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Collection Fund Revised Estimates 2018/19 (J000)

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Date:	15 th January 2019
Cabinet portfolio:	Deputy Leader
Report by:	Director of Finance & Resources

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1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To agree the revised estimate of the surplus or deficit on the Collection Fund for 2018/19 so that it can be shared amongst the major precepting authorities in 2019/20.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the estimated deficit on the Council Tax of £27,135 be agreed and allocated to the major precepting authorities as detailed in Appendix A.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires Billing Authorities to calculate the estimated surplus or deficit on the Council Tax elements of the Collection Fund each year.

3.2 The Act prescribes that the estimated surplus or deficit should be allocated to the major precepting authorities in proportion to their precepts and that the major preceptors should then take it into account when calculating their Council Taxes for the following financial year.

4.0 **Considerations**

4.1 Council Tax Transactions

4.1.1 The estimate of Council Tax income for the year 2018/19 is £49.7m.

4.1.2 The accumulated bad debt provision has been estimated at £2,317,350.

4.1.3 In setting the Council Tax for 2018/19 it was originally estimated that there would be a surplus from the previous year of £523,799 to allocate. However, at the end of 2017/18 the surplus was £477,672. The shortfall of £46,127 will be allocated in 2019/20.

4.1.4 The precepts on the fund in 2018/19 total £49.3m.

4.1.5 The net result of all of the above items is to produce an estimated deficit of £27,135 on the Fund at 31st March 2019. Appendix A shows how the deficit is to be shared between the major precepting authorities in 2019/20. The majority (74.20%) goes to the County Council. The Borough Council receives 10.21% of the deficit i.e. £2,770.

5.0 **Legal and data protection implications**

5.1 The Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires Billing Authorities to calculate the estimated surplus or deficit on the Council Tax elements of the Collection Fund each year.

6.0 **Alternative options**

6.1 None.

7.0 **Recommendations**

7.1 That the estimated deficit on the Council Tax of £27,135 be agreed and allocated to the major precepting authorities as detailed in Appendix A.

8.0 **Reasons for recommendations**

8.1 To fulfil a statutory requirement and to feed into the budget setting process for 2019/20.

Decision information

Key decision number	855
Wards affected	All
Links to Council Plan priorities	To become financially self-sufficient by 2020, so we can continue to deliver the services our Communities need.

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Appendices to the report	
Appendix A	Revised Collection Fund Estimates 2018/19