

Council, 25 February 2015

Agenda Item 7: The Council's Budget

A.Amendment on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

This Council agrees to increase council tax by 3%. The budget details as proposed by the Administration to remain the same with the difference raised added to the general reserve to deliver a robust budget, ameliorate cuts and keep our borough green, pleasant and secure.

The impact of this amendment on the recommendations to Council would be as follows:

REPORT OF THE CABINET

SUBJECT: THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET 2015/16

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the following as submitted in the report to Cabinet be approved:
 - a) The General Fund revenue budget for 2015/16, as set out in the revised Appendix E attached to this report.
 - b) The delegated schools' budget for 2015/16, as set out in Appendix E of the report to Cabinet.
 - c) The Capital Programme for 2015/16, as set out in Annexes 2, 3 and 4 of Appendix I of the report to Cabinet.
2. That, in accepting recommendation 1, Council is mindful of the advice of the Chief Finance Officer as set out in Appendix H of the report to Cabinet.
3. That it be noted that under delegated powers the Chief Finance Officer has calculated the amount of 83,110 (called T in the Act and Regulations) as its Council Tax base for the year 2015/16 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended.

4. That the amount of ~~£101,311,085~~ £102,311,352 be now calculated as the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/16.
5. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended:

(a)	£452,913,781 <u>£453,914,048</u>	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
(b)	(£351,602,696)	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	£101,311,085 <u>£102,311,352</u>	being the amount by which the aggregate at 5(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 5(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)	£1,219.00 <u>£1,231.04</u>	being the amount at 5(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.

6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2015/16 for each of the categories of dwellings.

Valuation Bands London Borough of Havering	
	£ p
A	812.66 <u>820.69</u>
B	948.12 <u>957.48</u>
C	1,083.56 <u>1,094.26</u>
D	1,219.00 <u>1,231.04</u>
E	1,489.88 <u>1,504.59</u>
F	1,760.78 <u>1,778.16</u>
G	2,031.66 <u>2,051.72</u>
H	2,438.00 <u>2,462.08</u>

7. That it be noted for the year 2015/16 the major precepting authority (the GLA) has 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 as proposed by the Mayor and as due to be considered by the London Assembly at its meeting on 23rd February 2015.

Valuation Bands Greater London Authority	
	£ p
A	196.67
B	229.44
C	262.22
D	295.00
E	360.56
F	426.11
G	491.67
H	590.00

8. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 6 and 7 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2015/16 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands	£ p
	£ p
A	1,009.33 <u>1,017.36</u>
B	1,177.56 <u>1,186.92</u>
C	1,345.78 <u>1,356.48</u>
D	1,514.00 <u>1,526.04</u>
E	1,850.44 <u>1,865.15</u>
F	2,186.89 <u>2,204.27</u>
G	2,523.33 <u>2,543.39</u>
H	3,028.00 <u>3,052.08</u>

The effect of adopting this resolution would be to set the Council Tax for a Band D property at ~~£1,514.00~~ £1,526.04

9. That Council having considered the principles approved under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 by the Secretary of State concludes that the Council's basic relevant amount of Council Tax for 2015/16 is not excessive.
10. That any Council Tax payer who is liable to pay an amount of Council Tax to the Authority in respect to the year ending on 31st March 2016, who is served with a demand notice under Regulation 20(2) of the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992 as amended and who makes payment to the Authority of the full balance of the estimated amount shown on that demand by 1st April 2015, may deduct a sum equivalent to 1.5% of and from the estimated amount and such reduced amount shall be accepted in full settlement of that estimated amount.
11. That Council agrees that the Capital Programme be expanded for schemes during the year which are funded via additional external funding under the

authority of the Lead Member Financial Management and the relevant service area Cabinet Members.

12. That Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Prudential Indicators, and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2015/16.

B. Amendment on behalf of the Residents' Group

Reduction in SRA's in line with our proposals last autumn, including the elimination of 2 cabinet posts and the OVS Board chair position. Total savings 131k
Communications has a 30k savings next year which is to be brought forward a year

Total savings 161k allocated as follows:-

61k StreetCare
50k Children's/ Youth Services
50k Adult Services