



Shropshire Council

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Date: 15th December 2017

My Ref: JW/NH/SD

Your Ref

Dear Mrs Higgins

2018/19 COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT

Shropshire Council is currently preparing the Revenue Estimates for 2018/19 prior to the calculation of the Council Tax which will be levied in April 2018.

In order to achieve this Council Tax taxbases for all parish and town councils within Shropshire Council have recently been determined for the year 2018/19. The Council Tax taxbase figure approved by Council on 14th December 2017 for your Council is 1,781.03 Band D equivalents.

The determination of your Parish Council's taxbase for 2018/19 once again includes the impact of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 which abolished Council Tax Benefit from 31st March 2013 and introduced localised Council Tax Support (CTS) schemes. Billing authorities are required to express localised council tax support schemes in terms of a reduction in the Council Tax taxbase.

This reduction in the Council Tax taxbase is partially offset by the inclusion of Council Tax Support Grant (CTSG) within Shropshire Council's Settlement Funding Assessment determined by Government although this amount is not separately identified as it is not ring-fenced.

The Council Tax Support Scheme and Council Tax discount policies in relation to vacant properties have been revised for 2018/19 and these changes have been reflected in the taxbase.

The Council Tax taxbase, as you may know, is a measure of the number of chargeable properties within your area expressed as Band D equivalents. Your Council's charge is calculated by dividing your precept by the Council Tax taxbase figure.



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I would be grateful, therefore, if you could notify me of your Council's precept requirement for 2018/19 as soon as possible and by 31st January 2018 at the latest by completing the enclosed "Council Tax Precept Requirement 2018/19" form.

A local council's precept requirement is the amount of income the council is requesting Shropshire Council to collect from Council Tax taxpayers on their behalf and is effectively the council's net budget requirement. The net budget requirement is determined by deducting total budgeted income (including any use of reserves) from total budgeted expenditure for the year.

Councils whose precept requirement exceeds £140,000 are required to provide income and expenditure information with the Council Tax demand notice. Therefore, if your precept is greater than £140,000 please also complete part (b) of the "Council Tax Precept Requirement 2018/19" form, i.e. total expenditure, a breakdown of expenditure by service, transfer from reserves and income. This information will be included in Shropshire Council's 2018/19 Council Tax information available on the Internet.

Please submit a "Nil" return if it is anticipated that no precept will be called for during the year.

Some Useful Information

When determining your Council's 2018/19 precept requirement you may find the information in the table below useful. The table summarises your Council's Council Tax taxbase, precept requirement and Band D Council Tax charge in 2017/18 and your Council's provisional Council Tax taxbase for 2018/19. Between 2017/18 and 2018/19 your Council's Council Tax taxbase has increased by 1.76%.

Following information provided in previous years which you may have found useful the table below also shows the resulting Band D Council Tax charge if your Council requests the same precept in 2018/19 as it levied in 2017/18 and the annual effect on the Council Tax taxpayer in your Council's area for every £100 or £1,000 increase or decrease in the precept requirement.

	Council Tax Taxbase (Band D Equivalents)	Precept Requirement (£)	Band D Council Tax Charge (£)
2017/18	1,750.28	150,000	85.70
2018/19	1,781.03	150,000	84.22
		+ / - 100	+ / - 0.06
		+ / - 1,000	+ / - 0.56

You may find it useful to know that in order to show a 0% increase in the Band D Council Tax charge on the 2018/19 Council Tax Demand Notices your Council's precept requirement for 2018/19 would need to be 152,635 compared to 150,000 requested in 2017/18.

It is anticipated that 100% of all precepts will be paid over in April 2018 and I would also, therefore, be grateful if you could provide your Council's banking details by completing the "Banking Details for Precept Payment" section of the enclosed form.

I would be grateful if in future you could notify Wendy Robert either by telephone (01743 258962) or e-mail (wendy.robert@shropshire.gov.uk) of any changes to your Council's contact details.

Thank you for your assistance. If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Nicola Higgins either by telephone (01743 258953) or e-mail (nicola.higgins@shropshire.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Walton', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

James Walton
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COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2018/19

From:

* Town / Parish Council

To:

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2018/19

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(a) Precept Requirement

This is the amount of income the parish / town council are requesting Shropshire Council to collect from Council Tax taxpayers on their behalf

Note: If your Council's precept requirement exceeds £140,000 please also complete part (b) below as this information is required to be incorporated in Shropshire Council's 2018/19 Council Tax Guide

(b) Income and Expenditure Information

(only required for Council's whose precept requirement exceeds £140,000)

Total Expenditure

(estimated spend for 2018/19 including any contingencies)

Breakdown of Expenditure by Service

(e.g. open spaces, planning, street lighting, recreation, tourism, etc.)

Less Transfer from Reserves

Sub-Total

Less Income (other than precept and CTSG)

(e.g. fees and charges income, etc.)

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This is the amount of income the parish / town council are requesting Shropshire Council to collect from Council Tax taxpayers on their behalf

This precept requirement was authorised at a meeting of the Council held on the

day of

* 2017 / 2018

Signed

* (Clerk / Chair of the Parish Council)

* delete as appropriate

COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2018/19 (cont'd.)

BANKING DETAILS FOR PRECEPT PAYMENT

Bank / Building Society

Address

Sort Code

Account Number

Roll Number

(Building Society accounts only)

**THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO
JAMES WALTON, HEAD OF FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ASSURANCE,
BY NO LATER THAN 31ST JANUARY 2018.**