

EMPLOYMENT AND GENERAL COMMITTEE

Monday, 21st January, 2019

Present:-

Councillor Burrows (Chair)

Councillors Simmons

Councillors

Davenport

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

76 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

77 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blank and Wall.

78 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 12 November, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

79 **APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL TAX AND BUSINESS RATES BASES
FOR 2014/15**

The Director of Finance and Resources submitted a report seeking approval of the Tax Base calculation for 2018/19.

The Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) required the Borough Council as Billing Authority to calculate the tax base for the Borough and the Parishes and to notify the Major Precepting Authorities (Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Policy Authority), and those Parishes requesting it, by 31 January each year.

The report gave details of how the tax base was calculated and the legal implications.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the report for the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for the whole and parts of the area for 2019/20 be approved.
2. That pursuant to the report and in accordance with Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended), the amount calculated by Chesterfield Borough Council as its Tax Base for the year 2019/20 shall be:

Table – 2019/20 TAX BASE (Equivalent Number of Band ‘D’ Dwellings)

	2018/19	2019/20	Increase / (Decrease)	
			No.	%
Chesterfield (whole area)	28,769.10	29,000.63	231.53	0.8
Staveley Town Council	4,101.13	4,136.40	35.27	0.9
Brimington Parish Council	2,329.75	2,330.59	0.84	0.04

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To fulfil a statutory requirement to enable the Council Tax to be set later in the financial year.

80 NON DOMESTIC RATES ESTIMATES 2019/20

The Director of Finance and Resources submitted a report seeking approval for the National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) estimates and NNDR1 Return for 2019/20.

The Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) required the Borough Council as Billing authority to calculate the Tax Base for the Borough and the Parishes and to notify the Major Precepting Authorities (Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Authority), and those Parishes which requested it, by 31st January each year.

The Local Government Finance Act introduced the part-retention of income from Business Rates from April 2013. The income generated is to be shared between the Government (50%), the County Council (9%), the Fire Authority (1%) and the Borough Council (40%). The Council will then have to pay a tariff of £11,282,000 from its share of the income to the Government and a levy of £1,152,000 into the Derbyshire Pool.

The Council was required to complete and approve the NNDR1 Return, showing how the estimated income had been calculated and how it was to be shared.

The report provided details of how the tax base was calculated and also how the estimated net yield would be shared, together with the legal implications.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the estimated National Non Domestic Rates estimates as recorded on the NNDR1 Return (Appendix A to the report) be approved.
2. That the Director of Finance and Resources be given delegated authority to make any subsequent changes to the NNDR1 return that are identified before the final submission date of the 31 January, 2019.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To fulfil the statutory requirements to approve the estimated Business Rates income. The information is required by the Government, by the Council and the other precepting authorities to enable them to set their Council Taxes.

**81 INTERIM POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW
HOLLINGWOOD AND INKERSALL GA2/GA3 (EC010)**

The Electoral Services Manager submitted a report seeking approval of two new polling stations and the re-drawing of polling districts GA2/GA3 in the Hollingwood and Inkersall ward.

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide the Borough Wards into polling districts and to designate at least one polling place for each polling district. The Council is also required to keep the arrangements under review. Further to the last full review, the

Inkersall Methodist Church would no longer be available due to structural defects.

As The Hollies, which is located next to the former polling station, would be too small to accommodate two polling stations, a line had been drawn on one side of Dade Avenue to separate GA2 and GA3. The Hop Flower would be closer to the properties of the residents in the GA3 polling district.

The Elections Manager had reviewed the area and was unable to identify any other suitable premises, apart from Inkersall Primary School which would result in a school closure on the day of polling.

The officer's report included details of the consultation process which had been carried out.

***RESOLVED –**

That the designation of The Hop Flower, Beeley Close, Inkersall S43 3EB and The Hollies, Sutton Crescent, Inkersall S43 3SP as new polling places for polling districts GA2/GA3 to replace Inkerall Methodist Church, Summerskill Green, Inkersall S43 3SP be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION

To fulfil the statutory requirement to divide the Borough Wards into polling districts and designate at least one polling place for each polling district.

82 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED –

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

83 MINUTES OF EMPLOYER / TRADE UNION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Employer/Trade Union Committee held on 17 September and 22 October, 2018 were considered.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes be received and noted.