



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

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REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL

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Date	17th February 2021
SUBJECT	Precept and Grant Support 2021/2022

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To confirm to Members the Council Tax Base and Grants for 2021/22 as advised by Calderdale MBC- appendix 1
2. To advise Members that in applying a slightly reduced Council Tax Base for 2021/22, the call for precept based on a zero increase for band D will realise a figure of £258,537, a reduction of £2,263.
3. To advise Members that Calderdale MBC have maintained the Parish Grant at £11,691 but have increased the Council Tax Reduction Grant from £23,800 in 2020/21 to £33,133 for 2021/22.
4. To advise Members that the net effect of these movements is that Todmorden Town Council total income from these sources will be £303,361, again of £7,070 on the 2020/21 level.
5. To remind Members that as part of prudential financial planning an Earmarked Reserve of £17,745 was set aside to cover the potential of adverse movement in both Council Tax Base and Council Tax Reduction Grant.

BACKGROUND AND CONSIDERATIONS

6. Members Resolved to not increase the actual amount charged to Precept Payers for 2021/22 agreeing to base the call for Precept on a Band D property at £54.68
7. Given the slight reduction in Council Tax Base to 4728.19, to have maintained the actual precept at £260,800, a Band D amount of £55.16 (+0.88%) would have been needed.
8. The movement in Council Tax Reduction Grant, whilst in our favour this year, indicates the volatility that can arise from the Central Govt Settlement.

9. There is no guarantee that this level will not reduce in future years, or indeed over time be removed altogether and hence the need to keep in place the level of Earmarked Reserve established this financial year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The estimated budget for 2021/22 indicated a year one shortfall of £7,083, which has now virtually been covered by this net gain of £7,070.
11. The Non-Precept Grant Phasing Earmarked Reserve of £17,745 established in November 2020 will not need to be called on for 2021/22
12. Revised start of year budgets together with an estimated underspend and likely carry over of underspends for 2020/21, will be brought to the Resources committee on 24th February 2021 where consideration will also then be given to the levels of Earmarked Reserves to be recommended to Town Council for agreement on the 17th March 2021 meeting

RECOMMENDATION

13. That Members note the Precept and Grant support levels for 2021/22.
14. That Members note that there is no call to be made for 2021/22 on the Non-Precept Grant Phasing Earmarked Reserve of £17,745.
15. That given the level of fluctuation in the Council Tax Reduction Grant, the Non-Precept Grant Phasing Earmarked Reserve of £17,745 be maintained at this level for 2021/22.
16. That Members note the Precept demand letter issued by Todmorden Town Council

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

17. Members are kept advised on the Precept/Grant settlements.
18. Town Council approval is required for setting levels of Earmarked Reserves.
19. Town Council is required to formally demand the level of Precept to be raised by Calderdale MBC on its behalf.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

20. None arising from this report

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

21. None arising from this report None

CLIMATE CHANGE:

22. None arising from this report

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

23. None arising from this report

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

- 24. Appendix 1 - Council Tax Base and Grant support CMBC
- Appendix 2 - Council Tax Base Calculation advice CMBC
- Appendix 3 - Precept Calculation advice from CMBC
- Appendix 4 - Precept Demand
- Appendix 5 - CMBC Confirmation of Precept Demand

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