



Berwick upon Tweed Town Council

Budget & Administration Committee

15 June 2021

Appendix E

Report of Finance Officer

Parish Precepts in Northumberland

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Background

1. Berwick Town Council is one of 156 civil parishes in Northumberland, which contain just over 100,000 residential properties in total.
2. Of these 156 Civil Parishes, 149 set a precept for the 2021-22 financial year.
3. For the purposes of collecting the precept [and council tax], the number of residential properties is adjusted to take into account exemptions, discounts and any premiums charged. This adjusted number is referred to as the council tax base.
4. For Northumberland, the Council Tax Base is 106934.93, with only 363.36 falling outside the precept system.

Council Tax Base

5. As might be expected, most parishes in Northumberland are small, with only 38 of the 149 having a council tax base over 500 and 39 having a council tax base of under 100.
6. Blyth has the largest tax base [over 10000], while the smallest is Hesleyhurst [just over 12].
7. Berwick is one of 18 parishes with a council tax base of over 1000. At 3397.01, Berwick has the ninth largest council tax base in Northumberland.
8. Table 1 lists the parishes with a council tax base over 1000.

Recommendation

1. That Councillors note the report.

Author	RPL	Town Clerk sign off (if required)	GD
Checked by	SC	Finance Officer sign off (if required)	RPL

Table 1 Parishes in order of size [Council Tax Base over 1000]

Parish	2020/21 Precept	2020/210 Tax base	2020/21 Household Charge
Blyth	1287074	10082.78	127.65
Cramlington	957000	8465.24	113.05
Ashington	798060	7462.66	106.94
Ponteland	429096	5808.80	73.87
Morpeth	660371	5380.68	122.73
Seaton Valley	572170	4724.77	121.10
Hexham	340000	4361.81	77.95
Prudhoe	389215	3398.05	114.54
Berwick-upon-Tweed	261841	3397.01	77.08
West Bedlington	251775	3202.05	78.63
Alnwick	330482	2839.13	116.40
Choppington	410867	2548.83	161.20
East Bedlington	277038	2007.52	138.00
Amble by the Sea	211340	1753.13	120.55
Corbridge	128000	1727.30	74.10
Newbiggin by the Sea	246898	1424.03	173.38
Stocksfield	99006	1323.74	74.79
Haltwhistle	142500	1116.17	127.67