Meeting:	**COUNCIL**
Date:	Wednesday 21 February 2007
Subject:	**COUNCIL BUDGET 2007/2008 AND SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX FOR 2007/2008**
Report of:	Councillor Williams on behalf of the Cabinet

The Council is asked to consider the report of the Directors' Group (Appendix 1 to this report) and also the Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet minutes and resolutions from the meetings held on 29 January and 7 February 2007 respectively (Appendix 2).

The notes of the meeting with representatives of the borough's business and voluntary sectors held on 9 October 2006 was previously submitted to the Cabinet on 13 December 2006.

The report of the Directors' Group (Appendix 1) may be viewed on the Council's website at:
http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/meetings/cabinet
(under the listing for the Cabinet meeting held on 7 February 2007)

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After consideration of the foregoing, the Council is asked to approve the following:

1. The recommendations as detailed in the report (Appendix 1) of the Directors' Group:

   (i) General Fund net expenditure, growth and savings proposals as set out in section 2 and within Appendices A (as amended by Cabinet) and B;

   (ii) An increase of 2.5% in the Council Tax for Eastbourne Borough Council to a Band D charge of £203.82;

   (iii) Housing Revenue Account income and expenditure proposals as set out at Section 3 and within Appendix D;

   (iv) Capital expenditure and resource proposals as set out in Section 4 and within Appendix E;

(v) That Council adopts the prudential indicators and limits for 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 set out within Appendix G;

(vi) That Council adopts the Treasury Management Strategy for 2007/2008 set out in section 6 of the report and the treasury prudential indicators for 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 set out within Appendix H;

(vii) That Council adopts an investment strategy for 2007/2008 as contained in the treasury management strategy and the detailed criteria included within Appendix J.

2. That consequent upon a General Fund Budget of £17,486,397 and other matters, the basic amount (Band D) of Council Tax for the Borough Council's functions will be £203.82 calculated as follows:

		£	Band D Council Tax
Borough Requirement:		17,486,397	
Less:	£		
Revenue Support Grant	(1,456,357)		
Business Rates	(8,678,055)		
Council Tax Deficit	121,686		
		(10,012,726)	
Council Tax Requirement:		7,473,671	£203.82

The statutory resolutions relating to this matter are given at paragraphs 3 and 4 below.

3. That it be noted that at its meeting on 17 January 2007 the Council calculated the amount of 36,668 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2007/2008 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as amended by the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 1999, made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 and by the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003, made under Sections 75 and 76 of the Local Government Act 2003.

4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2007/2008 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a)	£76,601,397	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.
(b)	£59,115,000	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (d) of the Act.
(c)	£17,486,397	being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
(d)	£10,012,726	being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant or additional grant less the deficit on the Collection Fund.
(e)	£203.82	being the amount at 4(c) above less the amount at 4(d) above, all divided by the amount at 3 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
(f)	Valuation Bands	

A	£135.88	B	£158.53	C	£181.17	D	£203.82
E	£249.11	F	£294.41	G	£339.70	H	£407.64

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4(e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

5. That it be noted that for the year 2007/2008 the East Sussex County Council at its meeting on 20th February 2007 had set the following amounts* in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands							
A		B		C		D	
E		F		G		H	

**Note: The East Sussex County Council had not yet determined its Council Tax figures for 2007/2008 at the time this report was required to be despatched. An addendum sheet with these figures will be prepared and issued to Members before the Council meeting once this determination has been received.*

6. That it be noted that for the year 2007/2008 the Sussex Police Authority at its meeting on 15th February 2007 had set the following amounts* in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands							
A	£	B	£	C	£	D	£
E	£	F	£	G	£	H	£

**Note: The Sussex Police Authority had not yet determined its Council Tax figures for 2007/2008 at the time this report was required to be despatched. An addendum sheet with these figures will be prepared and issued to Members before the Council meeting once this determination has been received.*

7. That it be noted that for the year 2007/2008 the East Sussex Fire Authority at its meeting on 8th February 2007 set the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands							
A	£49.13	B	£57.32	C	£65.51	D	£73.70
E	£90.08	F	£106.45	G	£122.83	H	£147.40

8. That, having calculated the aggregate in each of the amounts at 4(f), 5, 6 and 7 above the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts* of Council Tax for the year 2007/2008 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands							
A		B		C		D	
E		F		G		H	

**Note: Both the East Sussex County Council and the Sussex Police Authority had not determined Council Tax figures for 2007/2008 at the time this report was required to be despatched. As a result the overall Council Tax figures could not be completed. An addendum sheet with these figures will be prepared and issued to Members before the Council meeting once the determinations have been received.*

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