro-chipped)		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	£12.50	£9.38	£3.13	25%	n/a	£13.00	£9.75	£3.25	25%	n/a			
- Return of Dogs to owners premises		£35.00	£26.25	£8.75	25%	£35.00	£26.25	£8.75	25%	0.00%	£40.00	£30.00	£10.00	25%	14.29%			
- Kennelling		£23.00	£17.25	£5.75	25%	£15.00	£11.25	£3.75	25%	-34.78%	£15.00	£11.25	£3.75	25%	0.00%			

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wednesday 28 February 2018

**FORMAL COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION INCORPORATING PRECEPTS FROM
HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AND
CRIME COMMISSIONER**

COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

SETTING THE AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR THE COUNCIL'S AREA

1. That the following be approved:
 - a. the revised working revenue estimates for the year 2017/18 amounting to £10,493,720 and the revenue estimates for 2018/19 amounting to £9,107,740;
 - b. the contribution from balances totalling £1,543,595 in 2017/18;
 - c. the contribution from balances totalling £818,821 in 2018/19.
2. That it be noted that at its meeting on 23 January 2018 the Executive calculated the amount of 27,058.5 Band D equivalent properties as its council tax base for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by Section 74 of the Localism Act 2011.
3. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by Section 74 of the Localism Act 2011:
 - a. £86,038,055 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2)(a) to (f) of the Act, less the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d)
 - b. £80,505,711 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) of the Act.
 - c. £5,532,344 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3a above exceeds the aggregate at 3b above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
 - d. £204.46 Being the amount at 3c divided by the amount at 2 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B (1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year

e. Valuation Bands

A	£ 136.31
B	£ 159.02
C	£ 181.74
D	£ 204.46
E	£ 249.90
F	£ 295.33
G	£ 340.77
H	£ 408.92

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 3d. above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. a. That it be noted that for the year 2018/19 Hertfordshire County Council have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

	Basic Amount Of Council Tax	Adult Social Care Charge	2018/19 Council Tax
A	£ 816.46	£ 63.85	£ 880.31
B	£ 952.51	£ 74.51	£ 1,027.02
C	£ 1,088.60	£ 85.14	£ 1,173.74
D	£ 1,224.67	£ 95.79	£ 1,320.46
E	£ 1,496.83	£ 117.07	£ 1,613.90
F	£ 1,768.96	£ 138.37	£ 1,907.33
G	£ 2,041.13	£ 159.64	£ 2,200.77
H	£ 2,449.34	£ 191.58	£ 2,640.92

- b. That it be noted that for the year 2018/19 Hertfordshire Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and amended by Section 27 of the Police and Magistrates' Court Act 1994, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	£ 109.33
B	£ 127.56
C	£ 145.78
D	£ 164.00
E	£ 200.44
F	£ 236.89
G	£ 273.33
H	£ 328.00

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3e. and 4a. and b. above, the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts for council tax for the year 2018/19 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	£1,125.95
B	£1,313.60
C	£1,501.26
D	£1,688.92
E	£2,064.24
F	£2,439.55
G	£2,814.87
H	£3,377.84

6. To determine in accordance with Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/19 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3e.

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