

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy

Council Tax Base 2025/261. Purpose of Report

To approve the Council Tax Base for the year 2025/26.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that based on the number of Band D equivalent properties and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, Broxtowe Borough Council calculates its Council Tax Base for the year 2025/26 as follows:

1. For the whole of its area 35,568.23
2. In respect of Parish Precepts and Special Expenses for those parts of its area mentioned in the table below, the amounts specified therein:

<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	<u>Area Council Tax Base</u>
Awsworth	607.40
Brinsley	773.41
Cossall	246.43
Eastwood	3,088.63
Greasley	3,756.84
Kimberley	1,898.97
Nuthall	2,258.62
Stapleford	4,274.82
Strelley	175.30
Trowell	842.43
<u>Special Expenses Area</u>	
Beeston Area	17,645.38
Total	35,568.23

3. Detail

The 2025/26 Council Tax Base has now been calculated in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012. The calculated Council Tax Base for the Borough for the full year commencing 1 April 2025, assuming a collection rate of 98.5%, is 35,568.23. Separate calculations have been made for the parishes and special expenses areas. Further details are given in the **Appendix**.

4. Key Decision

This report is a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 as it is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards or electoral divisions in the Council's area.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

The proposed Council Tax Base has been prudently estimated in terms of growth and reliefs and discounts. It is broadly in line with the assumptions made in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Business Strategy approved by Cabinet on 5 November 2024, which assumed an increase in the Council Tax Base of 1%.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

The calculation of the tax base is a legal requirement and an essential part of the tax setting process. As stated in paragraph 3 the tax base calculations for a particular financial year must comply with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 and be determined by no later than 31st January in the preceding financial year. These regulations have been made under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (LGFA 1992). The Local Government Finance Act 2012 (LGFA 2012) includes several amendments to the LGFA 1992 that affect the calculation of the Council Tax base. These amendments require the Council to operate a Council Tax Support Scheme (as a replacement of Council Tax benefit) and gave powers to determine further discounts and set premiums.

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

Not applicable.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

As there is no change to policy an equality impact assessment is not required.

13. Background Papers

Nil.

Appendix

Further Information

The Council Tax Base is calculated on the estimated full year equivalent number of chargeable dwellings expressed as the equivalent number of band D dwellings in the Council's area after allowing for dwelling demolitions and completions in the year, exemptions, discounts, disabled reliefs and premiums, and estimated collection rates.

Under the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS), the Council Tax Base is affected by whether persons living in a dwelling within an area are in receipt of a Council Tax reduction awarded under the Scheme, as the billing authority foregoes Council Tax income from those dwellings. These local reductions are reflected in the calculation of the Council Tax Base, in order to calculate the correct amount of band D Council Tax for the billing and precepting authorities in the area.

The calculated Council Tax Base for the Borough for the year commencing 1 April 2025, assuming a 98.5% collection rate, is 35,568.23. Separate calculations are required to be made for the parishes and special expenses areas. The table below gives a comparison of the Council Tax Base for 2024/25 with the proposed figures for 2025/26 so that Members can see the growth between years. There has been some movement too between areas with recent changes to parish boundaries

Part of Council's area	Council Tax Base Actual 2024/25	Council Tax Base Proposed 2025/26	Change
Awsorth	596.93	607.40	1.76%
Brinsley	752.36	773.41	2.80%
Cossall	242.81	246.43	1.49%
Eastwood	3,092.46	3,088.63	-0.12%
Greasley	3,753.90	3,756.84	0.08%
Kimberley	1,898.21	1,898.97	0.04%
Nuthall	2,255.75	2,258.62	0.13%
Stapleford	4,240.31	4,274.82	0.81%
Strelley	174.41	175.30	0.51%
Trowell	838.10	842.43	0.52%
Beeston Special Expenses Area	17,379.01	17,645.38	1.53%
TOTAL	35,224.25	35,568.23	0.98%

The Council Tax Base figures will be notified to the parish and town councils in order that they may calculate their precepts. The overall summary for the Borough Council area broken down by band of property is shown below.

Band	No of Dwellings	% of Total	Chargeable Dwellings	Equivalent Discounts at 25%	Empty Homes Premium 100%	Empty Homes Premium 200%	Empty Homes Premium 300%	Equivalent No of Dwellings	Ratio to Band D	Chargeable Band D Equivalent Properties	CTS Reduction on average Band D	LCTSS Adjustment Band D Equivalent	No of Dwellings Relevant to Band D
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(6a)	(6b)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
A DPR	0	0	38	12.89	0	0	0	34.78	0.56	19.32	5.94	3.30	16.02
A	16830	32.37%	16390.5	8453.70	30	36	27	14370.08	0.67	9580.05	3036.46	2024.31	7555.74
B	13570	26.10%	13282	4605.03	20	14	3	12167.74	0.78	9463.80	876.60	681.80	8782.00
C	11177	21.49%	11023	3257.19	10	6	6	10230.70	0.89	9093.96	364.27	323.80	8770.16
D	6215	11.95%	6123	1461.21	6	8	3	5774.70	1.00	5774.70	113.20	113.20	5661.50
E	2836	5.45%	2797	505.36	2	0	0	2672.66	1.22	3266.58	44.32	54.17	3212.42
F	827	1.59%	807	161.7	1	2	0	769.58	1.44	1111.61	9.83	14.20	1097.41
G	512	0.98%	505	108.2	3	0	6	486.95	1.67	811.58	1.12	1.87	809.72
H	33	0.06%	24	18.96	0	0	0	19.26	2.00	38.52	0.00	0.00	38.52
Totals	52000	100.00%	50989.5	18584.24	72	66	45	46526.44		39160.12	4451.74	3216.64	35943.49

CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE 2025/26

Council Tax including estimated collection rate of 98.5%	35,404.33
Add: Band D equivalents for class O dwellings	163.90
Council Tax Base for Broxtowe Borough Council	<u>35,568.23</u>

NOTES (figures may not add up exactly due to rounding)

1. Column 4 equals column 2 less estimated exempt properties.
2. Column 7 equals column 4 less 25% of column 5 plus column 6, 6a and 6b.
3. Column 9 equals column 7 multiplied by column 8.
4. Column 12 equals column 9 less column 11.