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**REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR OPERATIONS AND ASSETS****COUNCIL TAX BASE 2015/16****EXEMPT INFORMATION**

None

**PURPOSE**

To report the Council Tax Base for the Borough Council for 2015/16.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Tamworth Borough Council resolves its calculation of the Council Tax Base for the year 2015/16 to be 20,628 (2014/15 – 20,389).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Borough Council is required to calculate its Council Tax Base for each financial year and notify Staffordshire County Council, The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire and Staffordshire Fire Authority by 31 January preceding that financial year.

The Authority is required to approve the Council Tax Base.

The Council Tax Base is the total of the number of domestic properties in the Borough, after making deductions for exempt dwellings and for the granting of reliefs and discounts for disabled occupiers, single occupiers and as appropriate empty properties. Since 2013/14 the figure is also reduced for the properties where Council Tax Support (replacing Council Tax Benefit from April 2013) is given. This is expressed as Band D equivalents.

**OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Not applicable.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The figure for 2015/16 Council Tax Base is calculated at 20,628. This represents an increase in the current year of 239 or 1.2%.

**LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND**

If the base is not set in the legally required timeframe it can be calculated by precepting authorities and imposed upon us.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended the Borough Council is required to calculate its Council Tax Base for each financial year and is required to notify Staffordshire County Council, The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire and Staffordshire Fire Authority by 31 January preceding that financial year.

In accordance with the Local Authority (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as amended, the Tax Base for the year 2015/16 is calculated by applying a formula  $A \times B$ .

*A* is the number of properties in each band (expressed as a number of band D equivalents).

*B* is the Authority's estimate of its collection rate for that year. It is recommended that this should be 97.9%.

Applying the collection rate to *A* gives a Council Tax Base of 20,628 (21,070 x 97.9%).

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Local Government Finance Act 1992  
Local Authority (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992  
Local Government Finance Act 2012  
Local Authority (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012

## **APPENDICES**

**Appendix A** – Council Tax Base Calculation 2015/16