

Cheltenham Borough Council
Council – 25 February 2011
Council Tax resolution 2011/12

Accountable member	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Development, Councillor John Webster
Accountable officer	Chief Finance Officer, Mark Sheldon
Accountable scrutiny committee	Economy and Business Improvement Overview and Scrutiny committee
Ward(s) affected	All
Significant Decision	Yes
Executive summary	The Council agreed its budget and level of council tax for 2011/12 at a meeting on 11 February 2011. The Council is required to formally approve the total council tax for residents of Cheltenham, including the council tax requirements of the precepting organisations Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and the Gloucestershire Police authority
Recommendations	Approve the council tax resolution at Appendix 2 (to follow).

Financial implications	<p>Failure to agree the council tax resolution at this meeting would delay the preparation of council tax bills and the collection of the payments from residents. This may result in lost interest on income collected, which given the prevailing low interest rates, would be approximately £1-2k per month delayed.</p> <p>Contact officer: Mark Sheldon, Chief Finance Officer mark.sheldon@cheltenham.gov.uk, 01242 264123</p>
Legal implications	<p>The Council must set its council tax in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 no later than 10th March 2011.</p> <p>Contact officer: Peter Lewis, One legal peter.lewis@tewkesbury.gov.uk, 01684 272012</p>
HR implications (including learning and organisational development)	<p>None arising from this report.</p> <p>Contact officer: , @cheltenham.gov.uk, 01242</p>
Key risks	As outlined in the financial implications
Corporate and community plan Implications	None arising from this report

Environmental and climate change implications	
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1. Introduction

- 1.1** The Council agreed the budget and level of council tax for 2011/12 at a meeting on 11 February 2011. The Council is required to formally approve the total council tax for residents of Cheltenham including the council tax requirements of the precepting organisations, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and the Gloucestershire Police authority
- 1.2** Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and Gloucestershire Police authority will have met to set their council tax by 16 February 2011.
- 1.3** The total council tax to be paid by residents of Cheltenham in 2011/12 by council tax band, including the precepting authorities, is contained in Appendix 2 (to follow)

2. Reasons for recommendations

- 2.1** Not applicable

3. Alternative options considered

- 3.1** Not applicable

4. Consultation and feedback

- 4.1** Not applicable

5. Performance management – monitoring and review

- 5.1** Not applicable

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Appendices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risk Assessment 2. Council tax resolution (to follow)
Background information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council Budget Report 11 February 2011

Risk Assessment

Appendix 1

The risk				Original risk score (impact x likelihood)			Managing risk				
Risk ref.	Risk description	Risk Owner	Date raised	I	L	Score	Control	Action	Deadline	Responsible officer	Transferred to risk register
c.tax 1	Failure to agree the council tax resolution may result in lost interest on income.	CFO	16/2/10	1	2	2	Reduce	Councillors to agree precept at meeting	24/2/11	CFO	