

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Corporate Director and Head of Finance

REPORT NUMBER E282

TO: Council

DATE OF MEETING 23 February 2006

BUDGET 2006/07

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Strategy Committee is recommending a Council Tax increase for this Council's purposes of 2.7%, the rate of inflation, and an average increase for Council House rents of 5% in line with the Government's rent restructuring requirements.
- 1.2 When the precept requirements of the other authorities are taken into account, the average Council Tax increase is likely to be in the region of 4.2%.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that:-

- a. The details of Parish/Town Council taxes for a Band D property for 2006/07, as set out in Appendix 1, be noted (recommendation (1)).
- b. The recommendations of the Strategy Committee in relation to the Council's budget for 2006/07 as set out in Appendix 2 be approved (recommendations (2) to (7)).
- c. The resolutions for the making and collection of Council Tax and associated matters for the year 2006/07 as set out in Appendix 3 be passed by the Council (recommendations (8) to (13)).

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 These budgets determine the level of service provision, Council Tax, rents and charges for the coming year.

4. KEY INFORMATION

- 4.1 This budget reflects what the Council is aiming to achieve in its Corporate Plan and the Council's Financial Strategy. The detailed Policy and Budget Framework for 2006/07, including a Budget report with recommendations, is attached for the Council's approval. This report highlights the key points for Council Tax and Council House Rents.

Council Tax

- 4.2 The Council's Financial Strategy is "to do our best to keep our Council Tax increases to the rate of inflation", as measured by the increase in the September Retail Price Index. The RPI increase in September 2005 was 2.7% and that is the rate used by the Government to increase state pensions and business rate bills.
- 4.3 Members and officers have worked together since the summer to achieve that goal, whilst at the same time looking to make a number of improvements in the Council's service priority areas.

4.4 As a result of that work and the identification of savings and additional income of £678,000, and a good grant settlement, the Strategy Committee is recommending a Council Tax increase of 2.7% for 2006/07.

4.5 A brief summary of the overall comparison of the General Fund revenue budget for 2006/07 with the current year is set out below:-

	2005/06 £	2006/07 £
Council's Budget Requirement	8,608,400	9,439,570
Deficit on Collection Fund	26,150	11,900
Government Support	-4,801,400	-5,510,620
Council Taxpayers	3,833,150	3,940,850
Council Tax base	32,090	32,123
Council Tax for Band D Property	£119.45	£122.68

4.6 So, for a Band D property the current charge of £119.45 will increase by £3.23 a year (6p a week) to £122.68.

4.7 An explanation of the main reasons for the overall increase in the Council's Budget Requirement is provided below:-

Reason for Change in Budget Requirement	£000
Budget requirement 2005/06	8,608
• Inflation (on £9.0m)	+314
• Commitments	+811
• Service priorities	+257
• Savings and additional income	-678
• CAST Project	+350
• Use of Reserves:	
- CAST	-350
- Phased reduction in general use of reserves	+128
Budget requirement 2006/07	9,440

4.8 It will also be seen that an important factor in relation to the above is the Council's approach to the use of reserves. The Council has adopted a clear strategy of a phased and careful reduction in the use of reserves until the point is reached over a number of years when there would be £1,200,000 in reserves and those reserves would not then be reduced any further. The proposed earmarking and phased use of those reserves is shown in the table below.

Use of Reserves	£000
Estimated reserves at 31 March 2006	2,710
Earmarked for transformation agenda/CAST	-450
Earmarked for future capital projects	-500
	1,760
Phased general use of reserves:	
2006/07	-220
2007/08	-170
2008/09	-110
2009/10	-60
Projected balance at 31 March 2010	1,200

4.9 The Council's budget is of course only a small part of the picture in relation to Council Tax. The precept requirements of Suffolk County Council, the Suffolk Police Authority and the various Parish/Town Councils also need to be taken into consideration. The precept requirements of Suffolk County Council and the Suffolk Police Authority will not be known formally until a few days before the meeting, but, as can be seen from the table below, it seems likely that the average increase in Council Tax for all authorities could be in the region of 4.2%. The assessment of the average increase, and the position for a Band D property, is shown below:-

Authority	2005/06 £	2006/07 £	Increase %
Suffolk County Council	947.97	990.63	4.5
Suffolk Police Authority	125.01	129.22 – 130.59	3.5 – 4.5
Babergh District Council	119.45	122.68	2.7
Parish/Town Councils (average)	49.55	51.04	3.0
Total	1,241.98	1,293.57 – 1,294.94	4.2 – 4.3

4.10 A full list of precept requirements for the Parish/Town Councils in the district is attached as Appendix 1.

Council House Rents

4.11 Rent increases are effectively determined now by the Government's rent restructuring requirements. These aim to bring local authority and registered social landlord rents for similar properties to the same level over a ten-year period. The Strategy Committee is recommending an average increase of 5% in line with those rent restructuring requirements, and the increases for individual properties will range from 2% to 7%.

4.12 The Tenants Forum has accepted the proposed Housing Revenue Account budget and an average increase in Council house rents of 5%, as well as the proposed increases in charges for 2006/07.

5. APPENDICES

- (1) Parish Council Taxes per Band D Equivalent Property 2006/07.
- (2) Recommendations of Strategy Committee.
- (3) Recommendations for Council Tax for 2006/07.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO:

None.

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APPENDIX 1

RECOMMENDED

(1) That the details set out below be noted:-
Parish Council Taxes per Band D Equivalent Property 2006/07

PARISH	2006/07 Parish Precept £	Tax Base	2006/07 Amount Band D £	PARISH	2006/07 Parish Precept £	Tax Base	2006/07 Amount Band D £
Acton	40,000.00	642.19	62.29	Kersey	5,087.00	178.78	28.45
Aldham	950.00	85.95	11.05	Kettlebaston	600.00	36.33	16.52
Alpheton	1,965.00	107.92	18.21	Lavenham	32,000.00	868.31	36.85
Arwarton	0.00	54.17	0.00	Lawshall	5,000.00	351.89	14.21
Assington	2,960.00	166.24	17.81	Layham	6,400.00	237.67	26.93
Belstead	2,500.00	86.59	28.87	Leavenheath	7,500.00	592.74	12.65
Bentley	14,000.00	320.38	43.70	Lindsey	1,560.00	79.33	19.66
Bildeston	17,000.00	387.45	43.88	Little Cornard	1,829.00	142.33	12.85
Boxford	24,000.00	513.02	46.78	Little Waldingfield	2,200.00	143.07	15.38
Boxted	400.00	51.39	7.78	Little Wenham	0.00	17.78	0.00
Brantham	32,494.00	900.14	36.10	Long Melford	59,000.00	1,443.06	40.89
Brent Eleigh	1,500.00	82.68	18.14	Milden	500.00	54.45	9.18
Brettenham	4,300.00	115.49	37.23	Monks Eleigh	8,961.00	232.54	38.54
Bures St Mary	18,405.00	368.69	49.92	Nayland with Wissington	19,500.00	517.62	37.67
Burstall	2,484.00	91.04	27.28	Nedging with Naughton	2,000.00	160.06	12.50
Capel St Mary	48,886.00	1,121.61	43.59	Newton	6,400.00	212.47	30.12
Chattisham / Hintlesham	5,000.00	299.73	16.68	Pinewood	37,827.00	1,509.08	25.07
Chelmondiston	20,000.00	413.43	48.38	Polstead	7,600.00	373.50	20.35
Chelsworth	600.00	83.70	7.17	Preston St Mary	2,200.00	96.93	22.70
Chilton	3,800.00	147.96	25.68	Raydon	6,000.00	206.94	28.99
Cockfield	7,500.00	359.13	20.88	Semer	400.00	67.02	5.97
Copdock & Washbrook	24,000.00	434.07	55.29	Shelley	0.00	29.85	0.00
East Bergholt	42,750.00	1,110.30	38.50	Shimpling	3,600.00	177.71	20.26
Edwardstone	4,400.00	171.29	25.69	Shotley	25,700.00	766.07	33.55
Elmsett	9,000.00	284.79	31.60	Somerton	350.00	39.00	8.97
Freston	750.00	51.16	14.66	Sproughton	32,757.00	535.37	61.19
Glemsford	60,000.00	1,190.87	50.38	Stanstead	4,500.00	151.94	29.62
Great Cornard	162,985.00	2,405.73	67.75	Stoke by Nayland	8,000.00	321.93	24.85
Great Waldingfield	20,600.00	568.83	36.21	Stratford St Mary	13,300.00	318.13	41.81
Great Wenham	0.00	63.12	0.00	Stutton	10,765.00	350.74	30.69

Groton	3,250.00	126.37	25.72	Sudbury	453,755.00	4,218.04	107.57
Hadleigh	246,620.00	2,787.38	88.48	Tattingstone	6,250.00	217.47	28.74
Harkstead	2,500.00	114.79	21.78	Thorpe Morieux	1,300.00	109.62	11.86
Hartest	7,585.00	212.75	35.65	Wattisham	1,500.00	41.98	35.73
Higham	0.00	80.05	0.00	<u>Whatfield</u>	2,100.00	125.83	16.69
Hitcham	7,250.00	286.08	25.34	Wherstead	2,626.00	118.13	22.23
Holbrook	15,000.00	611.25	24.54	Woolverstone	1,700.00	90.12	18.86
Holton St Mary	3,500.00	91.34	38.32				
-				TOTAL PRECEPT TOTAL TAX BASE	1,639,701.00	32,122.90	

RECOMMENDATIONS OF STRATEGY COMMITTEE**RECOMMENDED**

- (2) **The attached budgets be approved.**
- (3) **That the following changes be made to the staffing establishment in 2006/07 to reflect the Council's service priorities which are included in the budget, and the staff savings which have been identified:-**

Additional Staffing	Staffing Reductions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custodian for the Land and Property Gazetteer to ensure sound management of the Council's land and property database. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 staff from the introduction of Document Image Processing in the Revenues Division.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Charges – temporary part-time post to maintain performance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 fte employee across the Council from the introduction of e-procurement systems.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared procurement specialist with Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Councils on a one-year contract. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Officer (funded by E-Government grant).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 staff in Planning Policy to deal with the Local Development Framework and associated activity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 staff employed on the production of the Local Plan.
<p>NB. In addition, the temporary post of Conservation Officer for the three years to June 2006 in the Planning Control Division be made permanent.</p>	

- (4) **The revised General Fund charges are implemented with effect from 1 April 2006.**
- (5) **The weekly rents for the Council's dwellings and compulsory let garages be increased on average by 5.0% and in accordance with the rent restructuring requirements with effect from Monday, 17 April 2006.**
- (6) **The revised Council housing charges, including the rents for garages and car ports which are not compulsorily let with dwellings are implemented with effect from Monday, 17 April 2006.**
- (7) **Where expenditure is included within the approved budget, the Section 151 officer be empowered to:-**
- **Vary the timing of revenue and capital payments from the current financial year to 2006/07 or vice-versa in accordance with Financial Regulations and Council resolutions.**
 - **Vary the method of financing capital schemes, if he is satisfied that it is in the financial interest of the Council to do so.**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL TAX FOR 2006/07**Council Tax Base****RECOMMENDED**

(8) That it be noted that, the Corporate Director, Geoff Kistner, has calculated the following amounts, in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) 32,122.90 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax Base for the year 2006/07.
- (b) That the relevant amounts for each part of the Council's area be as follows:

Part of the Council's Area	Council Tax Base	Part of the Council's Area	Council Tax Base
Acton	642.19	Kersey	178.78
Aldham	85.95	Kettlebaston	36.33
Alpheton	107.92	Lavenham	868.31
Arwarton	54.17	Lawshall	351.89
Assington	166.24	Layham	237.67
Belstead	86.59	Leavenheath	592.74
Bentley	320.38	Lindsey	79.33
Bildeston	387.45	Little Cornard	142.33
Boxford	513.02	Little Waldingfield	143.07
Boxted	51.39	Little Wenham	17.78
Brantham	900.14	Long Melford	1,443.06
Brent Eleigh	82.68	Milden	54.45
Brettenham	115.49	Monks Eleigh	232.54
Bures St Mary	368.69	Nayland with Wissington	517.62
Burstall	91.04	Nedging with Naughton	160.06
Capel St Mary	1,121.61	Newton	212.47
Chattisham / Hintlesham	299.73	Pinewood	1,509.08
Chelmondiston	413.43	Polstead	373.50
Chelsworth	83.70	Preston St Mary	96.93
Chilton	147.96	Raydon	206.94
Cockfield	359.13	Semer	67.02
Copdock & Washbrook	434.07	Shelley	29.85
East Bergholt	1,110.30	<u>Shimpling</u>	177.71
Edwardstone	171.29	Shotley	766.07
Elmsett	284.79	Somerton	39.00
Freston	51.16	Sproughton	535.37
Glemsford	1,190.87	Stanstead	151.94
Great Cornard	2,405.73	Stoke by Nayland	321.93
Great Waldingfield	568.83	Stratford St Mary	318.13
Great Wenham	63.12	Stutton	350.74
Groton	126.37	Sudbury	4,218.04
Hadleigh	2,787.38	Tattingstone	217.47
Harkstead	114.79	Thorpe Morieux	109.62
Hartest	212.75	Wattisham	41.98
Higham	80.05	Whatfield	125.83
Hitcham	286.08	Wherstead	118.13
Holbrook	611.25	Woolverstone	90.12
Holton St Mary	91.34		

being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL TAX FOR 2006/07

Calculation of Budget Requirement and Basic Amounts of Council Tax for 2006/07

RECOMMENDED

(9) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2006/07 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) £46,086,711** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (e) of the Act
- (b) £35,021,440** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (c) of the Act
- (c) £11,079,271** being the amount by which the aggregate at 9(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 9(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year
- (d) £5,498,720** being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, and additional grant or special grant reduced by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its General Fund to its Collection Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Deficit).
- (e) £173.72** being the amount at 9(c) above less the amount at 9(d) above, all divided by the amount at 8(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- (f) £1,639,701** being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- (g) £122.68** being the amount at 9(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 9(f) above by the amount at 8(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(h) **Basic Amount of Tax for those parts of the Council's area to which one or more special items relate**

Part of the Council's Area	Basic Amount of Tax £	Part of the Council's Area	Basic Amount of Tax £
Acton	184.97	Holton St Mary	161.00
Aldham	133.73	Kersey	151.13
Alpheton	140.89	Kettlebaston	139.20
Arwarton	122.68	Lavenham	159.53
Assington	140.49	Lawshall	136.89
Belstead	151.55	Layham	149.61
Bentley	166.38	Leavenheath	135.33
Bildeston	166.56	Lindsey	142.34
Boxford	169.46	Little Cornard	135.53
Boxted	130.46	Little Waldingfield	138.06
Brantham	158.78	Little Wenham	122.68
Brent Eleigh	140.82	Long Melford	163.57
Brettenham	159.91	Milden	131.86
Bures St Mary	172.60	Monks Eleigh	161.22
Burstall	149.96	Nayland with Wissington	160.35
Capel St Mary	166.27	Nedging with Naughton	135.18
Chattisham	139.36	Newton	152.80
Chelmondiston	171.06	Pinewood	147.75
Chelsworth	129.85	Polstead	143.03
Chilton	148.36	Preston St Mary	145.38
Cockfield	143.56	Raydon	151.67
Copdock & Washbrook	177.97	Semer	128.65
East Bergholt	161.18	Shelley	122.68
Edwardstone	148.37	Shimpling	142.94
Elmsett	154.28	Shotley	156.23
Freston	137.34	Somerton	131.65
Glemsford	173.06	Sproughton	183.87
Great Cornard	190.43	Stanstead	152.30
Great Waldingfield	158.89	Stoke by Nayland	147.53
Great Wenham	122.68	Stratford St Mary	164.49
Groton	148.40	Stutton	153.37
Hadleigh	211.16	Sudbury	230.25
Harkstead	144.46	Tattingstone	151.42
Hartest	158.33	Thorpe Morieux	134.54
Higham	122.68	Wattisham	158.41
Hintlesham	139.36	Whatfield	139.37
Hitcham	148.02	Wherstead	144.91
Holbrook	147.22	Woolverstone	141.54

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 9(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 8(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(i) **Basic Amounts of Tax for all Bands**

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	BASIC AMOUNT OF TAX FOR ALL BANDS 2006/07							
	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Acton	123.31	143.87	164.42	184.97	226.07	267.18	308.28	369.94
Aldham	89.15	104.01	118.87	133.73	163.45	193.17	222.88	267.46
Alpheton	93.93	109.58	125.24	140.89	172.20	203.51	234.82	281.78
Arwarton	81.79	95.42	109.05	122.68	149.94	177.20	204.47	245.36
Assington	93.66	109.27	124.88	140.49	171.71	202.93	234.15	280.98
Belstead	101.03	117.87	134.71	151.55	185.23	218.91	252.58	303.10
Bentley	110.92	129.41	147.89	166.38	203.35	240.33	277.30	332.76
Bildeston	111.04	129.55	148.05	166.56	203.57	240.59	277.60	333.12
Boxford	112.97	131.80	150.63	169.46	207.12	244.78	282.43	338.92
Boxted	86.97	101.47	115.96	130.46	159.45	188.44	217.43	260.92
Brantham	105.85	123.50	141.14	158.78	194.06	229.35	264.63	317.56
Brent Eleigh	93.88	109.53	125.17	140.82	172.11	203.41	234.70	281.64
Brettenham	106.61	124.37	142.14	159.91	195.45	230.98	266.52	319.82
Bures St Mary	115.07	134.24	153.42	172.60	210.96	249.31	287.67	345.20
Burstall	99.97	116.64	133.30	149.96	183.28	216.61	249.93	299.92
Capel St Mary	110.85	129.32	147.80	166.27	203.22	240.17	277.12	332.54
Chattisham	92.91	108.39	123.88	139.36	170.33	201.30	232.27	278.72
Chelmondiston	114.04	133.05	152.05	171.06	209.07	247.09	285.10	342.12
Chelsworth	86.57	100.99	115.42	129.85	158.71	187.56	216.42	259.70
Chilton	98.91	115.39	131.88	148.36	181.33	214.30	247.27	296.72
Cockfield	95.71	111.66	127.61	143.56	175.46	207.36	239.27	287.12
Copdock & Washbrook	118.65	138.42	158.20	177.97	217.52	257.07	296.62	355.94
East Bergholt	107.45	125.36	143.27	161.18	197.00	232.82	268.63	322.36
Edwardstone	98.91	115.40	131.88	148.37	181.34	214.31	247.28	296.74
Elmsett	102.85	120.00	137.14	154.28	188.56	222.85	257.13	308.56
Freston	91.56	106.82	122.08	137.34	167.86	198.38	228.90	274.68
Glemsford	115.37	134.60	153.83	173.06	211.52	249.98	288.43	346.12
Great Cornard	126.95	148.11	169.27	190.43	232.75	275.07	317.38	380.86
Great Waldingfield	105.93	123.58	141.24	158.89	194.20	229.51	264.82	317.78
Great Wenham	81.79	95.42	109.05	122.68	149.94	177.20	204.47	245.36
Groton	98.93	115.42	131.91	148.40	181.38	214.36	247.33	296.80
Hadleigh	140.77	164.24	187.70	211.16	258.08	305.01	351.93	422.32
Harkstead	96.31	112.36	128.41	144.46	176.56	208.66	240.77	288.92
Hartest	105.55	123.15	140.74	158.33	193.51	228.70	263.88	316.66
Higham	81.79	95.42	109.05	122.68	149.94	177.20	204.47	245.36
Hintlesham	92.91	108.39	123.88	139.36	170.33	201.30	232.27	278.72
Hitcham	98.68	115.13	131.57	148.02	180.91	213.81	246.70	296.04
Holbrook	98.15	114.50	130.86	147.22	179.94	212.65	245.37	294.44
Holton St Mary	107.33	125.22	143.11	161.00	196.78	232.56	268.33	322.00
Kersey	100.75	117.55	134.34	151.13	184.71	218.30	251.88	302.26
Kettlebaston	92.80	108.27	123.73	139.20	170.13	201.07	232.00	278.40
Lavenham	106.35	124.08	141.80	159.53	194.98	230.43	265.88	319.06
Lawshall	91.26	106.47	121.68	136.89	167.31	197.73	228.15	273.78
Layham	99.74	116.36	132.99	149.61	182.86	216.10	249.35	299.22
Leavenheath	90.22	105.26	120.29	135.33	165.40	195.48	225.55	270.66
Lindsey	94.89	110.71	126.52	142.34	173.97	205.60	237.23	284.68
Little Cornard	90.35	105.41	120.47	135.53	165.65	195.77	225.88	271.06
Little Waldingfield	92.04	107.38	122.72	138.06	168.74	199.42	230.10	276.12
Little Wenham	81.79	95.42	109.05	122.68	149.94	177.20	204.47	245.36
Long Melford	109.05	127.22	145.40	163.57	199.92	236.27	272.62	327.14
Milden	87.91	102.56	117.21	131.86	161.16	190.46	219.77	263.72
Monks Eleigh	107.48	125.39	143.31	161.22	197.05	232.87	268.70	322.44
Nayland with Wissington	106.90	124.72	142.53	160.35	195.98	231.62	267.25	320.70

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	BASIC AMOUNT OF TAX FOR ALL BANDS 2006/07							
	BAND A £	BAND B £	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E £	BAND F £	BAND G £	BAND H £
Nedging with								
Naughton	90.12	105.14	120.16	135.18	165.22	195.26	225.30	270.36
Newton	101.87	118.84	135.82	152.80	186.76	220.71	254.67	305.60
Pinewood	98.50	114.92	131.33	147.75	180.58	213.42	246.25	295.50
Polstead	95.35	111.25	127.14	143.03	174.81	206.60	238.38	286.06
Preston St Mary	96.92	113.07	129.23	145.38	177.69	209.99	242.30	290.76
Raydon	101.11	117.97	134.82	151.67	185.37	219.08	252.78	303.34
Semer	85.77	100.06	114.36	128.65	157.24	185.83	214.42	257.30
Shelley	81.79	95.42	109.05	122.68	149.94	177.20	204.47	245.36
Shimpling	95.29	111.18	127.06	142.94	174.70	206.47	238.23	285.88
Shotley	104.15	121.51	138.87	156.23	190.95	225.67	260.38	312.46
Somerton	87.77	102.39	117.02	131.65	160.91	190.16	219.42	263.30
Sproughton	122.58	143.01	163.44	183.87	224.73	265.59	306.45	367.74
Stanstead	101.53	118.46	135.38	152.30	186.14	219.99	253.83	304.60
Stoke by								
Nayland	98.35	114.75	131.14	147.53	180.31	213.10	245.88	295.06
Stratford St								
Mary	109.66	127.94	146.21	164.49	201.04	237.60	274.15	328.98
Stutton	102.25	119.29	136.33	153.37	187.45	221.53	255.62	306.74
Sudbury	153.50	179.08	204.67	230.25	281.42	332.58	383.75	460.50
Tattingstone	100.95	117.77	134.60	151.42	185.07	218.72	252.37	302.84
Thorpe Morieux	89.69	104.64	119.59	134.54	164.44	194.34	224.23	269.08
Wattisham	105.61	123.21	140.81	158.41	193.61	228.81	264.02	316.82
Whatfield	92.91	108.40	123.88	139.37	170.34	201.31	232.28	278.74
Wherstead	96.61	112.71	128.81	144.91	177.11	209.31	241.52	289.82
Woolverstone	94.36	110.09	125.81	141.54	172.99	204.45	235.90	283.08

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 9(g) and 9(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(a) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL TAX FOR 2006/07

Major Precepting Authorities

RECOMMENDED

(10) That it be noted that for the year 2006/07 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Categories of Dwellings in Valuation Bands

<u>Band</u>	<u>Suffolk County Council</u> £	<u>Suffolk Police Authority</u> £
A	660.42	
B	770.49	
C	880.56	
D	990.63	
E	1210.77	
F	1430.91	
G	1651.05	
H	1981.26	

Note: The figures for Suffolk County Council are based on the precept that will be recommended to the County Council meeting.
The Suffolk Police Authority will be considering their increase at their meeting on the 20 February, which it is understood could be in the range of 3.5% - 4.5%.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL TAX FOR 2006/07

Amounts of Council Tax for 2006/07

RECOMMENDED

- (11) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 9(i) and 10 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2006/07 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Note: The following table will be circulated to members at the meeting following notification of the Suffolk Police Authority's requirement.

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	BASIC AMOUNT OF TAX FOR ALL BANDS 2006/07							
	BAND A £	BAND B £	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E £	BAND F £	BAND G £	BAND H £
Acton								
Aldham								
Alpheton								
Arwarton								
Assington								
Belstead								
Bentley								
Bildeston								
Boxford								
Boxted								
Brantham								
Brent Eleigh								
Brettenham								
Bures St Mary								
Burstable								
Capel St Mary								
Chattisham								
Chelmondiston								
Chelsworth								
Chilton								
Cockfield								
Copdock & Washbrook								
East Bergholt								
Edwardstone								
Elmsett								
Freston								
Glemsford								
Great Cornard								
Great Waldingfield								
Great Wenham								
Groton								
Hadleigh								
Harkstead								
Hartest								
Higham								
Hintlesham								
Hitcham								
Holbrook								
Holton St Mary								
Kersey								
Kettlebaston								

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA	BASIC AMOUNT OF TAX FOR ALL BANDS 2006/07							
	BAND A £	BAND B £	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E £	BAND F £	BAND G £	BAND H £
Lavenham								
Lawshall								
Layham								
Leavenheath								
Lindsey								
Little Cornard								
Little Waldingfield								
Little Wenham								
Long Melford								
Milden								
Monks Eleigh								
Nayland with								
Wissington								
Nedging with								
Naughton								
Newton								
Pinewood								
Polstead								
Preston St Mary								
Raydon								
Semer								
Shelley								
Shimpling								
Shotley								
Somerton								
Sproughton								
Stanstead								
Stoke by Nayland								
Stratford St Mary								
Stutton								
Sudbury								
Tattingstone								
Thorpe Morieux								
Wattisham								
Whatfield								
Wherstead								
Woolverstone								

Note: This will be the proposed level of Council Tax for all parishes in the Babergh District.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL TAX FOR 2006/07

Payment Installment Dates

RECOMMENDED

- (12) That in respect of Council Tax and Business Rates the ten installment dates each year should be the 1st of each month from the 1st April to 1st January, but with the ability for Council Taxpayers who elect to pay by Direct Debit to choose between the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 28th of each month; subject to the proviso that the payment date of the 1st of each month can be revised to a later date by the Section 151 officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Strategy Committee if it is felt to be essential to do so.

Delegated Authority

RECOMMENDED

- (13) That the following Officers:-

Robert L Southgate	- Head of Revenues
Andrew Wilcock	- Local Taxation Manager
Sue Fayers	- Revenues Manager
Peter L Seeley	- Senior Local Taxation Officer
Sallie M Brain	- Senior Customer Services Officer
David Finch	- Senior Rents Officer
Russell K Bernthal	- Senior Business Rates Officer

be authorised:-

- (a) to collect and recover any Council Tax and Penalties payable under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- (b) to institute legal proceedings and appear on behalf of the Council at the hearing of any legal proceedings by way of applications for the issue of:-
 - (i) to issue Liability Orders for unpaid Council Taxes;
 - (ii) to issue Warrants of Commitment in respect of Liability Orders, pursuant to:-
Section 14 and Schedule 4 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Council Tax Administration and Enforcement Regulations 1992 and Section 22 and Schedule 4 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and
- (c) To institute any other legal proceedings, process or steps for the purpose of recovering any such unpaid Council Taxes and Penalties and to appear on behalf of the Council at any Hearing relating thereto.

- (2) That the following Officers:-

Robert L Southgate	- Head of Revenues
Andrew Wilcock	- Local Taxation Manager
Sue Fayers	- Revenues Manager
Peter L Seeley	- Senior Local Taxation Officer
Sallie M Brain	- Senior Customer Services Officer
David Finch	- Senior Rents Officer
Russell K Bernthal	- Senior Business Rates Officer

be authorised

- (a) to collect and recover any National Non-Domestic Rate payable under Part III of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
- (b) to institute legal proceedings and appear on behalf of the Council at the Hearing of any legal proceedings by way of an application for the issue of (i) a Liability Order for unpaid National Non-Domestic Rate and (ii) a Warrant of Commitment in respect of any National Non-Domestic Rate, pursuant to Section 62 and Schedule 9 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and the Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) Regulations 1989.
- (c) to institute any other legal proceedings, process or steps for the purpose of recovering any such unpaid National Non-Domestic Rate and to appear on behalf of the Council at any Hearing relating thereto.