

Appendix 7 Council Tax Setting 2025/26 (Indicative)

THE FOLLOWING MAY BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FINAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF PRECEPTS

1.1 The legislation governing the setting of Council Tax is contained in Sections 30 to 38 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. Section 31B(1) requires a billing authority to calculate the basic amount of its Council Tax, which in Middlesbrough Council's case is that applicable to Band D dwellings in its area.

1.2 The calculation is made in accordance with a formula R/T where

R is the amount calculated by the Middlesbrough Council as its Council Tax requirement for 2025/26, calculated in accordance with section 31A(4) of the Act. This has been calculated as **£ 75,783,139**.

T is the amount calculated by Middlesbrough Council as its Council Tax Base for 2025/26. On 4 December 2024 the Executive calculated the amount of **36,513.9** as its Council Tax Base for the year 2025/26 in accordance with Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012.

1.3 Application of the formula R/T thus gives a basic amount of Council Tax of **£2,075.46** for a Band D property in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act as shown in **Table 1** below:

Table 1 – Calculation of Basic Council Tax 2025/26

| | £ | £ |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| Net Budget Requirement | | 143,362,347 |
| Less: | | |
| Revenue Support Grant | 15,443,658 | |
| Business Rates Top up Payment | 30,793,551 | |
| Retained Business Rates | 18,206,819 | |
| | | 64,444,028 |
| | | 78,918,319 |
| Estimated Collection Fund Surplus 2024/25 | | (3,135,180) |
| Council Tax Requirement | R | 75,783,139 |
| Taxbase | T | 36,513.9 |
| Basic Council Tax | (R) / (T) | 2,075.46 |

The basic amount is now relevant only for statistical purposes, but must still be calculated by law. It represents the average tax paid across the Council area, including parish precepts.

- 1.4 The calculation of the actual Council Tax (Band D) for parish and non-parish areas (Middlesbrough Council only element excluding Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner and Cleveland Fire Authority precepts) is as follows:

a. Table 2 – Actual Council Tax (Band D) - Areas other than Nunthorpe and Stainton & Thornton Parishes – 4.99% increase:-

| | £ | £ |
|------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Basic Amount as above: | | 2,075.46 |
| Less : Parish Precepts | 40,881 | |
| Divided by Tax Base | 36,513.9 | |
| Equals | | 1.11 |
| Band D Tax | | 2,074.35 |

b. Table 3 – Actual Council Tax (Band D) – Nunthorpe Parish:-

| | £ | £ |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Add: Parish Precept | 26,871 | |
| Divided by Tax Base | 2,447.3 | |
| Equals | | 10.98 |
| Band D Tax | | 2,085.33 |

c. Table 4 - Actual Council Tax (Band D) Stainton & Thornton Parish:-

| | £ | £ |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Add: Parish Precept | 14,010 | |
| Divided by Tax Base | 1,504.8 | |
| Equals | | 9.31 |
| Band D Tax | | 2,083.66 |

- 1.5 The calculation of the actual Council Tax for each valuation band for the Middlesbrough Council only element (excluding Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner and Cleveland Fire Authority precepts) is shown in **Table 5** below :

Table 5 - Middlesbrough Council Tax bands 2025/26 (excluding Police & Fire Precepts)

| Middlesbrough Council Tax bands excluding Police & Fire Precepts | | | | |
|--|------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Band | Proportion | Areas without Parishes £ | Nunthorpe £ | Stainton & Thornton £ |
| A | 6/9 | 1,382.90 | 1,390.22 | 1,389.11 |
| B | 7/9 | 1,613.38 | 1,621.92 | 1,620.62 |
| C | 8/9 | 1,843.87 | 1,765.55 | 1,852.14 |
| D | 1 | 2,074.35 | 2,085.33 | 2,083.66 |
| E | 11/9 | 2,535.32 | 2,427.63 | 2,546.70 |
| F | 13/9 | 2,996.28 | 3,012.14 | 3,009.73 |
| G | 15/9 | 3,457.25 | 3,310.40 | 3,472.77 |
| H | 18/9 | 4,148.70 | 3,972.48 | 4,167.32 |

- 1.6 Cleveland Fire Authority has set a precept for Middlesbrough of **£3,449,103** and a £5 (5.59%) increase in Band D Council Tax. Council Tax levels for 2025/26 are set out in **Table 6** below *(to be confirmed - subject to approval)*

Table 6 – Cleveland Fire Authority Council Tax 2025/26

| Cleveland Fire Authority | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Band | Tax £ |
| A | 62.97 |
| B | 73.47 |
| C | 83.96 |
| D | 94.46 |
| E | 115.45 |
| F | 136.44 |
| G | 157.43 |
| H | 188.92 |

- 1.7 Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner has set a precept of **£11,601,561** and a 4.61% increase in Band D Council Tax. Council Tax levels for 2025/26 are set out in **Table 7** below *(to be confirmed - subject to approval)*

Table 7 – Cleveland Police & Crime Commissioner Council Tax 2025/26

| Cleveland Police & Crime Commissioner | |
|--|------------------|
| Band | Tax £ |
| A | 211.82 |
| B | 247.12 |
| C | 282.43 |
| D | 317.73 |
| E | 388.34 |
| F | 458.94 |
| G | 529.55 |
| H | 635.46 |

- 1.8 The total tax to be levied for each band (including Middlesbrough Council, Cleveland Fire Authority, Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner, and Parishes) is set out in **Table 8**.

Table 8 - Middlesbrough Council Tax bands 2025/26 including Police & Fire Precepts (to be confirmed)

| Middlesbrough Council Tax bands including Police & Fire Precepts | | | |
|---|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Band | Areas without Parishes £ | Nunthorpe £ | Stainton & Thornton £ |
| A | 1,657.69 | 1,586.29 | 1,663.90 |
| B | 1,842.51 | 1,942.52 | 1,849.75 |
| C | 2,210.25 | 2,131.94 | 2,218.53 |
| D | 2,486.54 | 2,497.52 | 2,495.85 |
| E | 2,895.39 | 2,931.42 | 2,906.77 |
| F | 3,591.67 | 3,607.53 | 3,605.11 |
| G | 4,144.23 | 3,997.38 | 4,159.75 |
| H | 4,973.08 | 4,796.86 | 4,991.70 |