

Council Tax 2012/13

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SUMMARY

Following approval of the Revenue Budget for 2012/13, together with the Tax Base calculation, this report now sets out the formal calculations to be made in setting the Council Tax for 2012/13.

As well as Copeland Borough Council's tax requirement, the resolution also takes account of the tax requirements of the Parish Councils, Cumbria Police Authority, and Cumbria County Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council notes the council tax requirement for its own purposes and the precepts notified to it by Cumbria County Council, the Cumbria Police Authority and individual parish precepts as contained in the report and;
2. That Council resolves to set the level of Council Tax for the year in accordance with **Appendix A** to this report.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2012/13.
- 1.2 The setting of the Council Tax is the final stage of the budget setting process introduced by the Local Government Act 1992. The Localism Act 2011 has made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and now requires Council's to calculate its council tax requirement, rather than its budget requirement. The basic process is as set out below:

- Stage 1 requires the Council to calculate its Tax Base – this is delegated to the Corporate Director - Resources and Transformation. The calculation is set out in Appendix F of the Revenue Budget Report considered previously on the Council agenda.
- Stage 2 requires the Council to set its budget and this was considered at the Revenue Budget Report item considered previously on the Council agenda.
- Stage 3 requires the Council to calculate its own basic amount of Council Tax and the amount of Council Tax in different parishes.

1.3 Cumbria County Council is similarly required to calculate its budget requirement and associated Council Tax and this was determined at its meeting on 16 February.

1.4 Cumbria Police Authority is similarly required to calculate its budget requirement and associated Council Tax and this was determined at its meeting on 15 February.

1.5 Finally, the Council as 'Billing Authority' is required to set an overall amount of Council Tax, by reference to the aggregate of its own Council Tax and that set by Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Police Authority.

1.6 The legislation is framed in such a way that requires the relevant calculations to be made by Copeland Borough Council and the resolutions to be made by the Council in this respect are contained in **Appendix A** to this report.

2. COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT

2.1 The Council Tax Base is a measure of the Council's taxable resources and is expressed in terms of the equivalent number of 2 person Band D properties. This was calculated to be 22,264.80 for the whole of the area. Using this Council Tax Base, the Band D equivalent for council tax calculated for the whole area and each parish is set out in **Appendix B**.

2.2 The revenue budget proposals considered elsewhere on the agenda set the Council's Council Tax requirement for 2012/13 as £4,013,675.

2.3 With a Tax Base of 22.264.80, this means that the Council has held its Council Tax for 2012/13 for a Band D equivalent at £180.27 for a third year and will qualify to receive the Council Tax Freeze Grant from the Government for 2012/13. The Grant is equivalent to a council tax increase of 2.5% for 2012/13 only.

3. PARISH PRECEPTS

3.1 The Council has been notified of parish precepts totalling £463,411 for financial year 2012/13. The individual precepts, together with comparisons with 2011/12 are shown in appendix C to this report. The average Band D Council Tax for parishes for 2012/13 is £20.81, an increase of 6.7% over 2011/12.

4. CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL PRECEPT

- 4.1 Cumbria County Council met on 16 February 2012 and set their precept at £25,860,565, inclusive of a contribution of £91,645 from the forecast Collection Fund surplus at 31 March 2012. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,161.50, which is the same level as 2011/12.

5. CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY PRECEPT

- 5.1 Cumbria Police Authority met on 15 February 2012 and set their precept at £4,470,549, inclusive of a contribution of £15,298 from the forecast Collection Fund surplus at 31 March 2012. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £200.79, an increase of 3.6% over 2011/12.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 The recommendations of the Executive are set out in the formal Council Tax Resolution contained in **Appendix A**.
- 6.2 If the formal Council Tax Resolution is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows;

	2011/12 £	2012/13 £	Increase %
Copeland Borough Council	180.27	180.27	0.0
Cumbria County Council	1,161.50	1,161.50	0.0
Cumbria Police Authority	193.89	200.79	3.6
Sub-total	1,535.66	1,542.56	0.4
Average for parishes	19.49	20.81	6.7
Total	1,555.15	1,563.37	0.5

7. WHAT ARE THE LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS?

- 7.1 The Council, as billing authority, is required by statute to set its Council Tax by 11 March each year.
- 7.2 The Localism Act 2011 now also requires the Council to determine if increases in its own Council Tax are excessive, defined as exceeding 3.5%, then the Council will be required to hold a local referendum on the proposed increases. The current proposals are not calculated to be excessive as shown in **Appendix D** and therefore there is no requirement to hold a referendum.

8 STATUTORY OFFICER COMMENTS

8.1 The Monitoring Officer's comments are:

None

8.2 The Section 151 Officer's comments are;

All comments are contained within the report.

8.3 Other consultee comments, if any;

Consultation on proposals for Council Tax increases was carried out as part of the budget consultation process. The results of the consultation are contained in the Revenue Budget report for 2012/13 elsewhere on the agenda.

List of Appendices

- Appendix A – Council Tax Resolution 2012/13
- Appendix B – Parish & Borough Council Band D equivalent
- Appendix C – Parish Council comparator precepts 2011/12 – 2012/13
- Appendix D – % increase in relevant basic amount of Council Tax

List of Background Documents:

Revenue Budget Report.
Precept notifications from Parishes, Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Police Authority

Please say if this report will require the making of a Key Decision **YES**

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The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. It be noted that on 22 December 2012 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2012/13;
 - (a) for the whole Council area as **22,264.80** [Item T in the formula in Section 31B 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 in the attached Appendix C.

2. The Council Tax Requirement calculated for the Council's own purposes for 2012/13 (excluding Parish precepts) is **£4,013,675**.

3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) **£43,424,926** 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) **£38,947,840** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£4,477,086** 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 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£201.08** being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - (e) **£463,411** being the aggregate amount of all Parish Precepts referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix C).
 - (f) **£180.27** being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) 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.

Copeland Borough Council's Council Tax Requirement split by each category of dwelling is shown in the following table;

Council Tax Requirement	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
4,013,675	120.18	140.21	160.24	180.27	220.33	260.39	300.45	360.54

The Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 at £180.27 is unchanged from the level set in 2011/12, measured in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

4. To note that the County Council and the Police Authority 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.

Cumbria County Council

Precept £	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
25,860,565	774.33	903.39	1,032.44	1,161.50	1,419.61	1,677.72	1,935.83	2,323.00

Cumbria Police Authority

Precept £	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
4,470,549	133.86	156.17	178.48	200.79	245.41	290.03	334.65	401.58

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 overleaf as the amounts of Council Tax for 2012/13 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Appendix A

Council Tax Schedule 2012/13	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Arlecdon&Frizington	1046.90	1221.38	1395.86	1570.35	1919.32	2268.28	2617.25	3140.70
Beckermest	1044.99	1219.16	1393.32	1567.49	1915.82	2264.15	2612.48	3134.98
Bootle	1046.30	1220.69	1395.07	1569.46	1918.23	2267.00	2615.76	3138.92
Cleator Moor	1051.29	1226.51	1401.72	1576.94	1927.37	2277.80	2628.23	3153.88
Distington	1040.16	1213.53	1386.88	1560.25	1906.97	2253.69	2600.41	3120.50
Drigg& Carleton	1039.06	1212.24	1385.41	1558.59	1904.94	2251.29	2597.65	3117.18
Egremont	1055.68	1231.63	1407.57	1583.52	1935.41	2287.30	2639.20	3167.04
Ennerdale&Kinniside	1042.48	1216.24	1389.98	1563.73	1911.22	2258.72	2606.21	3127.46
Eskdale	1044.27	1218.32	1392.36	1566.41	1914.50	2262.59	2610.68	3132.82
Gosforth	1053.16	1228.70	1404.22	1579.75	1930.80	2281.86	2632.91	3159.50
Haile & Wilton	1045.85	1220.16	1394.47	1568.78	1917.40	2266.01	2614.63	3137.56
Irton with Santon	1033.53	1205.79	1378.04	1550.30	1894.81	2239.32	2583.83	3100.60
Lamplugh	1052.65	1228.10	1403.53	1578.98	1929.86	2280.75	2631.63	3157.96
Lowca	1039.90	1213.22	1386.53	1559.85	1906.48	2253.11	2599.75	3119.70
Lowside Quarter	1038.08	1211.10	1384.11	1557.13	1903.16	2249.19	2595.21	3114.26
Millom	1051.67	1226.95	1402.23	1577.51	1928.07	2278.62	2629.18	3155.02
Millom Without	1039.26	1212.48	1385.68	1558.90	1905.32	2251.74	2598.16	3117.80
Moresby	1043.16	1217.02	1390.88	1564.74	1912.46	2260.18	2607.90	3129.48
Muncaster	1047.58	1222.19	1396.78	1571.38	1920.57	2269.77	2618.96	3142.76
Parton	1054.32	1230.05	1405.76	1581.49	1932.93	2284.37	2635.81	3162.98
Ponsonby	1056.14	1232.17	1408.19	1584.22	1936.27	2288.32	2640.36	3168.44
St.Beas	1053.27	1228.82	1404.36	1579.91	1931.00	2282.09	2633.18	3159.82
Seascale	1046.93	1221.42	1395.91	1570.40	1919.38	2268.35	2617.33	3140.80
Ulpha	1028.82	1200.29	1371.76	1543.23	1886.17	2229.11	2572.05	3086.46
Waberthwaite	1035.65	1208.26	1380.87	1553.48	1898.70	2243.91	2589.13	3106.96
Wasdale	1038.90	1212.06	1385.20	1558.36	1904.66	2250.96	2597.26	3116.72
Weddicar	1043.84	1217.81	1391.78	1565.76	1913.71	2261.65	2609.60	3131.52
Whicham	1051.93	1227.26	1402.57	1577.90	1928.54	2279.19	2629.83	3155.80
Whitehaven (unparished)	1028.37	1199.77	1371.16	1542.56	1885.35	2228.14	2570.93	3085.12

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPTS

Parish Council	2011/12			2012/13			Council Tax Increase/ (Decrease)	Council Tax Increase/ (Decrease)
	Tax Base	Precepts	Council Tax Band D	Tax Base	Precepts	Council Tax Band D		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	%
Arlecdon & Frizington	1,159.86	34,000	29.31	1,187.68	33,000	27.79	(1.52)	(5.18)
Bootle	268.99	7,250	26.95	269.49	7,250	26.90	(0.05)	(0.18)
Cleator Moor	2,059.37	60,000	29.14	2,036.30	70,000	34.38	5.24	17.99
Distington	674.63	12,000	17.79	678.22	12,000	17.69	(0.10)	(0.56)
Drigg & Carleton	207.24	3,250	15.68	202.80	3,250	16.03	0.35	2.23
Egremont	2,512.17	98,500	39.21	2,526.79	103,500	40.96	1.75	4.46
Ennerdale & Kinniside	162.56	3,390	20.85	160.11	3,390	21.17	0.32	1.53
Eskdale	149.87	3,000	20.02	146.73	3,500	23.85	3.83	19.13
Gosforth	522.61	19,310	36.95	519.17	19,310	37.19	0.24	0.65
Haile & Wilton	170.97	3,500	20.47	171.61	4,500	26.22	5.75	28.09
Irton with Santon	125.54	0	0	129.13	1,000	7.74	7.74	N/A
Lamplugh	292.65	10,625	36.31	291.77	10,625	36.42	0.11	0.30
Lowca	235.48	4,000	16.99	231.37	4,000	17.29	0.30	1.77
Lowside Quarter	236.05	3,500	14.83	240.19	3,500	14.57	(0.26)	(1.75)
Millom	2,187.63	72,000	32.91	2,203.24	77,000	34.95	2.04	6.19
Millom Without	338.72	5,500	16.24	336.69	5,500	16.34	0.10	0.62
Moresby	621.93	13,500	21.71	608.57	13,500	22.18	0.47	2.16
Muncaster	138.92	3,787	27.26	137.95	3,976	28.82	1.56	5.72
Parton	254.31	10,000	39.32	256.90	10,000	39.93	0.61	1.55
Ponsonby	113.08	4,700	41.56	112.81	4,700	41.66	0.10	0.24
St.Bees	698.56	18,700	26.77	700.39	26,160	37.35	10.58	39.52
St.Bridgets	565.72	13,689	24.20	561.63	14,000	24.93	0.73	3.01
Seascale	612.05	17,100	27.94	614.21	17,100	27.84	(0.10)	(0.36)
Ulpha	76.01	50	0.66	74.66	50	0.67	0.01	1.51
Waberthwaite	100.57	1,100	10.94	100.70	1,100	10.92	(0.02)	(0.18)
Wasdale	74.38	1,224	16.46	75.93	1,200	15.80	(0.66)	(4.01)
Weddicar	162.89	3,750	23.02	161.63	3,750	23.20	0.18	0.78
Whicham	184.16	6,250	33.94	185.34	6,550	35.34	1.40	4.12
Sub-Total	14,906.93	433,675	29.09	14,922.01	463,411	31.05	1.96	6.74
Whitehaven (unparished)	7,347.90	0	0	7,342.79	0	0	0	
Total/Average	22,254.83	433,675	19.49	22,264.80	463,411	20.81	1.33	6.83

Borough Council and Parishes

(a) Band D equivalent

Parish	Parish Precept Band D £	Unparished Band D £	Basic Amount £
Arlecdon & Frizington	27.79	180.27	208.06
Beckermet	24.93	180.27	205.20
Bootle	26.90	180.27	207.17
Cleator Moor	34.38	180.27	214.65
Distington	17.69	180.27	197.96
Drigg & Carleton	16.03	180.27	196.30
Egremont	40.96	180.27	221.23
Ennerdale & Kinniside	21.17	180.27	201.44
Eskdale	23.85	180.27	204.12
Gosforth	37.19	180.27	217.46
Haile & Wilton	26.22	180.27	206.49
Irton with Santon	7.74	180.27	188.01
Lamplugh	36.42	180.27	216.69
Lowca	17.29	180.27	197.56
Lowside Quarter	14.57	180.27	194.84
Millom	34.95	180.27	215.22
Millom Without	16.34	180.27	196.61
Moresby	22.18	180.27	202.45
Muncaster	28.82	180.27	209.09
Parton	38.93	180.27	219.20
Ponsonby	41.66	180.27	221.93
St.Beas	37.35	180.27	217.62
Seascale	27.84	180.27	208.11
Ulpha	0.67	180.27	180.94
Waberthwaite	10.92	180.27	191.19
Wasdale	15.80	180.27	196.07
Weddicar	23.20	180.27	203.47
Whicham	35.34	180.27	215.61
Whitehaven (unparished)	0	180.27	180.27

(b) By each category of dwelling

Parish	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Arlecdon & Frizington	138.71	161.82	184.94	208.06	254.30	300.53	346.77	416.12
Beckermet	136.80	159.60	182.40	205.20	250.80	296.40	342.00	410.40
Bootle	138.11	161.13	184.15	207.17	253.21	299.25	345.28	414.34
Cleator Moor	143.10	166.95	190.80	214.65	262.35	310.05	357.75	429.30
Distington	131.97	153.97	175.96	197.96	241.95	285.94	329.93	395.92
Drigg & Carleton	130.87	152.68	174.49	196.30	239.92	283.54	327.17	392.60
Egremont	147.49	172.07	196.65	221.23	270.39	319.55	368.72	442.46
Ennerdale & Kinniside	134.29	156.68	179.06	201.44	246.20	290.97	335.73	402.88
Eskdale	136.08	158.76	181.44	204.12	249.48	294.84	340.20	408.24
Gosforth	144.97	169.14	193.30	217.46	265.78	314.11	362.43	434.92
Haile & Wilton	137.66	160.60	183.55	206.49	252.38	298.26	344.15	412.98
Irton with Santon	125.34	146.23	167.12	188.01	229.79	271.57	313.35	376.02
Lamplugh	144.46	168.54	192.61	216.69	264.84	313.00	361.15	433.38
Lowca	131.71	153.66	175.61	197.56	241.46	285.36	329.27	395.12
Lowside Quarter	129.89	151.54	173.19	194.84	238.14	281.44	324.73	389.68
Millom	143.48	167.39	191.31	215.22	263.05	310.87	358.70	430.44
Millom Without	131.07	152.92	174.76	196.61	240.30	283.99	327.68	393.22
Moresby	134.97	157.46	179.96	202.45	247.44	292.43	337.42	404.90
Muncaster	139.39	162.63	185.86	209.09	255.55	302.02	348.48	418.18
Parton	146.13	170.49	194.84	219.20	267.91	316.62	365.33	438.40
Ponsonby	147.95	172.61	197.27	221.93	271.25	320.57	369.88	443.86
St. Bees	145.08	169.26	193.44	217.62	265.98	314.34	362.70	435.24
Seascale	138.74	161.86	184.99	208.11	254.36	300.60	346.85	416.22
Ulpha	120.63	140.73	160.84	180.94	221.15	261.36	301.57	361.88
Waberthwaite	127.46	148.70	169.95	191.19	233.68	276.16	318.65	382.38
Wasdale	130.71	152.50	174.28	196.07	239.64	283.21	326.78	392.14
Weddicar	135.65	158.25	180.86	203.47	248.69	293.90	339.12	406.94
Whicham	143.74	167.70	191.65	215.61	263.52	311.44	359.35	431.22
Whitehaven (unparished)	120.18	140.21	160.24	180.27	220.33	260.39	300.45	360.54

Calculation of the % increase in the relevant basic amount of council tax

	2011/12	2012/13
Council tax base	22,254.80	22,264.80
Council tax requirement with parish precepts	£4,445,548	£4,477,086
Basic amount of council tax (note 1)	£199.76	£201.08
Parish Precepts	£433,675	£463,411
Council tax requirement without parishes	£4,011,873	£4,013,675
Relevant basic amount of council tax	£180.27	£180.27
% increase in relevant basic amount of council tax		0.0%

Note 1: The basic amount of council tax equals the total of the council tax requirement with parish precepts (£4,477,086) divided by the council tax base (22,264.80). The amount is also included at paragraph 3 (d) of the formal council tax resolution at appendix A. For 2012/13, this comprises the Council's own Council Tax Band D equivalent of £180.27 plus the average Band D equivalent of all the parish precepts (appendix C) of £20.81, a total of £201.08.