

Report to Council

Agenda
Item:

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Meeting Date: 4 March 2014
Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources
Key Decision:
Within Policy and Budget Framework YES
Public / Private Public

Title: COUNCIL TAX 2014/15
Report of: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
Report Number: RD93/13

Summary & Recommendation:-

This report sets out the calculations to be made by the City Council in setting:

- a) The level of basic Council Tax in 2014/15 in respect of City Council Services at £207.11 and the amount to be levied in non parished areas at £193.43
- b) The level of Basic (City) Council Tax which will be charged in different parts of the City Council's area to reflect Special Items (Parish Precepts) – **Appendix A**
- c) The Basic amount of (City) Council Tax applicable to each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area – **Appendix B**
- d) The total amount of Council Tax to be levied in 2014/15, inclusive of Cumbria County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria Precept, applicable to each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area – **Appendix C**
- e) Details how the Council Tax surplus was calculated **Appendix D**
- f) To approve the formal Council Tax Resolution – **Appendix E**
- g) In accordance with The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 as set out at **Appendix F**, Council are requested to confirm that :
 - i. The reduced discount in respect of Prescribed Class D (unoccupied and substantially unfurnished properties which require or are undergoing structural alteration or major repair works) to be set at 75%.
 - ii. The reduced discount in respect of Prescribed Class C (unoccupied and substantially unfurnished properties) to be set at 50% for a period up to

6 months then 25% for a period up to 2 years. All periods commence from the date on which the property became unoccupied and substantially unfurnished.

- iii. The reduced discount in respect of Prescribed Classes A & B (unoccupied and furnished properties with and without a planning restriction of at least 28 days) to remain at 10%.
- iv. The higher amount for certain empty dwellings that have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a continuous period of at least 2 years (long term empty premium) to be set at 50%.

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Tonight's meeting marks the third and final stage in the financial and budgetary process introduced by the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and amended by the Localism Act 2011, and culminates in the setting of the Council Tax levels to be applied throughout the Carlisle District for 2014/15.
- 1.2 Stage 1 required the City Council to calculate its Tax Base – this was delegated to the Director of Resources at the meeting of the City Council of 13 January 2014 and calculated, for 2014/15, as at 6 January 2014.
- 1.3 Stage 2 required the City Council (as the billing authority) to calculate a council tax requirement for the year and this was undertaken at its meeting on 20 February 2014.
- 1.4 The Parish Council Precepts for 2014/15 are detailed in **Appendix A** and total £424,140. The total amount payable to Parishes will be £478,024, the difference of £53,884 being made up of the grant from Local Support for Council Tax Scheme.
- 1.5 Cumbria County Council is similarly required to calculate its Council Tax Requirement and this was determined at its meeting on 13 February 2014. The precept was set at £36,023,098. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,161.50 (no increase from 2013/14).
- 1.6 The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria is also required to calculate its Council Tax requirement separately from the County Council and this was determined at its meeting on 24 February 2014. The precept was set at £6,470,201. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £208.62 (an increase of 1.93%). **This is still subject to final confirmation.**
- 1.7 Finally, the City Council as "Billing Authority" is required under Section 30, to set an overall amount of Council Tax, by reference to the aggregate of its own Tax and that set by the Cumbria County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria.
- 1.8 It should be noted that the City Council has held its share of Council Tax at the same level as 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 (i.e. no increase for 2014/15). The County Council have also held its share at 2013/14 levels and the

Police Authority have raised their Council Tax rates for 2013/14 by 1.93% (subject to final confirmation).

2. RELEVANT CALCULATIONS

- 2.1 The legislation is framed in a way, which requires that the relevant calculations are made by the City Council.
- 2.2 Where the information required to support the calculations is complex or lengthy, it is contained in the appendices attached to this report.
- 2.3 The remainder of this report is in the form of a commentary on the relevant calculations, concluding with a recommendation as to the terms in which the City Council should make the appropriate resolution.

3. COUNCIL TAX BASE

The Council Tax Base is a measure of the City Council's taxable resources and is expressed in terms of the equivalent number of 2 person Band D properties. This was calculated by the City Council to be 31,014.29 for the whole of the area. The amount calculated for each parish is set out in **Appendix A**.

4. COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT

The City Council's Council Tax Requirement 2014/15 has been determined as £5,999,094.

5. GRANT INCOME

- 5.1 The City Council is required to calculate the aggregate of its estimated income specified grants for 2014/15. These have been notified as:-

	£
Retained Business Rates	2,970,316
Revenue Support Grant	3,161,702
Total	6,132,018

- 5.2 Under Council Tax regulations, transactions relating to any surplus or deficit arising from the previous year's Council Tax are to be aggregated and incorporated in the amount of Council Tax set by the billing authority. This is to be achieved by increasing the amount of grant income by the amount of any anticipated surplus on the Collection Fund at 31 March 2014. If a deficiency is anticipated, or the transactions to be accounted for in 2014/15 gave rise to a reduction in liability, then the aggregate of grant income is to be reduced.

5.2.1 **Appendix D** summarises the anticipated position on the collection of Council Tax. In accordance with the authority delegated to the Director of Resources by the Council, the overall surplus on Council Tax for 2013/14 has been determined at £416,789. The County Council's share of this surplus has been certified as £307,844, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria's Share certified as £54,243, leaving a balance of £54,702 for the City Council. However, the Director of Resources has determined a recurring surplus of £35,647 in the MTFP. This is to allow the impact of the Local Support for Council Tax (Reduction) Scheme and technical changes to council tax to be spread over the life of the current MTFP. In the longer term, when the impact is understood better, the position will be reviewed.

5.3 On this basis, total estimated grant income should be calculated as £6,167,665.

6. CITY COUNCIL BASIC COUNCIL TAX

6.1 Basic Council Tax is the average tax for the whole area in respect of the City Council's Council Tax Requirement after first deducting estimated grant income. Its relevance is as a basis for comparison since it will not actually be levied in any part of the Council's area.

6.2 Basic Council Tax is calculated by subtracting grant income from Budget Requirement and dividing the result by the Tax Base:-

	£
Budget Requirement	13,090,899
Less BR Estimate Pooling/Growth (note 1)	500,000
Less Grant Income	6,167,665
Net Requirement from Collection Fund	6,423,234
Divided by Tax Base	31,014.29
Basic Tax	207.11

Note 1 – The assumed level of Business Rate income as a result of economic growth combined with joining the Cumbria Pool for Business Rate Retention.

6.3 Next, it is necessary to calculate the level of Tax which will be levied in different parts of the City Council's area, according to whether or not there are special items (parish precepts) to be charged in the area.

6.4 By setting aside the total value of special items from the amount required from the Collection Fund, and recalculating the result in the same way as calculating the

Basic Tax in 6.2, the result is the amount of Tax which will be levied in the Urban Area and in any parish area for which no precept is required:

	£
Net Requirement from Collection Fund	6,423,234
Less Special Items	424,140
Net requirement excluding Special Items	5,999,094
Divided by Tax Base	31,014.29
Basic Amount of Tax for the Urban Area and Parishes Not Levying a Precept	193.43

- 6.5 A similar calculation is required to be made in respect of each parish area for which a special item is to be charged and these are set out in detail in **Appendix B**.

7. COUNCIL TAX APPLICABLE TO EACH PROPERTY BAND

- 7.1 Having calculated the “headline” Tax for each part of the area, it is now necessary to set the level of Tax for each of the eight property bands in each part of the area.
- 7.2 This is done by setting the Tax in proportion to that set for Band D, in the proportions set out in the legislation:-

	<u>Valuation Band</u>							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Proportion to 9	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18

- 7.3 The results of carrying out the above calculations are set out in **Appendix B**.

8. CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL PRECEPT

The County Council has issued a precept upon the City Council in the sum of £36,023,098 and set its basic Council Tax as £1,161.50 to be charged against each category of dwelling as follows:-

Valuation Band / Basic Amount of Tax

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£774.33	£903.39	£1,032.44	£1,161.50	£1,419.61	£1,677.72	£1,935.83	£2,323.00

9. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CUMBRIA PRECEPT

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria has issued a precept upon the City Council in the sum of £6,470,201 and set its basic Council Tax as £208.62 (subject to final confirmation) to be charged against each category of dwelling as follows:-

Valuation Band / Basic Amount of Tax

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£139.08	£162.26	£185.44	£208.62	£254.98	£301.34	£347.70	£417.24

10. TOTAL AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX 2014/15

- 10.1 The amount of Council Tax to be levied in 2014/15 in respect of each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area is arrived at by adding together the amounts calculated at **Appendix B** to the amount set by Cumbria County Council as notified and set out in paragraph 8 and the amount set by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria and set out in Paragraph 9. i.e.

Band D Council Tax Levels % of Council			
	£	% Increase	Tax
City	193.43	0.00	12.4%
County	1,161.50	0.00	74.3%
Police	208.62	1.93	13.3%
Total	1,563.55		100.0%

- 10.2 The amounts are set out in **Appendix C**.

11. CONSULTATION

- 11.1 Consultation to Date.
Not applicable.
- 11.2 Consultation proposed.
Not applicable.

12. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES

- 12.1 To ensure that a balanced budget is set.

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**Appendices
attached to report:**

Appendix A The level of Basic (City) Council Tax which will be charged in different parts of the City Council's area to reflect Special Items (Parish Precepts)

Appendix B The Basic amount of (City) Council Tax applicable to each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area

Appendix C The total amount of Council Tax to be levied in 2014/15, inclusive of Cumbria County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria Precept, applicable to each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area

Appendix D Details how the Council Tax surplus was calculated

Appendix E To approve the formal Council Tax Resolution

Appendix F In accordance with The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:

Chief Executive's – Not applicable

Economic Development – Not applicable

Governance –The Council must have a balanced budget to deliver its services and also achieve and sustain an appropriate level of reserves. The setting of the overall Council Tax for the Carlisle District is the final stage of the budget process and it is the responsibility of full Council to approve the aggregate charge by the statutory date of 11th March each year, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 (as amended).

Local Environment – Not applicable

Resources – included within the main body of the report

APPENDIX A

BASIC AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX APPLICABLE TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S AREA

PARISH/AREA	SPECIAL ITEMS (Parish Precepts) £	COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT £	TOTAL INCOME £	TAX BASE	BASIC AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX £
Arthuret	35,873	13,297	49,170	660.29	54.33
Askerton	0	0	0	53.88	0.00
Beaumont	5,391	210	5,601	189.25	28.48
Bewcastle	3,431	569	4,000	133.63	25.68
Brampton	72,160	18,496	90,656	1,447.99	49.83
Burgh By Sands	12,955	695	13,650	460.69	28.12
Burtholme	1,753	137	1,890	80.70	21.73
Carlatton & Cumrew	1,533	67	1,600	54.69	28.04
Castle Carrock	4,266	74	4,340	131.76	32.38
Cummersdale	5,998	686	6,684	211.93	28.30
Cumwhitton	3,548	152	3,700	130.07	27.28
Dalston	40,898	3,121	44,019	1,012.98	40.37
Denton Nether	3,630	370	4,000	100.98	35.95
Denton Upper	973	185	1,158	32.57	29.88
Farlam	2,979	302	3,281	212.78	14.00
Hayton	14,315	1,474	15,789	813.97	17.59
Hethersgill	6,261	739	7,000	129.56	48.32
Irthington	5,091	372	5,463	310.80	16.38
Kingmoor	7,073	587	7,660	290.45	24.35
Kingwater	981	19	1,000	63.05	15.57
Kirkandrews	6,294	1,048	7,342	150.41	41.85
Kirklington	1,828	52	1,880	136.94	13.35
Midgeholme	0	0	0	23.54	0.00
Nicholforest	3,450	550	4,000	131.55	26.22
Orton	3,649	351	4,000	164.13	22.23
Rockcliffe	2,732	268	3,000	288.45	9.47
Scaleby	4,884	116	5,000	137.09	35.62
Solport & Stapleton	2,662	138	2,800	141.07	18.87
Stanwix Rural	38,190	2,350	40,540	1,191.70	32.05
St Cuthbert Without	22,005	1,445	23,450	1,307.77	16.83
Walton	4,610	441	5,051	102.96	44.78
Waterhead	967	33	1,000	49.47	19.55
Westlinton	1,867	133	2,000	133.74	13.96
Wetheral	101,893	5,407	107,300	2,249.89	45.29
Total	424,140	53,884	478,024		

BASIC AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICES APPLICABLE TO EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN EACH PART OF								
PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Parish of:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ARTHURET	165.17	192.70	220.23	247.76	302.82	357.88	412.93	495.52
BEAUMONT	147.94	172.60	197.25	221.91	271.22	320.54	369.85	443.82
BEWCASTLE	146.07	170.42	194.76	219.11	267.80	316.49	365.18	438.22
BRAMPTON	162.17	189.20	216.23	243.26	297.32	351.38	405.43	486.52
BURGH BY SANDS	147.70	172.32	196.93	221.55	270.78	320.02	369.25	443.10
BURTHOLME	143.44	167.35	191.25	215.16	262.97	310.79	358.60	430.32
CARLATTON & CUMREW	147.65	172.25	196.86	221.47	270.69	319.90	369.12	442.94
CASTLE CARROCK	150.54	175.63	200.72	225.81	275.99	326.17	376.35	451.62
CUMMERSDALE	147.82	172.46	197.09	221.73	271.00	320.28	369.55	443.46
CUMWHITTON	147.14	171.66	196.19	220.71	269.76	318.80	367.85	441.42
DALSTON	155.87	181.84	207.82	233.80	285.76	337.71	389.67	467.60
DENTON NETHER	152.92	178.41	203.89	229.38	280.35	331.33	382.30	458.76
DENTON UPPER	148.87	173.69	198.50	223.31	272.93	322.56	372.18	446.62
FARLAM	138.29	161.33	184.38	207.43	253.53	299.62	345.72	414.86
HAYTON	140.68	164.13	187.57	211.02	257.91	304.81	351.70	422.04
HETHERSGILL	161.17	188.03	214.89	241.75	295.47	349.19	402.92	483.50
IRTHINGTON	139.87	163.19	186.50	209.81	256.43	303.06	349.68	419.62
KINGMOOR	145.19	169.38	193.58	217.78	266.18	314.57	362.97	435.56
KINGWATER	139.33	162.56	185.78	209.00	255.44	301.89	348.33	418.00
KIRKANDREWS	156.85	183.00	209.14	235.28	287.56	339.85	392.13	470.56
KIRKLINTON	137.85	160.83	183.80	206.78	252.73	298.68	344.63	413.56
NICHOLFOREST	146.43	170.84	195.24	219.65	268.46	317.27	366.08	439.30
ORTON	143.77	167.74	191.70	215.66	263.58	311.51	359.43	431.32
ROCKCLIFFE	135.27	157.81	180.36	202.90	247.99	293.08	338.17	405.80
SCALEBY	152.70	178.15	203.60	229.05	279.95	330.85	381.75	458.10
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	141.53	165.12	188.71	212.30	259.48	306.66	353.83	424.60
STANWIX RURAL	150.32	175.37	200.43	225.48	275.59	325.69	375.80	450.96
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	140.17	163.54	186.90	210.26	256.98	303.71	350.43	420.52
WALTON	158.81	185.27	211.74	238.21	291.15	344.08	397.02	476.42
WATERHEAD	141.99	165.65	189.32	212.98	260.31	307.64	354.97	425.96
WESTLINTON	138.26	161.30	184.35	207.39	253.48	299.56	345.65	414.78
WETHERAL	159.15	185.67	212.20	238.72	291.77	344.82	397.87	477.44
All other parts of the City Council's area	128.95	150.45	171.94	193.43	236.41	279.40	322.38	386.86

APPENDIX C

AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX TO BE LEVIED IN 2014/15 IN RESPECT OF EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN EACH PART OF								
PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS		BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	BAND A	BAND B						
Parish of:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ARTHURET	1,078.58	1,258.35	1,438.11	1,617.88	1,977.41	2,336.94	2,696.46	3,235.76
BEAUMONT	1,061.35	1,238.25	1,415.13	1,592.03	1,945.81	2,299.60	2,653.38	3,184.06
BEWCASTLE	1,059.48	1,236.07	1,412.64	1,589.23	1,942.39	2,295.55	2,648.71	3,178.46
BRAMPTON	1,075.58	1,254.85	1,434.11	1,613.38	1,971.91	2,330.44	2,688.96	3,226.76
BURGH BY SANDS	1,061.11	1,237.97	1,414.81	1,591.67	1,945.37	2,299.08	2,652.78	3,183.34
BURTHOLME	1,056.85	1,233.00	1,409.13	1,585.28	1,937.56	2,289.85	2,642.13	3,170.56
CARLATTON & CUMREW	1,061.06	1,237.90	1,414.74	1,591.59	1,945.28	2,298.96	2,652.65	3,183.18
CASTLE CARROCK	1,063.95	1,241.28	1,418.60	1,595.93	1,950.58	2,305.23	2,659.88	3,191.86
CUMMERSDALE	1,061.23	1,238.11	1,414.97	1,591.85	1,945.59	2,299.34	2,653.08	3,183.70
CUMWHITTON	1,060.55	1,237.31	1,414.07	1,590.83	1,944.35	2,297.86	2,651.38	3,181.66
DALSTON	1,069.28	1,247.49	1,425.70	1,603.92	1,960.35	2,316.77	2,673.20	3,207.84
DENTON NETHER	1,066.33	1,244.06	1,421.77	1,599.50	1,954.94	2,310.39	2,665.83	3,199.00
DENTON UPPER	1,062.28	1,239.34	1,416.38	1,593.43	1,947.52	2,301.62	2,655.71	3,186.86
FARLAM	1,051.70	1,226.98	1,402.26	1,577.55	1,928.12	2,278.68	2,629.25	3,155.10
HAYTON	1,054.09	1,229.78	1,405.45	1,581.14	1,932.50	2,283.87	2,635.23	3,162.28
HETHERSGILL	1,074.58	1,253.68	1,432.77	1,611.87	1,970.06	2,328.25	2,686.45	3,223.74
IRTHINGTON	1,053.28	1,228.84	1,404.38	1,579.93	1,931.02	2,282.12	2,633.21	3,159.86
KINGMOOR	1,058.60	1,235.03	1,411.46	1,587.90	1,940.77	2,293.63	2,646.50	3,175.80
KINGWATER	1,052.74	1,228.21	1,403.66	1,579.12	1,930.03	2,280.95	2,631.86	3,158.24
KIRKANDREWS	1,070.26	1,248.65	1,427.02	1,605.40	1,962.15	2,318.91	2,675.66	3,210.80
KIRKLINTON	1,051.26	1,226.48	1,401.68	1,576.90	1,927.32	2,277.74	2,628.16	3,153.80
NICHOLFOREST	1,059.84	1,236.49	1,413.12	1,589.77	1,943.05	2,296.33	2,649.61	3,179.54
ORTON	1,057.18	1,233.39	1,409.58	1,585.78	1,938.17	2,290.57	2,642.96	3,171.56
ROCKCLIFFE	1,048.68	1,223.46	1,398.24	1,573.02	1,922.58	2,272.14	2,621.70	3,146.04
SCALEBY	1,066.11	1,243.80	1,421.48	1,599.17	1,954.54	2,309.91	2,665.28	3,198.34
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	1,054.94	1,230.77	1,406.59	1,582.42	1,934.07	2,285.72	2,637.36	3,164.84
STANWIX RURAL	1,063.73	1,241.02	1,418.31	1,595.60	1,950.18	2,304.75	2,659.33	3,191.20
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	1,053.58	1,229.19	1,404.78	1,580.38	1,931.57	2,282.77	2,633.96	3,160.76
WALTON	1,072.22	1,250.92	1,429.62	1,608.33	1,965.74	2,323.14	2,680.55	3,216.66
WATERHEAD	1,055.40	1,231.30	1,407.20	1,583.10	1,934.90	2,286.70	2,638.50	3,166.20
WESTLINTON	1,051.67	1,226.95	1,402.23	1,577.51	1,928.07	2,278.62	2,629.18	3,155.02
WETHERAL	1,072.56	1,251.32	1,430.08	1,608.84	1,966.36	2,323.88	2,681.40	3,217.68
All other parts of the City Council's area	1,042.36	1,216.10	1,389.82	1,563.55	1,911.00	2,258.46	2,605.91	3,127.10

APPENDIX D**2013/14 Council Tax Surplus to be distributed in 2014/15**

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Income into Fund 2013/14

Council Tax Payments (inc MOD)	47,250,209
Plus Arrears to be Collected 2014/15 Onwards	1,116,918

Net Transfers from Council Fund

Rebates Including Second Adult

Total Estimated Income 2013/14	48,367,127
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Expenditure from Fund 2013/14

Police Authority Precept	6,305,176
County Precept	35,783,550
City Including Parish Precepts	6,358,551
	48,447,277

Estimated (Deficit)/Surplus on Fund as at 15/01/14	(80,150)
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1. Surplus to be Returned 2014/15

(Surplus) on Collection Fund 31/03/13	(492,314)
Deficit/(Surplus) 1993-2012	(4,625)
Deficit/(Surplus) 2013/14 (See Above)	80,150
Less (Deficit) / Surplus Distributed to 2012/13	0

Deficit / (Surplus) to be Returned 2014/15	(416,789)
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Police Authority Share	(54,243)
County Council Share	(307,844)
City Council Share (note 1)	(54,702)

(416,789)

Note 1 – The Director of Resources has determined a recurring surplus of £35,647 for the City Council in its MTFP to allow the impact of the LSCT Scheme and other technical changes to be spread over the life of the MTFP. This will be reviewed once the impact is known.

APPENDIX E

1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 4 March 2014 the City Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2014/15:-
 - a) For the whole Council area as 31,014.29 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (The “Act”), and;.
 - b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept relates as below:

Parish of:	£
Arthuret	660.29
Askerton	53.88
Beaumont	189.25
Bewcastle	133.63
Brampton	1,447.99
Burgh By Sands	460.69
Burtholme	80.70
Carlton & Cumrew	54.69
Castle Carrock	131.76
Cummersdale	211.93
Cumwhitton	130.07
Dalston	1,012.98
Denton Nether	100.98
Denton Upper	32.57
Farlam	212.78
Hayton	813.97
Hethersgill	129.56
Irthington	310.80
Kingmoor	290.45
Kingwater	63.05
Kirkandrews	150.41
Kirklington	136.94
Midgeholme	23.54
Nicholforest	131.55
Orton	164.13
Rockcliffe	288.45
Scaleby	137.09
Solport & Stapleton	141.07
Stanwix Rural	1,191.70
St Cuthbert Without	1,307.77
Walton	102.96
Waterhead	49.47
Westlinton	133.74
Wetheral	2,249.89
& for the urban area of CARLISLE	18,283.56
Total	31,014.29

2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £5,999,094

3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the City Council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended):-
 - (a) 13,090,899 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils
 - (b) £6,167,665 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act
 - (c) £6,423,234 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax Requirement for the year. (Item R) in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).
 - (d) £207.11 Being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1 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 (including Parish Precepts).
 - (e) £424,140 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
 - (f) £193.43 Being the amount at 3(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish Precept relates.
4. To note that the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

BASIC AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICES APPLICABLE TO EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN EACH PART OF								
PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Parish of:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ARTHURET	165.17	192.70	220.23	247.76	302.82	357.88	412.93	495.52
BEAUMONT	147.94	172.60	197.25	221.91	271.22	320.54	369.85	443.82
BEWCASTLE	146.07	170.42	194.76	219.11	267.80	316.49	365.18	438.22
BRAMPTON	162.17	189.20	216.23	243.26	297.32	351.38	405.43	486.52
BURGH BY SANDS	147.70	172.32	196.93	221.55	270.78	320.02	369.25	443.10
BURTHOLME	143.44	167.35	191.25	215.16	262.97	310.79	358.60	430.32
CARLATTON & CUMREW	147.65	172.25	196.86	221.47	270.69	319.90	369.12	442.94
CASTLE CARROCK	150.54	175.63	200.72	225.81	275.99	326.17	376.35	451.62
CUMMERSDALE	147.82	172.46	197.09	221.73	271.00	320.28	369.55	443.46
CUMWHITTON	147.14	171.66	196.19	220.71	269.76	318.80	367.85	441.42
DALSTON	155.87	181.84	207.82	233.80	285.76	337.71	389.67	467.60
DENTON NETHER	152.92	178.41	203.89	229.38	280.35	331.33	382.30	458.76
DENTON UPPER	148.87	173.69	198.50	223.31	272.93	322.56	372.18	446.62
FARLAM	138.29	161.33	184.38	207.43	253.53	299.62	345.72	414.86
HAYTON	140.68	164.13	187.57	211.02	257.91	304.81	351.70	422.04
HETHERSGILL	161.17	188.03	214.89	241.75	295.47	349.19	402.92	483.50
IRTHINGTON	139.87	163.19	186.50	209.81	256.43	303.06	349.68	419.62
KINGMOOR	145.19	169.38	193.58	217.78	266.18	314.57	362.97	435.56
KINGWATER	139.33	162.56	185.78	209.00	255.44	301.89	348.33	418.00
KIRKANDREWS	156.85	183.00	209.14	235.28	287.56	339.85	392.13	470.56
KIRKLINTON	137.85	160.83	183.80	206.78	252.73	298.68	344.63	413.56
NICHOLFOREST	146.43	170.84	195.24	219.65	268.46	317.27	366.08	439.30
ORTON	143.77	167.74	191.70	215.66	263.58	311.51	359.43	431.32
ROCKCLIFFE	135.27	157.81	180.36	202.90	247.99	293.08	338.17	405.80
SCALEBY	152.70	178.15	203.60	229.05	279.95	330.85	381.75	458.10
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	141.53	165.12	188.71	212.30	259.48	306.66	353.83	424.60
STANWIX RURAL	150.32	175.37	200.43	225.48	275.59	325.69	375.80	450.96
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	140.17	163.54	186.90	210.26	256.98	303.71	350.43	420.52
WALTON	158.81	185.27	211.74	238.21	291.15	344.08	397.02	476.42
WATERHEAD	141.99	165.65	189.32	212.98	260.31	307.64	354.97	425.96
WESTLINTON	138.26	161.30	184.35	207.39	253.48	299.56	345.65	414.78
WETHERAL	159.15	185.67	212.20	238.72	291.77	344.82	397.87	477.44
All other parts of the City Council's area	128.95	150.45	171.94	193.43	236.41	279.40	322.38	386.86

Precepting Authority	VALUATION BANDS							
	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cumbria County Council	774.33	903.39	1,032.44	1,161.50	1,419.61	1,677.72	1,935.83	2,323.00
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cumbria	139.08	162.26	185.44	208.62	254.98	301.34	347.70	417.24

Aggregate of Council Tax requirements

AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX TO BE LEVIED IN 2014/15 IN RESPECT OF EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN EACH PART OF								
PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	VALUATION BANDS		BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	BAND A	BAND B						
Parish of:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ARTHURET	1,078.58	1,258.35	1,438.11	1,617.88	1,977.41	2,336.94	2,696.46	3,235.76
BEAUMONT	1,061.35	1,238.25	1,415.13	1,592.03	1,945.81	2,299.60	2,653.38	3,184.06
BEWCASTLE	1,059.48	1,236.07	1,412.64	1,589.23	1,942.39	2,295.55	2,648.71	3,178.46
BRAMPTON	1,075.58	1,254.85	1,434.11	1,613.38	1,971.91	2,330.44	2,688.96	3,226.76
BURGH BY SANDS	1,061.11	1,237.97	1,414.81	1,591.67	1,945.37	2,299.08	2,652.78	3,183.34
BURTHOLME	1,056.85	1,233.00	1,409.13	1,585.28	1,937.56	2,289.85	2,642.13	3,170.56
CARLATTON & CUMREW	1,061.06	1,237.90	1,414.74	1,591.59	1,945.28	2,298.96	2,652.65	3,183.18
CASTLE CARROCK	1,063.95	1,241.28	1,418.60	1,595.93	1,950.58	2,305.23	2,659.88	3,191.86
CUMMERSDALE	1,061.23	1,238.11	1,414.97	1,591.85	1,945.59	2,299.34	2,653.08	3,183.70
CUMWHITTON	1,060.55	1,237.31	1,414.07	1,590.83	1,944.35	2,297.86	2,651.38	3,181.66
DALSTON	1,069.28	1,247.49	1,425.70	1,603.92	1,960.35	2,316.77	2,673.20	3,207.84
DENTON NETHER	1,066.33	1,244.06	1,421.77	1,599.50	1,954.94	2,310.39	2,665.83	3,199.00
DENTON UPPER	1,062.28	1,239.34	1,416.38	1,593.43	1,947.52	2,301.62	2,655.71	3,186.86
FARLAM	1,051.70	1,226.98	1,402.26	1,577.55	1,928.12	2,278.68	2,629.25	3,155.10
HAYTON	1,054.09	1,229.78	1,405.45	1,581.14	1,932.50	2,283.87	2,635.23	3,162.28
HETHERSGILL	1,074.58	1,253.68	1,432.77	1,611.87	1,970.06	2,328.25	2,686.45	3,223.74
IRTHINGTON	1,053.28	1,228.84	1,404.38	1,579.93	1,931.02	2,282.12	2,633.21	3,159.86
KINGMOOR	1,058.60	1,235.03	1,411.46	1,587.90	1,940.77	2,293.63	2,646.50	3,175.80
KINGWATER	1,052.74	1,228.21	1,403.66	1,579.12	1,930.03	2,280.95	2,631.86	3,158.24
KIRKANDREWS	1,070.26	1,248.65	1,427.02	1,605.40	1,962.15	2,318.91	2,675.66	3,210.80
KIRKLINTON	1,051.26	1,226.48	1,401.68	1,576.90	1,927.32	2,277.74	2,628.16	3,153.80
NICHOLFOREST	1,059.84	1,236.49	1,413.12	1,589.77	1,943.05	2,296.33	2,649.61	3,179.54
ORTON	1,057.18	1,233.39	1,409.58	1,585.78	1,938.17	2,290.57	2,642.96	3,171.56
ROCKCLIFFE	1,048.68	1,223.46	1,398.24	1,573.02	1,922.58	2,272.14	2,621.70	3,146.04
SCALEBY	1,066.11	1,243.80	1,421.48	1,599.17	1,954.54	2,309.91	2,665.28	3,198.34
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	1,054.94	1,230.77	1,406.59	1,582.42	1,934.07	2,285.72	2,637.36	3,164.84
STANWIX RURAL	1,063.73	1,241.02	1,418.31	1,595.60	1,950.18	2,304.75	2,659.33	3,191.20
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	1,053.58	1,229.19	1,404.78	1,580.38	1,931.57	2,282.77	2,633.96	3,160.76
WALTON	1,072.22	1,250.92	1,429.62	1,608.33	1,965.74	2,323.14	2,680.55	3,216.66
WATERHEAD	1,055.40	1,231.30	1,407.20	1,583.10	1,934.90	2,286.70	2,638.50	3,166.20
WESTLINTON	1,051.67	1,226.95	1,402.23	1,577.51	1,928.07	2,278.62	2,629.18	3,155.02
WETHERAL	1,072.56	1,251.32	1,430.08	1,608.84	1,966.36	2,323.88	2,681.40	3,217.68
All other parts of the City Council's area	1,042.36	1,216.10	1,389.82	1,563.55	1,911.00	2,258.46	2,605.91	3,127.10

Policy Decisions:

Following the regulations and explanations regarding the setting of The Council Tax Prescribed Classes of Dwellings, for England, for the purposes of Section 11A and 11B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, Members are asked to agree the following recommendations:

Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Classes A and B:

Class A - unoccupied and furnished properties with a planning restriction of at least 28 days (second homes)

Class B –unoccupied and furnished properties which are not restricted by a planning condition (second homes).

Classes A and Class B discount to remain at 10%.

Classes C & D:

Class C – unoccupied and unfurnished.

Class D – Unoccupied unfurnished properties requiring major repairs for a period up to 12 months.

Class C discount to be set at 50% for a period up to 6 months then 25% for a period up to 2 years.

Class D discount to be set at 75%

Classes E & F:

Class E – A property excluded from the long term empty premium due to the relevant person residing elsewhere in accommodation provided for and in connection with their employment with the Ministry of Defence.

Class F – A property which forms part of an annexe to another property and is being used as part of that main residence.

Class E discount to be set at 50% for a period up to 6 months then 25% for a period up to 2 years.

Class F discount to be set at 50% for a period up to 6 months then 25% for a period up to 2 years.

Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Long Term Empty Premium

A long term empty dwelling is a dwelling that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a continuous period of at least 2 years.

The higher amount for long term empty dwellings to be set at 50%

Regulations:

The Local Government Finance Act 2012 - Regulations published:

- The Council Tax (Exempt Dwelling) (England) (Amendment) Order 2012

SI 2012/2965 - came into force on 1st April 2013

This amendment removes two of the classes from the order (Classes A and C) so they are no longer exempt from Council Tax.

- The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012

SI 2012/2964 - came into force on 1st April 2013.

S11 (2) of the LGFA 1992 ("The Act") makes provision for empty homes discounts of 50%. Section 11A of the Act makes special provision for England, in relation to the empty homes discounts, providing for the discounts to be reduced in relation to certain classes of dwelling prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Section 11B of the Act (inserted by the LGFA 2012) makes provision for an empty homes premium to be charged in relation to such classes of long term empty dwellings as the billing authority choose, subject to exceptions prescribed by the Secretary of State.

These regulations relate to England and prescribe one additional class of dwelling for the purposes of S11A of the Act and two further classes of dwelling for the purposes of Section 11B of the Act

The Prescribed Classes:

Class A - unoccupied and furnished properties with a planning restriction of at least 28 days (second homes)

Class B – unoccupied and furnished properties which are not restricted by a planning condition (second homes)

Paragraph (3) of regulation 2 prescribes Classes A and B in the 2003 Regulations for the purposes of Section 11A (4) of the Act. Billing authorities in England will be able to reduce or end the council tax discount for chargeable dwellings which are **unoccupied and furnished**, and the occupation of which is is restricted by a planning condition preventing occupation for a continuous period of at least 28 days in the relevant year and therefore fall within Class A. Billing Authorities will also be able to reduce or end the Council Tax discount for chargeable dwellings which are **unoccupied and furnished**, and the occupation of which is not restricted by a planning condition preventing occupancy for a continuous period of at least 28 days in the relevant year and therefore fall within class B.

In relation to dwellings of any class prescribed by the Secretary of State for the purposes of Section 11A (4A) of the Act (inserted by section 11 of the Local Government Finance Act 2012) an English billing authority may determine that the Council Tax discounts applicable where there is no resident of the dwelling shall be replaced by any percentage of Council Tax up to 100%.

Class C – Class C – an unoccupied and substantially unfurnished dwelling in which no-one lives.

Class D – Unoccupied unfurnished properties requiring major repairs for a period up to 12 months.

Classes C and D are prescribed by paragraph (3) of regulation 2 for the purposes of section 11A (4A). Class D is an additional class inserted into the 2003 Regulations by paragraph (4) of regulation 2 of these Regulations. Billing authorities in England will be able to decide what percentage of Council Tax to charge in relation to these classes of dwelling instead of the discount, up to the full amount. Dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished will fall into Class D where they are undergoing, or have undergone within the last six months, major repairs, but they will only fall into this class for a maximum period of 12 months. Dwellings, which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished will fall into Class C.

Class E – Sole or main residence of an individual where:

That individual is a qualifying person in relation to another dwelling provided by the Secretary of State for defence for the purposes of armed forces accommodation and for which that individual is job-related (no empty homes premium)

Would be the sole or main residence of an individual if that individual were not a qualifying person in relation to another dwelling provided by the Secretary of State for

Defence for the purposes of armed forces accommodation and for which that individual is job-related (no empty homes premium)

Class F – property which forms part of a single property which includes at least one other dwelling and which is being used by a resident of that other dwelling, or as the case may be, one of those other dwellings as part of their sole or main residence (no empty homes premium).

Classes E and F are prescribed by paragraph (3) of regulation 2 for the purposes of section 11B(2) of the Act. These classes are inserted into the 2003 Regulations by paragraph (4) of regulation 2 of these Regulations. Billing Authorities in England will not be able to charge an empty homes premium in relation to a dwelling which would be the sole or main residence of a person but which is empty while that person resides in accommodation provided by the Ministry of Defence by reason of their employment i.e. service personnel posted away from home (described by Class E and the definitions and schedule currently in the 2003 Regulations). Billing Authorities will also be prevented from charging an empty homes premium in relation to dwellings which form annexes in a property which are being used as part of the main residence or dwelling in that property (described by Class F in the Regulations).

Higher amount for a long term empty dwelling is prescribed by Section 12 of the LGFA 2012 which inserts Section 11B into the LGFA 1992. A long term empty dwelling is a dwelling that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a continuous period of at least 2 years.

Further definition of properties which qualify for discount under the Council Tax Technical Reforms

At its meeting on 8 January 2013 Council resolved that, with effect from 1 April 2013;

- a) The local discount, replacing 'Class A' Council Tax exemption, be set at a level of 75% for a period of up to twelve months.*
- b) The local discount, replacing 'Class C' Council Tax exemption, be set at a level of 50% for a period of up to 6 months.*
- c) The discount for prescribed dwelling 'Class B' (or equivalent as amended by the Local Government Finance Act 2012), i.e. second homes, remain at a level of 10%.*
- d) The discount for prescribed dwelling 'Class C' (or equivalent as amended by the Local Government Finance Act 2012), i.e. standard empty and unfurnished properties, be set at a level of 25% for a maximum period of up to 2 years.*
- e) That no higher amount of Council Tax payable for prescribed dwelling 'Class C' (or equivalent as amended by the Local Government Finance Act 2012), i.e. standard empty and unfurnished properties that have remained so far a*

continuous period of at least 2 years, be set, but that 100% Council Tax be charged.

These changes have been implemented and have contributed significantly to a reduction of long term empty properties in the District. A clarification is required, however, to stipulate that in the case of categories a), b), d) and e) above, which cover unoccupied and unfurnished properties, a very short term occupation followed by vacation does not entitle the owner to then reclaim the larger discount which applies for a fresh period of vacation.

It is proposed this short term period be defined as six weeks, reflecting the period which existed in Council Tax legislation when defining eligibility for statutory classes A and C exemption up to 31 March 2013, prior to the introduction of the new discounts. Therefore Council is recommended to resolve the following;

Where a property falls into classes C, D, E and F, under section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, has been unoccupied then becomes occupied on any day and becomes unoccupied again on the expiration of a period of less than six weeks beginning with that day, then for the purposes of ascertaining whether the property has been continuously unoccupied for the period it shall be treated as having been unoccupied on that day and throughout the period.