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Calculation of Parish Precept for 2016/17 – Tarporley Parish Council

Dear Mrs Ann Wright

I am writing to formally request your Parish precept information for 2016/17. The money needed for your Parish's budgetary requirements is, through your power to precept, added to the Council Tax for your area. The Parish Council Tax is calculated by dividing the precept you request by the estimated tax base for the area. Tarporley Parish Council's tax base for 2016/17 is **1384**. This has been calculated by taking the number of 'Band D' equivalent properties in your parish from information supplied by the Valuation Officer, and then making allowances for discounts, exemptions, appeals, Council Tax Reduction Scheme costs, non-collection and housing growth estimates. Band D equivalents are calculated by scaling properties in other bands either up or down to convert them to Band D levels.

Cheshire West & Chester Council has again decided to maintain the voluntary Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant support to local Councils in 2016/17. The source of this funding is now part of Cheshire West & Chester Council's overall grant settlement from central government, which will be reduced again significantly for 2016/17. In view of this, the amount of funding available to be passed on has reduced by 11% and the grant payable to Tarporley Parish Council for 2016/17 is **£2623**. It is anticipated that the Council's annual grant settlement will continue to reduce over future years, so parishes should plan for further reductions in the level of this grant support.

In order that the Council can include your Parish Precept and set the Council Tax for next year, please complete the enclosed form and return it for the attention of David Sconce, to the above address, by **Friday 5th February 2016**. The form must be signed to confirm that



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the precept figure has been properly approved at a Parish/Town Meeting. We may request the minutes of this meeting as proof. As well as returning the signed copy by post, it would also be greatly appreciated if you could forward a copy via email to david.sconce@cheshirewest.gov.uk.

The following examples are included to show the impact of various changes to the precept request on the precept charge for a Band D property in your parish area. The charges for properties in other bands are calculated in relation to this; for example, the charge for a Band C property will be 8/9ths of the Band D charge. Following the examples is a table which can be used to calculate your Band D charge for 2016/17 and how it compares to 2015/16.

Example 1: Maintaining the same Band D precept as 2015/16

The Band D precept charge for your area in 2015/16 was £44.27. If you wanted to keep this unchanged, your precept request would need to be £61270.

Example 2: Impact of requesting the same precept as 2015/16

If you were to request the same precept as 2015/16 (£59053), this would reduce the Band D precept charge by £1.60.

If you wish to calculate the impact of an alternative scenario, please use the table below:

Ref			Note
A	Total Budget Requirement		The total amount you require to fund your activity in 2016/17
B	Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant	£2623	The amount given to you by CW&C to reduce your precept
C	Precept Request (A-B)		The amount of your precept request
D	Local Tax Base	1384	Your Band D equivalent Tax Base figure
E	Band D Local Council Tax Charge (C÷D)		The charge in 2016/17 for a Band D property
F	2015/16 Band D local Council Tax charge	£44.27	
G	% change to Band D local Council Tax charge ((F-E)÷E)		This is the % change that will appear on the Council Tax bill

If you have any questions about setting your precept or would like any support from Cheshire West and Chester then please do not hesitate to contact David Sconce on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Wynn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'W'.

Mark Wynn
Head of Finance