

MTRP Budget Proposal – 2021/22 to 2023/24

Service Area	Non Service																										
Proposal Title	Increase in Council Tax																										
Summary Description, Delivery Arrangements and Timescales	<p>A base 4% increase is already included in our medium term financial projections each year. This year, it is proposed that an additional 1% increase is applied to council tax in 2021/22 bringing the proposed increase to 5%.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Percentage Increase</th> <th>5%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Newport Band D Tax 2021/22</td> <td>£1,257.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Increase per annum</td> <td>£59.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Increase per week</td> <td>£1.15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It is well documented that Newport's council tax is low compared to others in Wales, generating approximately 24% of our income, compared to around 25% for most Welsh councils. Newport continues to be one of the lowest council tax levels in Wales.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Comparison with existing Band D Council Tax (rounded) Current year (2020/21) before any increase</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Caerphilly</td> <td>£1,184</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NEWPORT</td> <td>£1,198</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wrexham</td> <td>£1,233</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cardiff</td> <td>£1,266</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Torfaen</td> <td>£1,367</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monmouthshire</td> <td>£1,381</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swansea</td> <td>£1,406</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Welsh Government uses the Standard Spending Assessment (SSA) to calculate the level of spending required to deliver a 'standard level' of service in each council area. However, our actual spend is well below our SSA (around £9.2m in 2020/21), which is mainly due to our low level of council tax funding.</p>			Percentage Increase	5%	Newport Band D Tax 2021/22	£1,257.77	Increase per annum	£59.89	Increase per week	£1.15	Comparison with existing Band D Council Tax (rounded) Current year (2020/21) before any increase		Caerphilly	£1,184	NEWPORT	£1,198	Wrexham	£1,233	Cardiff	£1,266	Torfaen	£1,367	Monmouthshire	£1,381	Swansea	£1,406
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Public Consultation Required (Please tick appropriate box)	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PART ONE

Net Savings (£000's)	2021/22 (£'000)	2022/23 (£'000)	2023/24 (£'000)
	580		
One-Off Implementation Costs (£000's)			
	2021/22 (£'000)	2022/23 (£'000)	2023/24 (£'000)
Revenue – Redundancy/Pension			
Revenue – Other			
Capital – Building related			
Capital – Other			
Implementation Cost - Total			

Impact on FTE Count	n/a
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Does this proposal require an FEIA and/or WFG Act assessment? (Please tick appropriate box)	YES		NO	✓
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<i>Unique reference number</i>	
<i>Activity Code</i>	n/a