

## Council tax precept setting

### Background

1. At its last meeting council approved a budget which included a precept requirement figure of £274,103.
2. This figure was derived by adding the deficit on the proposed budget to the previous year's precept.
3. We have since received the finalized report to Northumberland County Council (NCC)'s Cabinet which sets out the Band D tax base as being £3321.
4. Dividing the precept requirement by the Band D tax base produces a final figure for the 2018-19 Band D precept as being £82.54. This is an increase of £4.71, or approximately 9p per week, over 2017-18. The percentage figure is 6.05%.

### Recommendations

1. Council is recommended to delegate authority to the Town Clerk / RFO to sign the enclosed form to the Director of Finance at NCC, levying the sum of £274,103.
2. Council is recommended to delegate to the Town Clerk / RFO authority to complete the breakdown of spending form attached, and to return it to NCC.

### Appendices

1. Precept calculation worksheet
2. NCC Levy form for completion and return to Alison Elsdon
3. NCC Council Tax Information Form
4. Timetable letter from Andy Stewart
5. NCC taxbase report