

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No

meeting date: 24 NOVEMBER 2009
title: CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAXBASE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform you of the council taxbase for 2010/11.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- ❖ The Council has a statutory duty to set its taxbase. The revenue raised from council tax is used to finance the Council's priorities, objectives and ambitions.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires each billing authority to calculate the council taxbase for its area or part of its area, eg parish.

2.2 The setting of the Council's taxbase is delegated to the Director of Resources.

2.3 This report includes my provisional calculation of the taxbase. The final calculation must be made and approved between 1 December and 31 January.

2.4 We are in the process of notifying parishes (local precepting authorities) of the estimated taxbase for their area to enable them to set precepts.

3 THE CALCULATION

3.1 The calculation briefly comprises:

- a) The number of properties in each valuation band shown on the valuation list.
- b) Less the number of dwellings that are exempt where, for example, properties are unoccupied and unfurnished for a period of less than six months.
- c) Adjustments for properties where disabled relief applies.
- d) Deductions in respect of discounts:

	Discount Allowed
Empty Property Furnished (Second Homes)	10%
Single Persons	25%
Empty Dwellings Not Exempt	50%
Dwellings Where All Residents Are Disregarded	50%
Dwellings Occupied Wholly by Students	100%

e) Adjustments

- i) Dwellings coming on or moving off the list.

- ii) Changes in the number of discounts.
 - iii) Allowance for appeals against the valuation banding.
- f) The resultant figure is then multiplied by the appropriate quotient for that band to give the band D equivalent, eg:

$$\text{Band A} \times \frac{6}{9} = \text{Band D Equivalent} \quad \text{Band H} \times \frac{18}{9} = \text{Band D Equivalent}$$

- g) A special reduction applies for disabled persons living in band A properties, they pay 5/9ths of the band D charge.
- h) Finally, an aggregate of each band is then multiplied by the assumed collection rate to give the taxbase for that parish.

This calculation is then repeated for each parish and town. The sum of them all equals the Council's taxbase. This is shown in Annex 1 together with the taxbase for 2009/10 for comparison purposes.

- 3.2 This calculation is provisional and I will need to review the taxbase on 1 December in accordance with the Council Taxbase Regulations and amend it if appropriate.
- 3.3 The taxbase includes the equivalent of 82 band D properties arising from reducing the discount on furnished empty property (second homes); the funds raised are used to support the Local Strategic Partnership.

4 ASSUMPTIONS

- 4.1 In estimating the taxbase there are always a number of areas of uncertainty and the following assumptions have been made:
 - a) The number of exemptions will remain constant throughout the year.
 - b) The number of discounts will remain constant throughout the year.
 - c) The number of properties on the valuation list will remain constant throughout the year.
 - d) The collection rate will be 99.25%.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Calculating the taxbase is the first stage in setting next year's Council Tax. The overall taxbase is virtually unchanged from 2009/10.

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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COUNCIL TAXBASE

	Band D Equivalent Taxbase	
	Including Second Homes 2009/10	Including Second Homes 2010/11
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	439	440
Balderstone	198	200
Bashall Eaves	82	83
Billington & Langho	2,131	2,155
Bolton-By-Bowland	248	243
Bowland Forest HD	59	59
Bowland Forest LD	84	83
Bowland with Leagram	82	82
Chatburn	396	400
Chipping	485	480
Clayton-Le-Dale	519	524
Clitheroe	5,135	5,141
Dinckley	40	39
Downham	55	56
Dutton	101	105
Easington	26	27
Gisburn	210	209
Gisburn Forest	63	65
Great Mitton	98	99
Grindleton	358	364
Horton	43	44
Hothersall	74	73
Little Mitton	16	16
Longridge	2,736	2,746
Mearley	8	8
Mellor	1,018	1,011
Middop	22	22
Newsholme	20	20
Newton	149	143
Osbaldeston	107	105
Paythorne	43	40
Pendleton	106	107

	Band D Equivalent Taxbase	
	Including Second Homes 2009/10	Including Second Homes 2010/11
Ramsgreave	287	286
Read	562	557
Ribchester	659	663
Rimington	200	204
Sabden	517	511
Salesbury	180	175
Sawley	166	169
Simonstone	509	507
Slaidburn	125	125
Thornley with Wheatley	155	156
Twiston	33	34
Waddington	449	448
West Bradford	371	370
Whalley	1,469	1,466
Wilpshire	1,009	999
Wiswell	459	455
Worston	41	43
Total	22,342	22,357