

# **KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**FULL COUNCIL – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006**

**Report of the Director of Resources**

## **COUNCIL TAX 2006/2007**

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to make the statutory resolutions to set the Council Tax for 2006/07. The report also considers the Director of Resources statement as to the robustness of the estimates that back up the council tax setting process, together with a statement as to the adequacy of the proposed level of reserves.

### **Content**

It is a requirement of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that Full Council set the level of the Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year. The Council Tax setting process cannot be delegated to any other Committee. The formal resolutions to set the Council Tax are set out within the recommendations. At District level the Band D increase equates to £5.54 per annum or just under 11p per week, taking the Band D yearly charge to £123.38 (£2.37 per week).

### **Robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the Council Tax setting process and adequacy of the proposed financial reserves**

The Chief Financial Officer (Director of Resources) is required to make a statement on the adequacy of the reserves and the robustness of the budget. This is a statutory duty under section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 which states:

- (1) Where an authority to which section 32 of the Local Government Act 1992 applies (billing authority) is making calculations in accordance with that section, the chief finance officer of the authority must report to it on the following:
  - (a) The robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations, and
  - (b) The adequacy of the proposed level of financial reserves.
- (2) An authority to which a report under this section is made shall have regard to the report when making decisions about the calculations in connection with which it is made.

Accordingly the Chief Finance Officers statement is attached at Appendix A

## Recommendations

### Proposed resolution:

### RESOLVED THAT

(1) Having regard to the Director of Resources statement as to the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of level of reserves at Appendix A, the revised revenue estimates for the year 2005/06 and the revenue estimates for 2006/07, the revised capital programme for the year 2005/06 and the capital programme for 2006/07, recommended by the special joint meeting of the Resources Executive Committee, Community Development Executive Committee and the Planning Policies Executive Committee held on 2nd February 2006 be approved.

(2) That it be noted that at its meeting on 20th December, 2005 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2006/2007 in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

(a) **30,457.5** being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003, as its council tax base for the year;

(b) Part of the Council's Area (Council Tax Base for each parish)

Aldbourn	789.5	Manningford	188.4
All Cannings	274.4	Marden	59.1
Alton	111.2	Market Lavington	781.1
Avebury	248.2	Marlborough	3132.2
Baydon	266.6	Marston	77.0
Beechingstoke	67.6	Mildenhall	219.3
Berwick Bassett & Winterbourne Monkton	94.8	Milton Lilbourne	247.0
Bishops Cannings	612.4	Netheravon	392.8
Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett	385.5	North Newnton	191.1
Bromham	773.5	Ogbourne St. Andrew	179.7
Burbage	758.8	Ogbourne St. George	208.1
Buttermere	28.4	Patney	64.7
Charlton St. Peter & Wilsford	82.0	Pewsey	1409.8
Chilton Foliat	193.2	Potterne	621.9
Chirton	176.3	Poulshot	153.8
Chute	162.0	Preshute	73.4
Chute Forest	83.4	Ramsbury	917.9
Collingbourne Ducis	349.9	Roundway	1509.1
Collingbourne Kingston	212.0	Rowde	458.7
Devizes	4122.7	Rushall	64.3
Easterton	236.6	Savernake	101.5

East Kennett	48.5	Seend	517.1
Easton Royal	138.6	Shalbourne	296.2
Enford	265.9	Stanton St. Bernard	82.1
Erlestoke	86.2	Stert	88.6
Etchilhampton	73.7	Tidcombe and Fosbury	50.7
Everleigh	88.2	Tidworth	1896.5
Fittleton	109.2	Upavon	479.1
Froxfield	149.3	Urchfont	487.0
Fyfield & West Overton	381.7	West Lavington	449.6
Grafton	327.7	Wilcot and Huish	259.5
Great Bedwyn	591.1	Woodborough	135.5
Great Cheverell	234.9	Wootton Rivers	121.9
Ham	94.6	Worton	273.6
Little Bedwyn	135.0		
Little Cheverell	79.5		
Ludgershall	1436.5		

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(3) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2006/07 in accordance with sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:

(a) £34,069,946 (Gross Revenue Expenditure including parish precepts)

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (e) of the Act

(b) £23,838,080 (Revenue Income)

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (c) of the Act

(c) £10,231,866 (Net Revenue Expenditure including parish precepts)

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 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year

(d) £5,158,360 (Total of Revenue Support Grant, share of National Non Domestic Rating Pool and Estimated Balance on the Collection Fund to be refunded to council tax payers)

being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant and increased by the

amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) (England) Directions 1994 under section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

(e) £166.58 (Kennet Band D tax plus average parish councils Band D Tax)

being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year

(f) £1,315,666 (Aggregate of parish and town council precepts)

being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in section 34(1) of the Act

(g) £123.38 (Band D tax for Kennet purposes only)

being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(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 special item relates

(h) Part of the Council's Area (Parish Council Band D tax)

Aldbourn	31.03	Manningford	25.22
All Cannings	25.76	Marden	5.58
Alton	16.18	Market Lavington	48.65
Avebury	36.07	Marlborough	63.94
Baydon	20.34	Marston	28.57
Beechingstoke	0.00	Mildenhall	22.80
Berwick Bassett & Winterbourne Monkton	5.85	Milton Lilbourne	20.25
Bishops Cannings	22.70	Netheravon	42.70
Broad Hinton & Winterbourne Bassett	10.90	North Newnton	19.57
Bromham	37.49	Ogbourne St. Andrew	13.36
Burbage	15.16	Ogbourne St. George	16.82
Buttermere	0.00	Patney	6.96
Charlton St. Peter & Wilsford	8.54	Pewsey	51.07
Chilton Foliat	26.65	Potterne	16.72
Chirton	5.67	Poulshot	32.50
Chute	26.55	Preshute	14.98
Chute Forest	29.38	Ramsbury	27.74
Collingbourne Ducis	40.01	Roundway	11.60
Collingbourne Kingston	36.31	Rowde	23.98
Devizes	105.72	Rushall	0.00

Easterton	38.80	Savernake	8.87
East Kennett	0.00	Seend	17.84
Easton Royal	34.81	Shalbourne	10.13
Enford	25.66	Stanton St. Bernard	18.27
Erlestoke	40.92	Stert	9.03
Etchilhampton	18.31	Tidcombe and Fosbury	0.00
Everleigh	24.40	Tidworth	46.93
Fittleton	25.65	Upavon	33.40
Froxfield	26.45	Urchfont	42.80
Fyfield & West Overton	20.44	West Lavington	27.58
Grafton	9.16	Wilcot and Huish	12.72
Great Bedwyn	21.99	Woodborough	9.59
Great Cheverell	31.50	Wootton Rivers	20.51
Ham	14.80	Worton	22.11
Little Bedwyn	15.55		
Little Cheverell	20.13		
Ludgershall	52.21		

being the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate

(i) Part of the Council's Area (Kennet and Parish Council taxes in Bands A to H for each parish)

	Band D	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Aldbourn	154.41	102.94	120.10	137.25	188.72	223.04	257.35	308.82
All Cannings	149.14	99.43	116.00	132.57	182.28	215.42	248.57	298.28
Alton	139.56	93.04	108.55	124.05	170.57	201.59	232.60	279.12
Avebury	159.45	106.30	124.02	141.73	194.88	230.32	265.75	318.90
Baydon	143.72	95.81	111.78	127.75	175.66	207.60	239.53	287.44
Beechingstoke	123.38	82.25	95.96	109.67	150.80	178.22	205.63	246.76
Berwick Bassett & Winterbourne Monkton	129.23	86.15	100.51	114.87	157.95	186.67	215.38	258.46
Bishops Cannings	146.08	97.39	113.62	129.85	178.54	211.00	243.47	292.16
Broad Hinton	134.28	89.52	104.44	119.36	164.12	193.96	223.80	268.56
Bromham	160.87	107.25	125.12	143.00	196.62	232.37	268.12	321.74
Burbage	138.54	92.36	107.75	123.15	169.33	200.11	230.90	277.08
Buttermere	123.38	82.25	95.96	109.67	150.80	178.22	205.63	246.76
Charlton St. Peter & Wilsford	131.92	87.95	102.60	117.26	161.24	190.55	219.87	263.84
Chilton Foliat	150.03	100.02	116.69	133.36	183.37	216.71	250.05	300.06
Chirton	129.05	86.03	100.37	114.71	157.73	186.41	215.08	258.10
Chute	149.93	99.95	116.61	133.27	183.25	216.57	249.88	299.86
Chute Forest	152.76	101.84	118.81	135.79	186.71	220.65	254.60	305.52
Collingbourne Ducis	163.39	108.93	127.08	145.24	199.70	236.01	272.32	326.78

Collingbourne Kingston	159.69	106.46	124.20	141.95	195.18	230.66	266.15	319.38
Devizes	229.10	152.73	178.19	203.64	280.01	330.92	381.83	458.20
Easterton	162.18	108.12	126.14	144.16	198.22	234.26	270.30	324.36
East Kennett	123.38	82.25	95.96	109.67	150.80	178.22	205.63	246.76
Easton Royal	158.19	105.46	123.04	140.61	193.34	228.50	263.65	316.38
Enford	149.04	99.36	115.92	132.48	182.16	215.28	248.40	298.08
Erlestoke	164.30	109.53	127.79	146.04	200.81	237.32	273.83	328.60
Etchilhampton	141.69	94.46	110.20	125.95	173.18	204.66	236.15	283.38
Everleigh	147.78	98.52	114.94	131.36	180.62	213.46	246.30	295.56
Fittleton	149.03	99.35	115.91	132.47	182.15	215.27	248.38	298.06
Froxfield	149.83	99.89	116.53	133.18	183.13	216.42	249.72	299.66
Fyfield & West Overton	143.82	95.88	111.86	127.84	175.78	207.74	239.70	287.64
Grafton	132.54	88.36	103.09	117.81	161.99	191.45	220.90	265.08
Great Bedwyn	145.37	96.91	113.07	129.22	177.67	209.98	242.28	290.74
Great Cheverell	154.88	103.25	120.46	137.67	189.30	223.72	258.13	309.76
Ham	138.18	92.12	107.47	122.83	168.89	199.59	230.30	276.36
Little Bedwyn	138.93	92.62	108.06	123.49	169.80	200.68	231.55	277.86
Little Cheverell	143.51	95.67	111.62	127.56	175.40	207.29	239.18	287.02
Ludgershall	175.59	117.06	136.57	156.08	214.61	253.63	292.65	351.18
Manningford	148.60	99.07	115.58	132.09	181.62	214.64	247.67	297.20
Marden	128.96	85.97	100.30	114.63	157.62	186.28	214.93	257.92
Market Lavington	172.03	114.69	133.80	152.92	210.26	248.49	286.72	344.06
Marlborough	187.32	124.88	145.69	166.51	228.95	270.57	312.20	374.64
Marston	151.95	101.30	118.18	135.07	185.72	219.48	253.25	303.90
Mildenhall	146.18	97.45	113.70	129.94	178.66	211.15	243.63	292.36
Milton Lilbourne	143.63	95.75	111.71	127.67	175.55	207.47	239.38	287.26
Netheravon	166.08	110.72	129.17	147.63	202.99	239.89	276.80	332.16
North Newnton	142.95	95.30	111.18	127.07	174.72	206.48	238.25	285.90
Ogbourne St. Andrew	136.74	91.16	106.35	121.55	167.13	197.51	227.90	273.48
Ogbourne St. George	140.20	93.47	109.04	124.62	171.36	202.51	233.67	280.40
Patney	130.34	86.89	101.38	115.86	159.30	188.27	217.23	260.68
Pewsey	174.45	116.30	135.68	155.07	213.22	251.98	290.75	348.90
Potterne	140.10	93.40	108.97	124.53	171.23	202.37	233.50	280.20
Poulshot	155.88	103.92	121.24	138.56	190.52	225.16	259.80	311.76
Preshute	138.36	92.24	107.61	122.99	169.11	199.85	230.60	276.72
Ramsbury	151.12	100.75	117.54	134.33	184.70	218.28	251.87	302.24
Roundway	134.98	89.99	104.98	119.98	164.98	194.97	224.97	269.96
Rowde	147.36	98.24	114.61	130.99	180.11	212.85	245.60	294.72
Rushall	123.38	82.25	95.96	109.67	150.80	178.22	205.63	246.76
Savernake	132.25	88.17	102.86	117.56	161.64	191.03	220.42	264.50
Seend	141.22	94.15	109.84	125.53	172.60	203.98	235.37	282.44
Shalbourne	133.51	89.01	103.84	118.68	163.18	192.85	222.52	267.02
Stanton St. Bernard	141.65	94.43	110.17	125.91	173.13	204.61	236.08	283.30
Stert	132.41	88.27	102.99	117.70	161.83	191.26	220.68	264.82
Tidcombe and Fosbury	123.38	82.25	95.96	109.67	150.80	178.22	205.63	246.76
Tidworth	170.31	113.54	132.46	151.39	208.16	246.00	283.85	340.62
Upavon	156.78	104.52	121.94	139.36	191.62	226.46	261.30	313.56
Urchfont	166.18	110.79	129.25	147.72	203.11	240.04	276.97	332.36
West Lavington	150.96	100.64	117.41	134.19	184.51	218.05	251.60	301.92
Wilcot and Huish	136.10	90.73	105.86	120.98	166.34	196.59	226.83	272.20
Woodborough	132.97	88.65	103.42	118.20	162.52	192.07	221.62	265.94

Wootton Rivers	143.89	95.93	111.91	127.90	175.87	207.84	239.82	287.78
Worton	145.49	96.99	113.16	129.32	177.82	210.15	242.48	290.98

being the amounts given by multiplying the aggregate of the amounts at 3(g) and 3(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

(4) That it be noted that for the year 2006/07 the **Wiltshire County Council** 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 dwellings shown below:-

Band A	£619.50
Band B	£722.75
Band C	£826.00
Band D	£929.25
Band E	£1,135.75
Band F	£1,342.25
Band G	£1,548.75
Band H	£1,858.50

(5) That it be noted that for the year 2006/07 the **Wiltshire Police Authority** has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Band A	£88.56
Band B	£103.32
Band C	£118.08
Band D	£132.84
Band E	£162.36
Band F	£191.88
Band G	£221.40
Band H	£265.68

(6) That it be noted that for the year 2006/07 the **Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority** has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2003, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Band A	£35.20
Band B	£41.07
Band C	£46.93
Band D	£52.80
Band E	£64.53
Band F	£76.27
Band G	£88.00
Band H	£105.60

(7) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(i) and (4) (5) and (6) above, the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2006/07 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Part of the Council's Area (Total tax figures for all bands of property for all parishes within Kennet – including Parish, Kennet, Wiltshire County Council, Wiltshire Police Authority and Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority elements)

	Band D	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Aldbourn	1269.30	846.20	987.23	1128.27	1551.37	1833.43	2115.50	2538.60
All Cannings	1264.03	842.69	983.13	1123.58	1544.93	1825.82	2106.72	2528.06
Alton	1254.45	836.30	975.68	1115.07	1533.22	1811.98	2090.75	2508.90
Avebury	1274.34	849.56	991.15	1132.75	1557.53	1840.71	2123.90	2548.68
Baydon	1258.61	839.07	978.92	1118.76	1538.30	1817.99	2097.68	2517.22
Beechingstoke	1238.27	825.51	963.10	1100.68	1513.44	1788.61	2063.78	2476.54
Berwick Bassett & Winterbourne								
Monkton	1244.12	829.41	967.65	1105.88	1520.59	1797.06	2073.53	2488.24
Bishops Cannings	1260.97	840.65	980.75	1120.86	1541.19	1821.40	2101.62	2521.94
Broad Hinton	1249.17	832.78	971.58	1110.37	1526.76	1804.36	2081.95	2498.34
Bromham	1275.76	850.51	992.26	1134.01	1559.26	1842.76	2126.27	2551.52
Burbage	1253.43	835.62	974.89	1114.16	1531.97	1810.51	2089.05	2506.86
Buttermere	1238.27	825.51	963.10	1100.68	1513.44	1788.61	2063.78	2476.54
Charlton St. Peter & Wilsford	1246.81	831.21	969.74	1108.28	1523.88	1800.95	2078.02	2493.62
Chilton Foliat	1264.92	843.28	983.83	1124.37	1546.01	1827.11	2108.20	2529.84
Chirton	1243.94	829.29	967.51	1105.72	1520.37	1796.80	2073.23	2487.88
Chute	1264.82	843.21	983.75	1124.28	1545.89	1826.96	2108.03	2529.64
Chute Forest	1267.65	845.10	985.95	1126.80	1549.35	1831.05	2112.75	2535.30
Collingbourne Ducis	1278.28	852.19	994.22	1136.25	1562.34	1846.40	2130.47	2556.56
Collingbourne Kingston	1274.58	849.72	991.34	1132.96	1557.82	1841.06	2124.30	2549.16



Devizes	1343.99	895.99	1045.33	1194.66	1642.65	1941.32	2239.98	2687.98
Easterton	1277.07	851.38	993.28	1135.17	1560.86	1844.66	2128.45	2554.14
East Kennett	1238.27	825.51	963.10	1100.68	1513.44	1788.61	2063.78	2476.54
Easton Royal	1273.08	848.72	990.17	1131.63	1555.99	1838.89	2121.80	2546.16
Enford	1263.93	842.62	983.06	1123.49	1544.80	1825.68	2106.55	2527.86
Erlestoke	1279.19	852.79	994.93	1137.06	1563.45	1847.72	2131.98	2558.38
Etchilhampton	1256.58	837.72	977.34	1116.96	1535.82	1815.06	2094.30	2513.16
Everleigh	1262.67	841.78	982.08	1122.37	1543.26	1823.86	2104.45	2525.34
Fittleton	1263.92	842.61	983.05	1123.48	1544.79	1825.66	2106.53	2527.84
Froxfield	1264.72	843.15	983.67	1124.20	1545.77	1826.82	2107.87	2529.44
Fyfield & West Overton	1258.71	839.14	979.00	1118.85	1538.42	1818.14	2097.85	2517.42
Grafton	1247.43	831.62	970.22	1108.83	1524.64	1801.84	2079.05	2494.86
Great Bedwyn	1260.26	840.17	980.20	1120.23	1540.32	1820.38	2100.43	2520.52
Great Cheverell	1269.77	846.51	987.60	1128.68	1551.94	1834.11	2116.28	2539.54
Ham	1253.07	835.38	974.61	1113.84	1531.53	1809.99	2088.45	2506.14
Little Bedwyn	1253.82	835.88	975.19	1114.51	1532.45	1811.07	2089.70	2507.64
Little Cheverell	1258.40	838.93	978.76	1118.58	1538.04	1817.69	2097.33	2516.80
Ludgershall	1290.48	860.32	1003.71	1147.09	1577.25	1864.03	2150.80	2580.96
Manningford	1263.49	842.33	982.71	1123.10	1544.27	1825.04	2105.82	2526.98
Marden	1243.85	829.23	967.44	1105.64	1520.26	1796.67	2073.08	2487.70
Market Lavington	1286.92	857.95	1000.94	1143.93	1572.90	1858.88	2144.87	2573.84
Marlborough	1302.21	868.14	1012.83	1157.52	1591.59	1880.97	2170.35	2604.42
Marston	1266.84	844.56	985.32	1126.08	1548.36	1829.88	2111.40	2533.68
Mildenhall	1261.07	840.71	980.83	1120.95	1541.31	1821.55	2101.78	2522.14
Milton Lilbourne	1258.52	839.01	978.85	1118.68	1538.19	1817.86	2097.53	2517.04
Netheravon	1280.97	853.98	996.31	1138.64	1565.63	1850.29	2134.95	2561.94
North Newnton	1257.84	838.56	978.32	1118.08	1537.36	1816.88	2096.40	2515.68
Ogbourne St. Andrew	1251.63	834.42	973.49	1112.56	1529.77	1807.91	2086.05	2503.26
Ogbourne St. George	1255.09	836.73	976.18	1115.64	1534.00	1812.91	2091.82	2510.18
Patney	1245.23	830.15	968.51	1106.87	1521.95	1798.67	2075.38	2490.46
Pewsey	1289.34	859.56	1002.82	1146.08	1575.86	1862.38	2148.90	2578.68
Potterne	1254.99	836.66	976.10	1115.55	1533.88	1812.76	2091.65	2509.98
Poulshot	1270.77	847.18	988.38	1129.57	1553.16	1835.56	2117.95	2541.54
Preshute	1253.25	835.50	974.75	1114.00	1531.75	1810.25	2088.75	2506.50
Ramsbury	1266.01	844.01	984.67	1125.34	1547.35	1828.68	2110.02	2532.02
Roundway	1249.87	833.25	972.12	1111.00	1527.62	1805.37	2083.12	2499.74
Rowde	1262.25	841.50	981.75	1122.00	1542.75	1823.25	2103.75	2524.50
Rushall	1238.27	825.51	963.10	1100.68	1513.44	1788.61	2063.78	2476.54
Savernake	1247.14	831.43	970.00	1108.57	1524.28	1801.42	2078.57	2494.28
Seend	1256.11	837.41	976.97	1116.54	1535.25	1814.38	2093.52	2512.22
Shalbourne	1248.40	832.27	970.98	1109.69	1525.82	1803.24	2080.67	2496.80
Stanton St. Bernard	1256.54	837.69	977.31	1116.92	1535.77	1815.00	2094.23	2513.08
Stert	1247.30	831.53	970.12	1108.71	1524.48	1801.66	2078.83	2494.60
Tidcombe and Fosbury	1238.27	825.51	963.10	1100.68	1513.44	1788.61	2063.78	2476.54
Tidworth	1285.20	856.80	999.60	1142.40	1570.80	1856.40	2142.00	2570.40
Upavon	1271.67	847.78	989.08	1130.37	1554.26	1836.86	2119.45	2543.34
Urchfont	1281.07	854.05	996.39	1138.73	1565.75	1850.43	2135.12	2562.14
West Lavington	1265.85	843.90	984.55	1125.20	1547.15	1828.45	2109.75	2531.70

Wilcot and Huish	1250.99	833.99	972.99	1111.99	1528.99	1806.99	2084.98	2501.98	
Woodborough	1247.86	831.91	970.56	1109.21	1525.16	1802.46	2079.77	2495.72	
Wootton Rivers	1258.78	839.19	979.05	1118.92	1538.51	1818.24	2097.97	2517.56	
Worton	1260.38	840.25	980.30	1120.34	1540.46	1820.55	2100.63	2520.76	

## 8. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

### RESOLVED:

(1) That the Financial Services Manager be granted delegated authority to meet estimated capital and revenue expenditure, in accordance with the approved estimates, of £39,374,152

(2) That the Financial Services Manager be granted delegated authority to make all necessary payments from the Collection Fund.

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## **Summary Report of the Director of Resources as to the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of the level of reserves**

### **Robustness of the Estimates**

I have examined the budget proposals contained within the reports submitted and approved by the Special meeting of the Joint Executive Committees held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and believe that the spending proposals contained within are achievable. I am also satisfied that the requisite management processes exist to deliver the budget, and identify and deal with any problems which may unexpectedly arise during the year. The estimate setting process is robust, and includes assessments of pay awards, price increases, income, and efficiency savings at cost centre level. The Budget Reductions Sub Committee has also identified a number of specific savings that have been included. Although the report sets out a number of risks included within the budget, in all cases and in the final analysis, the holding of adequate revenue reserves allows the Council to bear some risks that might otherwise have to be eliminated from the budget by increasing net expenditure and consequently the level of council tax, or cut services.

### **Level of Revenue Reserves**

Information on the level of reserves was also included in the report to the Special Joint Executive Committee meeting. It is estimated that the level of revenue reserves at the end of 2005/2006 will be £4.125m with a planned reduction in reserves of £38,670 during 2006/07. A significant part of the revenue reserves relate to future known liabilities for things such as planning costs and future vehicle and equipment replacements. A certain level of reserves also need to be kept to cover the risks inherent within the budget. On this basis I am comfortable that the revenue reserves are at an adequate level and that the Council needs to remain vigilant in its determination to meet net costs as they occur, rather than from revenue reserves.

**Frank Marshall**  
**Director of Resources**  
**10<sup>th</sup> February 2006**