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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - THURSDAY 5TH MARCH, 2015

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and now enclose the following documents which were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No.	Item
13.	Revenue Budget 2015 /16 and 2016/17 (Pages 181 - 186) Update Note of the Head of Corporate Finance and ICT

Yours sincerely,

M. CARNEY

Chief Executive

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Council - 5 March 2015

Revenue Budgets 2015/16 and 2016/17 – Update

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Council is legally required to agree its budget and set a Council Tax for 2015/16 by 10 March 2015.
- 1.2. This paper provides final information on the level of resource required by levying bodies, plus agreed precepts from the Police & Crime Commissioner, the Fire & Rescue Authority and local parish councils.
- 1.3. The recommendation to Council on the Authority's Budget and Council Tax level for 2015/16 is contained on the main agenda. Assuming this is approved unaltered at the meeting, the overall Council Tax level for 2015/16 is set out below. The formal resolution for Council is also attached as an Appendix. If any amendments to the proposed Council Tax level for 2015/16 are made at the meeting, a new Council Tax Resolution will be circulated.

2. Charges relating to External / Levying Bodies

- 2.1. The Council is required to pay charges relating to levies from external bodies. The expected amounts to be paid in 2015/16, and their impact on Sefton's budget compared to 2014/15, is shown in the table below:-

<u>Levying Body</u>	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Change £
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (<i>Previously the Passenger Transport Authority</i>)	25,158,000	22,403,000	-2,755,000 #
Waste Disposal Authority	12,200,903	12,461,387	260,484
Environment Agency	143,272	145,708	2,436
Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	60,433	61,642	1,209
Port Health Authority	39,750	39,750	0
	37,602,358	35,111,487	-2,490,871

Circa £1.3m of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority reduction in levy relates to 2014/15, rather than 2015/16. Due to a timing issue, Sefton received a payment during the current year, rather than the levy being reduced.

3. Precepts

3.1. Police & Crime Commissioner and Fire & Rescue Precepts

The Police and Crime Commissioner set a budget / precept on 19 February 2015, with a Band D increase of 1.95%. The Fire and Rescue Authority set its budget / precept for 2015/16 on 26 February 2015; with a Band D increase of 2%.

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	Precept			Band D		
	2014/15	2015/16	Change	2014/15	2015/16	Change
	£	£	£	£	£	%
Police	12,059,260	12,505,980	+446,720	156.63	159.68	+1.95
Fire	5,394,829	5,597,459	+202,630	70.07	71.47	+2.00

3.2. Parishes

The Parish precepts variations are highlighted below: -

	Precept			Band D		
	2014/15	2015/16	Change	2014/15	2015/16	Change
	£	£	£	£	£	%
Aintree Village	90,000	105,000	+15,000	45.63	53.54	17.32
Formby	55,000	56,100	+1,100	6.20	6.30	1.66
Hightown	4,240	4,544	+304	5.05	5.43	7.43
Ince Blundell	1,750	1,487	-263	11.09	9.46	-14.70
Little Altcar	2,500	2,500	0	9.55	9.57	0.24
Lydiate	129,903	131,174	+1,271	65.71	65.71	0.00
Maghull	562,891	566,124	+3,233	88.85	88.85	0.00
Melling	18,000	20,000	+2,000	18.87	20.93	10.92
Sefton	2,779	2,798	+19	12.15	12.42	2.21
Thornton	4,500	4,500	0	6.12	6.06	-0.88
	871,563	894,227				

4. Recommended Council Tax for 2015/16

- 4.1. Council are recommended to approve the Budget for 2015/16, as set out in the main report.
- 4.2. The recommended overall Band D Council Tax to be raised for 2015/16 (excluding Parish Precepts) is as follows: -

	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	Increase %
Sefton	1,291.89	1,317.60	1.99
Police & Crime Commissioner	156.63	159.68	1.95
Fire & Rescue Authority	70.07	71.47	2.00
	<u>1,518.59</u>	<u>1,548.75</u>	<u>1.99</u>

Margaret Rawding
Head of Corporate Finance & ICT

APPENDIX

COUNCIL TAX 2015/16

RESOLVED

1. Note that at its meeting on 22nd January 2015, the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2015/2016 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 1992 (as amended):

- (a) 78,319.00 Band D equivalent properties, for the whole area [item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended]; and
- (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown in the table below:

Parish	Council Tax Base (Band D Equivalent Properties)
Aintree Village	1,961.31
Formby	8,907.71
Hightown	837.33
Ince Blundell	157.18
Little Altcar	261.16
Lydiate	1,996.25
Maghull	6,371.68
Melling	955.64
Sefton	225.23
Thornton	742.33

2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/2016 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £103,193,114.
3. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2015/2016 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a))	£596,441,590	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))	-£492,354,249	Being the aggregate amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c))	£104,087,341	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))	£1,329.02	Being the amount at 3(c) above (item R), divided by the amount at 1(a) above (item T), 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))	£894,227	Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
(f)	£1,317.60	Being the amount at 3(d) above, less the amount given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 1(a) above (item T), 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.

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(g)	<p>The amounts below, being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Parish</th> <th colspan="8">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Aintree Village</td> <td colspan="8">1,371.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Formby</td> <td colspan="8">1,323.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hightown</td> <td colspan="8">1,323.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ince Blundell</td> <td colspan="8">1,327.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Altcar</td> <td colspan="8">1,327.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lydiate</td> <td colspan="8">1,383.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maghull</td> <td colspan="8">1,406.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Melling</td> <td colspan="8">1,338.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sefton</td> <td colspan="8">1,330.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thornton</td> <td colspan="8">1,323.66</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>									Parish	£								Aintree Village	1,371.14								Formby	1,323.90								Hightown	1,323.03								Ince Blundell	1,327.06								Little Altcar	1,327.17								Lydiate	1,383.31								Maghull	1,406.45								Melling	1,338.53								Sefton	1,330.02								Thornton	1,323.66																																																		
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4. Note that for the year 2015/2016 the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire and Rescue Authority have 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:

Proportion of Band D	Property Valuation Band							
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Precepting Authority</u>								
Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority	47.65	55.59	63.53	71.47	87.35	103.23	119.12	142.94
Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner	106.45	124.20	141.94	159.68	195.16	230.65	266.13	319.36

5. The Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2015/2016 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

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Lydiate	1,076.31	1,255.70	1,435.08	1,614.46	1,973.22	2,331.99	2,690.77	3,228.92
Maghull	1,091.73	1,273.70	1,455.65	1,637.60	2,001.50	2,365.42	2,729.33	3,275.20
Melling	1,046.45	1,220.87	1,395.27	1,569.68	1,918.49	2,267.31	2,616.13	3,139.36
Sefton	1,040.78	1,214.25	1,387.71	1,561.17	1,908.09	2,255.02	2,601.95	3,122.34
Thornton	1,036.54	1,209.30	1,382.06	1,554.81	1,900.32	2,245.83	2,591.35	3,109.62
<u>All Other Parts of the Council's Area</u>	1,032.50	1,204.59	1,376.67	1,548.75	1,892.91	2,237.08	2,581.25	3,097.50

6. The Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2015/2016 is not deemed to be excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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