

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**CABINET EXECUTIVE
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Portfolio Holder for Finance

SUBJECT: Council Tax Base for 2021-2022

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

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.

2. Background

2.1 This report is to formally set the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2021-22 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.

2.2 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.

2.3 The Council determined to introduce a 50% Premium from April 2017, for Council 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). This Council Tax Base calculation includes a projection of those properties that may be subject to the Council Tax Premium during 2021-22, based on the 50% premium charge continuing.

2.4 This calculation is made in accordance with the "Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016.

- 2.5 The Council Tax Base calculation for 2021-22 is based on the list prepared by the Valuation Office Agency, as at 31st October for the financial year.
- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 The net Council Tax Base is used by the Police & Crime Commissioner and Town/Community Council's to set their Council Tax precepts for 2021-22, which will be included in the annual demands sent to every Council Tax payer in March 2021.

3. The Calculation

- 3.1 Appendix one sets out the calculation of the 2021-22 Council Tax Base.
- 3.2 The estimated collection rate on non-military dwellings is **98.4%**, a reduction of 0.1% to that used within 2020-21 calculation. This has been reduced having regard to the current on-going pandemic and impact this will have on collection of Council Tax during 2021-22.
- 3.3 For military dwellings the Regulations require Authorities to assume a **100%** collection rate on dwellings.
- 3.4 The breakdown of the Council Tax Base for each Community is set out in paragraph 4.2 below.

4. Advice

It is proposed that:

- 4.1 That this report on the calculation of the Council Tax Base for the whole and parts of its area for the year 2021-22 be approved. The calculation is contained within appendix one.
- 4.2 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 2021-22 shall be **62,584:26**, a growth of 187.56 on 2020-21 Tax-Base, and for the parts of the area listed below for the year 2021-22 shall be for the:

Community of:

Community	2021-22
Abbeycwmhir	127.68
Aberedw	141.72
Aberhafesp	228.94
Abermule with Llandyssil	735.75
Banwy	321.23
Bausley with Criggion	364.58
Beguildy	379.74
Berriew	759.16
Betws Cedewain	230.74
Brecon	3541.96
Bronllys	442.52
Builth Wells	1082.30
Cadfarch	451.49
Caersws	707.84
Carno	351.43
Carreghofa	320.13
Castle Caereinion	306.28
Churchstoke	875.28
Cilmery	236.70
Clyro	429.57
Cray	129.57
Crickhowell	1131.12
Cwmdu and District	563.12
Disserth & Trecoed	550.07
Duhonw	153.78
Dwyrhiw	285.24
Erwood	252.05
Felinfach	379.44
Forde	812.09
Gladestry	226.35
Glantwymyn	646.74
Glasbury	574.28
Glascwm	271.20
Glyn Tarrell	302.79
Guilsfield	865.91
Gwernyfed	483.19
Hay-on-Wye	896.62
Honddu Isaf	228.25
Kerry	978.33
Knighton	1326.18
Llanafanfawr	233.91
Llanbadarn Fawr	348.93
Llanbadarn Fynydd	140.62
Llanbister	192.56
Llanbrynmair	491.76
Llanddew	122.4
Llanddewi Ystradenny	145.72
Llandinam	447.90
Llandrindod Wells	2420.93

Llandrinio & Arddleen	735.65
Llandysilio	552.16
Llanelwedd	191.36
Llanerfyl	216.08
LLanfair Caereinion	792.06
Llanfechain	273.79
Llanfihangel	275.59
Llanfihangel Rhydithon	120.20
Llanfrynach	326.41
Llanfyllin	720.59
Llangammarch	267.11
Llangattock	569.01
Llangedwyn	199.93
Llangorse	570.00
Llangunllo	197.24
Llangurig	390.99
Llangynidr	592.92
Llangyniew	304.08
Llangynog	194.35
Llanidloes	1193.32
Llanidloes Without	316.44
Llanigon	278.47
Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant	599.40
Llansantffraid	718.9
Llansilin	357.71
Llanwddyn	127.18
Llanwrthwl	105.15
Llanwrtyd Wells	395.68
Llanyre	582.75
Llywel	259.03
Machynlleth	882.45
Maescar	474.47
Manafon	179.20
Meifod	708.03
Merthyr Cynog	139.43
Mochdre with Penstrowed	259.73
Montgomery	728.27
Nantmel	341.46
New Radnor	238.40
Newtown & Llanllwchaiarn	4364.04
Old Radnor	401.96
Paincastle	289.43
Pen Y Bont Fawr	263.03
Penybont & Llandegley	205.31
Presteigne & Norton	1287.30
Rhayader	909.16
St Harmon	316.14
Talgarth	737.44
Talybont-on-Usk	397.47
Tawe Uchaf	571.40
Trallong	200.73
Trefeglwys	491.85
Treflys	227.74

Tregynon	388.80
Trewern	657.31
Vale of Grwyney	497.40
Welshpool	2708.68
Whitton	213.30
Yscir	258.24
Ystradfelte	249.16
Ystradgynlais	2937.29

62,584.26

5. Resource Implications

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The Deputy Head of Finance confirms that the increase in the Council Tax Base will provide additional council tax revenue in 2021/22, and mitigates the small reduction in assumed collection rate. The tax base is accounted for as part of the council's financial strategy alongside the Revenue Support Grant distributed by the Welsh Government which uses the Council Tax Base to determine the Revenue Support Grant settlement. The figures proposed in this report are consistent with the projections already set out in our Finance Resource Model.
- 5.3 There are no known ICT, customer services or physical implications
- 5.4 Communications commented that no proactive communication action is required
- 5.5 The Head of Finance (Section 151 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 reduction in the Council Tax collection to 98.4% is reasonable and prudent, it is based on historic collection rates but also reflects the impact the pandemic is having on our current years collection which could continue into next financial year.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 Legal, the recommendation can be supported from a legal point of view
- 6.2 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

7. Data Protection

7.1 There are no data protection implications within the proposal

8. Local Members

8.1 No comments have been received from local members.

9. Integrated Impact Assessment

9.1 There is no impact assessment, as report is one of a technical nature.

10. Recommendation

10.1 That the calculation of the Council Tax Base for the whole of its area for the year 2021-22 of **62,584.26** be approved, and

10.2 That the calculation of the Council Tax Base for each Town and Community Council contained within 4.2 above, be approved to meet the legal requirement of the Council to set a Council Tax Base for 2021-22.

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Appendix One

Code: 524 Authority: Powys County Council

CT1 2021-22

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
		A*	Valuation band									Total (= sum of band figures)	
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I		
Part A: Chargeable dwellings													
1	A1	All chargeable dwellings	5,566	8,818	12,597	10,138	11,977	9,268	4,028	571	200	63,163	
2	A2	Dwellings subject to disability reduction (included in line A1)	14	47	82	81	158	122	60	8	29	601	
3	A3	Adjusted chargeable dwellings (taking into account disability reductions)	14	5,599	8,853	12,596	10,215	11,941	9,206	3,976	592	171	63,163
4	B1	Dwellings with no discount or premium (including long term empty properties and second homes with no discount)	5	2,126	4,300	7,281	6,529	8,261	7,024	3,193	453	130	39,302
4.1	B2a	Dwellings with a 25% discount (excluding long term empty properties and second homes)	9	3,278	4,329	5,031	3,405	3,374	1,977	677	98	30	22,208
4.2	B2b	Dwellings with a 50% discount (excluding long term empty properties and second homes)	0	6	10	10	11	19	28	15	28	2	129
7	B3a	Dwellings with a variable discount other than 25% or 50% (Part G, line 11)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.1	B3b	Dwellings with long term empty property or second homes discount		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.2	B3c	Dwellings with long term empty property or second homes premium		189	214	274	270	287	177	91	13	9	1,524
8	B4	Total adjusted chargeable dwellings (sum of B1 to B3c=A3)	14	5,599	8,853	12,596	10,215	11,941	9,206	3,976	592	171	63,163
			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discount and premium adjustments													
9	B5	Total variable discounts (=Part G, line 12)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.1	B6	Long term empty property and second homes discount adjustment (Part H, line 9g, 11g)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9.2	B7	Long term empty property and second homes premium adjustment (Part H, line 10g, 12g)		94.5	107.0	137.0	135.0	143.5	88.5	45.5	6.5	4.5	762.0
Part C: Calculation of chargeable dwellings with discounts and premiums													
11	C2	Total dwellings including discounts and premiums (=A3-(B2ax0.25)-(B2bx0.5)-B5-B6+B7)	12	4,871	7,873	11,470	9,493	11,232	8,786	3,845	560	167	
	C3	Ratio to band D	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9	21/9	
13	C4	Band D equivalents (=C2xC3) (rounded to 2 decimal places)	6.53	3,247.33	6,123.25	10,195.78	9,493.25	13,727.39	12,691.25	6,407.92	1,120.00	389.67	63,402.37
13.3	C7	Total discounted dwellings excluding long term empty and second homes adjustment	12	4,777	7,766	11,333	9,358	11,088	8,698	3,799	554	163	
13.4	C8	Band D equivalents excluding long term empty and second homes adjustment	6.53	3,184.33	6,040.03	10,074.00	9,358.25	13,552.00	12,563.42	6,332.08	1,107.00	379.17	62,596.81
(sum of individual bands - carry to E1)													
Part D: Memorandum items													
14	D1	Exempt dwellings Classes A to N and P to W (not included in sections A to C above)		328	362	344	295	348	182	65	9	4	1,937
15	D2	Exempt dwellings Class O (not included in sections A to C above)		1	47	34	61	22	15	2	1	6	189

Part E: Calculation of council tax base

22	E1	Chargeable dwellings: band D equivalents (=C4 total)	63,402.37
23	E2	Collection rate (please enter to 2 decimal places)	98.40 %
24	E3	= E1 x E2 (rounded to 2 decimal places)	62,387.93
25	E4	Class O exempt dwellings: band D equivalents (please enter to 2 decimal places)	196.33
26	E5	Council tax base for tax-setting purposes (=E3+E4)	62,584.26
26.2	E5b	Discounted chargeable dwellings excluding long term empty and second homes adjustment	62,596.81
27	E6	100% council tax base for calculating revenue support grant (=E5b+E4)	62,793.14