

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**CABINET EXECUTIVE**

**28th November 2018**

**REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Aled Davies  
Portfolio Holder for Finance**

**SUBJECT: Council Tax Base for 2019-2020**

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**REPORT FOR: Decision**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Section 33 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 requires each Billing Authority to calculate the basic amount of its Council Tax by applying a formula which includes calculating the Council's Council Tax Base.
- 1.2 This report is to formally set the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2019-20 for tax setting purposes. Setting the Council Tax base is an annual statutory requirement and is an integral part of the setting of the Council's council tax level (at band D) in accordance with specified formulae, reflecting its budget requirements for the relevant financial year.
- 1.3 The Council Tax Base is the adjusted number of chargeable dwellings in the Council's area belonging to each valuation band modified to take account of a number of assumptions and factors including the proportion applying to dwellings in each Council Tax Band together with the number of discounts, exemptions, disablement reductions and premiums. An estimate for losses on collection is also made.
- 1.4 The Council made a determination to introduce a 50% Premium from April 2017, for Tax on long term empty homes (unoccupied and unfurnished) and periodically occupied dwellings (second homes/holiday homes- that are furnished and not someone's main residence). Notwithstanding that many properties will be subject to an exception from the Premium for a further period of 12 months, the Council Tax Base now also includes a projection of those properties that may be subject to the Council Tax Premium in 2019-20.
- 1.5 This calculation is made in accordance with the "Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.
- 1.6 The Council Tax Base calculation for 2019-20 is based on the list prepared by the Valuation Office Agency, as at 31<sup>st</sup> October for the financial year.

- 1.7 The gross Council Tax Base calculation is supplied to Welsh Government and is used as part of the distribution of Revenue Support Grant in the annual provisional and final local Government Revenue Settlement.
- 1.8 The Council is not only required to calculate the Council Tax Base for the County Council as a whole, but also make separate calculations for areas that have their own Town or Community Council.
- 1.9 The net Council Tax Base is used by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Town/Community Council's to set their Council Tax precepts for 2019-20, which will be included in the annual demands sent to every Council Tax payer in March 2019.

## **2. THE CALCULATION**

- 2.1 Appendix A sets out, in a standard format, the calculation of the 2019-20 Council Tax Base.
- 2.2 The estimated collection rate on non-military dwellings is **98.5%**. This is the same estimated collection rate as used in 2018-19.
- 2.3 For military dwellings the Regulations require Authorities to assume a 100% collection rate on dwellings.
- 2.4 The breakdown of the Council Tax Base for each Community is set out in paragraph 3.2 below.

## **3. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended:

- 3.1 That the report on the calculation of the Council Tax Base for the whole and parts of its area for the year 2019-20 be approved.
- 3.2 That, pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, the amount calculated by Powys County Council as its Council Tax Base for the whole of its area for the year 2019-20 shall be **62,123:50** and for the parts of the area listed below for the year 2019-20 shall be for the:

**Community of:**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Tax Base 2019-20</b>
Abbeycwmhir	126.79
Aberedw	139.34
Aberhafesp	218.30
Abermule with Llandyssil	737.34
Banwy	320.87
Bausley with Criggion	364.73
Beguildy	377.70
Berriew	758.87
Betws Cedewain	225.48
Brecon	3454.84
Bronllys	438.10
Builth Wells	1072.08
Cadfarch	450.76
Caersws	710.33
Carno	354.87
Carreghofa	318.08
Castle Caereinion	304.23
Churchstoke	848.49
Cilmery	236.05
Clyro	421.45
Cray	137.17
Crickhowell	1116.33
Cwmdu and District	563.11
Disserth & Trecoed	549.15
Duhonw	153.90
Dwyrhiw	278.81
Erwood	252.79
Felinfach	384.37
Forden	797.35
Gladestry	225.77
Glantwymyn	650.32
Glasbury	563.71
Glascwm	262.85
Glyn Tarrell	302.44
Guilsfield	867.62
Gwernyfed	485.94
Hay-on-Wye	881.98
Honddu Isaf	226.68
Kerry	952.26
Knighton	1322.87
Llanafanfawr	239.63
Llanbadarn Fawr	339.82
Llanbadarn Fynydd	143.64
Llanbister	192.39

Llanbrynmair	498.80
Llanddew	121.81
Llanddewi Ystradenny	144.13
Llandinam	440.49
Llandrindod Wells	2381.29
Llandrinio & Arddleen	720.29
Llandysilio	546.64
Llanelwedd	191.39
Llanerfyl	217.21
LLanfair Caereinion	786.19
Llanfechain	270.74
Llanfihangel	277.81
Llanfihangel Rhydithon	121.31
Llanfrynach	329.15
Llanfyllin	710.43
Llangammarch	261.26
Llangattock	558.61
Llangedwyn	199.46
Llangorse	565.10
Llangunllo	206.43
Llangurig	381.68
Llangynidr	595.29
Llangyniew	310.61
Llangynog	196.47
Llanidloes	1186.01
Llanidloes Without	314.50
Llanigon	283.20
Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant	592.90
Llansantffraid	719.11
Llansilin	363.93
Llanwddyn	122.21
Llanwrthwl	105.86
Llanwrtyd Wells	402.02
Llanyre	587.21
Llywel	254.68
Machynlleth	877.20
Maescar	474.64
Manafon	178.73
Meifod	708.33
Merthyr Cynog	141.84
Mochdre with Penstrowed	249.70
Montgomery	724.49
Nantmel	350.38
New Radnor	233.85
Newtown & Llanllwchaiarn	4333.35
Old Radnor	404.21
Painscastle	289.88

Pen Y Bont Fawr	252.89
Penybont & Llandegley	204.54
Presteigne & Norton	1286.19
Rhayader	915.38
St Harmon	314.00
Talgarth	741.43
Talybont-on-Usk	398.73
Tawe Uchaf	570.28
Trallong	204.95
Trefeglwys	463.32
Treflys	227.87
Tregynon	394.74
Trewern	652.92
Vale of Grwyney	492.75
Welshpool	2660.89
Whitton	210.52
Yscir	261.16
Ystradfelte	257.77
Ystradgynlais	2912.75

**62,123:50**

#### **4. SUPPORT SERVICES (Legal, Finance, HR, ICT, BPU)**

- 4.1 The Capital and Financial Planning Accountant confirmed that the increase in the council tax base will allow additional income to be collected in 19/20. If the current council tax rate for a Band D property is used the additional income is £443k. This will be considered as part of the budget planning process.
- 4.2 Legal: The recommendations can be supported from a legal point of view.

#### **5. STATUTORY OFFICERS**

- 5.1 The Head of Financial Services (Deputy S151 Officer) confirms that the setting of the Council tax base is a significant part of the overall budget setting process and is a statutory requirement. Setting the Band D Council Tax level takes account of the requirement of specified formulae, reflecting its budget requirements for the relevant financial year. The collection rate of 98.5% is reasonable and prudent, being based on current and historic collection rates.
- 5.2 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) comments: "I note the legal comments and have nothing to add to the report."

## 6. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

6.1 The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

<b>Recommendation:</b>		<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>	
<p>1. That the calculation of the Council Tax Base for the whole of its area for the year 2019-20 of <b>62,123:50</b> be approved,</p> <p>2. That the calculation of the Tax Base for each Town &amp; Community Council contained within section 3.2 above, be approved.</p>		To meet the legal requirement of the Council to set a Council Tax Base for 2019-20	
<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>			
<b>Within Policy:</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Within Budget:</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>		<b>All Members</b>	
<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>		<b>Strategic Director - Resources</b>	
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>		<b>Immediately</b>	
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**APPENDIX A**

**COUNCIL TAX BASE 2019-20**

<b>Banding:</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Chargeable Dwellings.		5462	8783	12444	9983	11864	9201	4005	576	199	62,517
Disabled Band Reduction		11	46	85	78	143	101	63	7	28	562
Adjusted Chargeable Dwellings	11	5497	8822	12437	10048	11822	9163	3949	597	171	<b>62,517</b>
<b>Adjustments:</b>											
No Discount	5	2274	4508	7619	6722	8527	7245	3275	472	140	40,787
One Discount	6	3217	4306	4808	3314	3277	1888	665	97	29	21,607
Two Discounts	0	6	8	10	12	18	30	9	28	2	123
Total											<b>62,517</b>
<b>Discount Calculations:</b>											
Total Discounts	6	3229	4322	4828	3338	3313	1948	683	153	33	21,853
Reduction for Discounts	1.5	807.25	1080.50	1207.00	834.50	828.25	487.00	170.75	38.25	8.25	<b>5,463.25</b>
<b>Premiums (50%)</b>											
Increase for Premiums	0	191	206	257	259	264	162	77	20	4	1,440
	0	95.50	103	128.50	129.50	132	81	38.5	10	2	<b>720</b>
Net Chargeable Dwellings.	9.50	4785.25	7844.50	11358.50	9343.00	11125.75	87757	3816.75	568.75	164.75	
Ratio to Band D	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9	21/9	
Band D Equivalent	5.28	3190.17	6101.28	10096.44	9343.00	13598.14	12649.00	6361.25	1137.50	384.42	<b>62,866.48</b>

<b>Military Properties:</b>											
Number of Properties	0	1	47	37	67	22	15	1	4	2	196
Band D Equivalent	0	0.67	36.56	32.89	67.00	26.89	21.67	1.67	8.00	4.67	<b>200.02</b>

<b>Collection Rate 98:5%</b>	<b>61,923.48</b>
<b>Military Band D Equivalent</b>	<b>200.02</b>
<b>COUNCIL TAX BASE:</b>	<b>62,123.50</b>