**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS – 5TH MARCH, 2025**

**Special Meeting to confer Honorary Freedom of the City**

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**Special Meeting to approve a Revenue Budget and Capital Programme and set the Council Tax Charge for 2025/26**

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE MEETINGS**

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| **1.** | **HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD – MR DESMOND SMITH, LD** |

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| RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Honorary Freedom of the City of Sheffield be conferred by the Council on Mr. Desmond Smith, DL, in recognition of his services to youth development, mental health awareness, sport and community cohesion, and, in doing so, rendering eminent services to the City. |
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| **2.** | **REVENUE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26** |

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| RESOLVED: That this Council:- | |

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| (1) | believes:- | | | | |
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|  | (a) it is our job to create the conditions for people in our city to be able to thrive; | | | | |
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|  | (b) our residents are bursting with talent, but poverty, poor health, discrimination, and a lack of opportunities prevent too many people from fulfilling their potential and living a happy, healthy life; | | | | |
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|  | (c) we must break down the barriers to opportunity and give people more control over the things that matter to them; | | | | |
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|  | (d) the introduction of a multi-year Local Government Finance Settlement is very welcome and will provide new opportunities for us to plan our budget differently; | | | | |
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|  | (e) as we plan our budgets for the coming years, investment must go towards activities that enable early intervention and prevention, particularly in our most disadvantaged communities; | | | | |
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|  | (f) it is better, for our residents and for our budget, to prevent problems from happening in the first place, rather than just responding once they have happened; | | | | |
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|  | (g) we must prioritise upstream investment, tackling the root causes of the challenges that residents face, promoting equity, and creating the conditions for people and communities to thrive; and | | | | |
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|  | (h) this year, the move to match our budgets with the Council Plan through Priority Based Budgeting is a positive step, and we must develop this approach further next year to continue to achieve the aims of our Council Plan:- | | | | |
|  | * We want Sheffield’s children and young people to feel secure and safe in their lives, with a strong support network; to feel they can belong, whether that is in their local communities, their school, or wherever they want to be. | | | | |
|  | * We want more people to live long, independent and fulfilling lives free from harm and poverty. | | | | |
|  | * We want high quality neighbourhoods which are clean, green, resilient and safe, and where people can access the services and facilities they need close to home; | | | | |
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| (2) | believes in:- | | | | |
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|  | (a) services that support and nurture people at every stage of their life - from family hubs to community youth services, preventative healthcare, warm and affordable housing, social care, employment support and skills programmes and many more – are vital; we need to be able to adapt to the diverse experiences of our residents, understanding their needs, and shaping our services to meet them; | | | | |
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|  | (b) investment to support our children and young people is critical; the future prosperity of Sheffield and the opportunities to enable our children and young people to thrive are intertwined; as councillors, we have a responsibility to ensure that every young person in our city has the opportunity to succeed – no matter their postcode, income or what challenges they face – and we must ensure young people’s voices are heard, and they can see the impact of their voice on decisions, with action taken to reduce inequalities and support all of our young people to thrive; and | | | | |
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|  | (c) supporting the people of Sheffield to live happy, healthy lives requires partnership; partnership with the people of Sheffield, co-designing services and co-producing outcomes; partnership with other public sector organisations to reform how we work and to deliver the best value for money; partnership with our voluntary and community organisations to support their vital work and learn from the people closest to our communities; and partnership with business and with regional and central Government in pursuit of our shared goals; | | | | |
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| (3) | believes we must always spend public money prudently and responsibly, and invest for the long term in line with the Council Plan drivers of People, Planet and Prosperity and our ambition to be an anti-racist and age-friendly city that supports people of all ages to live well; as we plan our future multi-year budgets, it is important that these principles shape our approach; investing in prevention will reduce pressures on services that have contributed to previous in-year overspends; | | | | |
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| (4) | requests the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to implement the City Council’s Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2025/26 in accordance with the details set out in the reports on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now submitted; | | | | |
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| (5) | approves the contents of the Capital Strategy and Budget Book 2025-2056; | | | | |
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| (6) | notes the specific projects included in the years 2025/26 to 2029/30; | | | | |
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| (7) | notes the block allocations included within the programme; and that detailed proposals will be brought back for separate Member approval as part of the monthly monitoring procedures; | | | | |
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| (8) | approves the ‘Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2025-30’; | | | | |
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| (9) | after noting the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Commercial Services now submitted on the Revenue Budget 2025/26, approves and adopts a net Revenue Budget for 2025/26 amounting to £563.842m, as set out in Appendix 4 of that report, as follows:- | | | | |
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|  | **Appendix 4** | | | | |
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|  | **Restated 2024/25** |  | **Summary Revenue Budget** |  | **2025/26** |
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|  | **£000** |  |  |  | **£000** |
|  |  |  | **Committee Budgets:** |  |  |
|  | 146,745 |  | Adult Health & Social Care |  | 156,643 |
|  | 26,828 |  | Communities, Parks & Leisure |  | 30,342 |
|  | 8,433 |  | Economic Development & Skills |  | 9,677 |
|  | 118,596 |  | Education, Children & Families |  | 126,313 |
|  | 51,861 |  | Finance and Performance |  | 56,404 |
|  | 9,226 |  | Housing |  | 10,522 |
|  | 15,975 |  | Strategy & Resources (Excluding Corporate) |  | 17,484 |
|  | 25,545 |  | Transport, Regeneration & Climate |  | 29,965 |
|  | 68,557 |  | Waste & Street Scene |  | 70,605 |
|  | **471,765** |  |  |  | **507,955** |
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|  |  |  | **Corporate Budgets:** |  |  |
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|  |  |  | **Specific Grants** |  |  |
|  | -1,097 |  | New Homes Bonus (CIF) |  | -2,273 |
|  | -1,011 |  | 22/23 Services Grant |  | 0 |
|  | 0 |  | Recovery Grant |  | -16,452 |
|  | 0 |  | Employers NI Grant |  | -5,529 |
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|  |  |  | **Corporate Items** |  |  |
|  | 5,500 |  | Redundancy Provision |  | 5,500 |
|  | 4,300 |  | Change Budget |  | 2,916 |
|  | 703 |  | Budget Inflation Contingency |  | 1,625 |
|  | 0 |  | HRA Employers NI Costs |  | 1,330 |
|  | 0 |  | Leisure Strategy Costs |  | 9,185 |
|  | 7,900 |  | Housing Benefits Subsidy Loss |  | 7,900 |
|  | 0 |  | Placement Costs |  | 5,100 |
|  | 0 |  | Future Sheffield |  | 4,000 |
|  | 0 |  | Strategic Role Review Programme |  | 4,700 |
|  | 1,036 |  | Other |  | 1,588 |
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|  |  |  | **Capital Financing Costs** |  |  |
|  | 38,116 |  | Capital Financing Costs |  | 36,753 |
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|  |  |  | **Reserves Movements** |  |  |
|  | 16,603 |  | Contribution to / (from) Reserves |  | -456 |
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|  | **543,815** |  | **Total Expenditure** |  | **563,842** |
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|  |  |  | **Financing of Net Expenditure** |  |  |
|  | -46,500 |  | Revenue Support Grant |  | -47,556 |
|  | -200,767 |  | Business Rates Income (Including Grants) |  | -205,201 |
|  | -243,096 |  | Council Tax income |  | -254,158 |
|  | -12,511 |  | Collection Fund (Surplus)/Deficit |  | -9,829 |
|  | -40,941 |  | Social Care Precept |  | -47,098 |
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|  | **-543,815** |  | **Total Financing** |  | **-563,842** |
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| (10) | approves a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £2,028.99 for City Council services, i.e. an increase of 4.99% (2.99% City Council increase and 2% for the social care precept); |
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| (11) | notes that the Section 151 Officer has reviewed the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves, in accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003; and that further details can be found in Appendix 5 and within the Section 25 Statutory Statement on Sustainability of Budget and Level of Reserves from paragraph 2 of the Revenue Budget report; |
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| (12) | notes that, if overspends against the agreed budgets emerge, then Executive Directors and Directors will be required to develop and implement plans to mitigate fully any overspend, within 2025/26, in consultation with elected Members; |
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| (13) | approves the savings as set out in Appendix 2of the Revenue Budget report; |
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| (14) | approves the revenue budget allocations for each of the services, as set out in Appendix 4a of the Revenue Budget report; |
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| (15) | except where the decision is to be taken by the Council as a Charity Trustee, delegates authority to the relevant Director to increase fees and charges where they have been considered by a Policy Committee as part of the budget process and are included in Appendix 3 – Committee External Income of the Sheffield City Council Revenue Budget 2025/26; |
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| (16) | approves the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report and the recommendations contained therein; |
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| (17) | approves the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy set out in Appendix 7 of the Revenue Budget report, which takes into account the revisions proposed for 2025/26 onwards; |
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| (18) | agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to undertake Treasury Management activity, to create and amend appropriate Treasury Management Practice Statements and to report on the operation of Treasury Management activity on the terms set out in these documents; |
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| (19) | approves a Pay Policy for 2025/26 as set out in Appendix 11 of the Revenue Budget report; |
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| (20) | (a) agrees that the Members Allowances Scheme introduced in 2022/23 and reviewed in 2024/25 be implemented for 2025/26 and (b) notes that the Independent Remuneration Panel will review the Scheme each year, to make sure the scheme supports the governance structure and the roles and responsibilities of elected members; |
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| (21) | notes the precepts issued by local parish councils which add £694,640 to the calculation of the budget requirement in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992; |
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| (22) | notes the information on the precepts issued by the South Yorkshire Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner and of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, together with the impact of these on the overall amount of Council Tax to be charged in the City Council’s area; and |
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| (23) | notes that, based on the estimated expenditure level of £563.842m set out in paragraph (9) above, the amounts shown in Appendix 6b below would be calculated by the City Council for the year 2025/26, in accordance with sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:- |

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|  | **Appendix 6** | | |
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| **CITY OF SHEFFIELD**  **CALCULATION OF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL TAX FOR 2025/26 REVENUE BUDGET** | | | |
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| The Council is recommended to resolve as follows: | | | |
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| 1. | It be noted that on 14th January 2025, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2025/26 | | |
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|  | (a) for the whole Council area as : | | |
|  | **148,475.7826** | | (item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and |
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|  | (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix 6c. | | |
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| 2. | Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2025/26 (excluding Parish precepts) is: | | |
|  | **£301,255,922** | | |
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| 3. | That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2025/26 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act: | | |
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| (a) | **£1,788,173,781** | being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils. | |
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| (b) | **£1,486,223,219** | being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act. | |
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| (c) | **£301,950,562** | being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act). | |
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| (d) | **£2,033.6688** | being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts). | |
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| (e) | **£694,640** | being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix 6b). | |
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| (f) | **£2,028.9903** | being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(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 Parish precept relates. | |
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| 4. | To note that the Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table overleaf. | | |
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| 5. | **£47,097,792** | The amount set by the authority at 2 above, under Section 30 of the Act, includes an amount attributable to the adult social care precept. | |
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| 6. | That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2025/26 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings. | | |

**Sheffield City Council (Non-Parish Areas)**

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|  | **Valuation Band** | | | | | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **F** | **G** | **H** |
| Sheffield City Council | 1,352.66 | 1,578.10 | 1,803.55 | 2,028.99 | 2,479.88 | 2,930.76 | 3,381.65 | 4,057.98 |
| South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority | 60.03 | 70.04 | 80.04 | 90.05 | 110.06 | 130.07 | 150.08 | 180.10 |
| South Yorkshire Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner | 176.69 | 206.14 | 235.59 | 265.04 | 323.94 | 382.83 | 441.73 | 530.08 |
| Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements | 1,589.38 | 1,854.28 | 2,119.18 | 2,384.08 | 2,913.88 | 3,443.66 | 3,973.46 | 4,768.16 |

**Bradfield Parish Council**

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|  | **Valuation Band** | | | | | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **F** | **G** | **H** |
| Sheffield City Council | 1,352.66 | 1,578.10 | 1,803.55 | 2,028.99 | 2,479.88 | 2,930.76 | 3,381.65 | 4,057.98 |
| Bradfield Parish Council | 28.49 | 33.24 | 37.99 | 42.74 | 52.24 | 61.73 | 71.23 | 85.48 |
| South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority | 60.03 | 70.04 | 80.04 | 90.05 | 110.06 | 130.07 | 150.08 | 180.10 |
| South Yorkshire Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner | 176.69 | 206.14 | 235.59 | 265.04 | 323.94 | 382.83 | 441.73 | 530.08 |
| Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements | 1,617.87 | 1,887.52 | 2,157.17 | 2,426.82 | 2,966.12 | 3,505.39 | 4,044.69 | 4,853.64 |

**Ecclesfield Parish Council**

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|  | **Valuation Band** | | | | | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **F** | **G** | **H** |
| Sheffield City Council | 1,352.66 | 1,578.10 | 1,803.55 | 2,028.99 | 2,479.88 | 2,930.76 | 3,381.65 | 4,057.98 |
| Ecclesfield Parish Council | 21.20 | 24.73 | 28.26 | 31.79 | 38.86 | 45.92 | 52.99 | 63.59 |
| South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority | 60.03 | 70.04 | 80.04 | 90.05 | 110.06 | 130.07 | 150.08 | 180.10 |
| South Yorkshire Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner | 176.69 | 206.14 | 235.59 | 265.04 | 323.94 | 382.83 | 441.73 | 530.08 |
| Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements | 1,610.58 | 1,879.01 | 2,147.44 | 2,415.87 | 2,952.74 | 3,489.58 | 4,026.45 | 4,831.75 |

**Stocksbridge Town Council**

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|  | **Valuation Band** | | | | | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** | **F** | **G** | **H** |
| Sheffield City Council | 1,352.66 | 1,578.10 | 1,803.55 | 2,028.99 | 2,479.88 | 2,930.76 | 3,381.65 | 4,057.98 |
| Stocksbridge Town Council | 23.24 | 27.11 | 30.99 | 34.86 | 42.61 | 50.35 | 58.10 | 69.72 |
| South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority | 60.03 | 70.04 | 80.04 | 90.05 | 110.06 | 130.07 | 150.08 | 180.10 |
| South Yorkshire Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner | 176.69 | 206.14 | 235.59 | 265.04 | 323.94 | 382.83 | 441.73 | 530.08 |
| Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements | 1,612.62 | 1,881.39 | 2,150.17 | 2,418.94 | 2,956.49 | 3,494.01 | 4,031.56 | 4,837.88 |

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| 7. | The Council's basic amount of Council Tax is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, therefore no referendum is required. |
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| **Appendix 6b** | |
| **Council Tax Schedule 2025/26** | |

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|  | **Band A** | **Band B** | **Band C** | **Band D** | **Band E** | **Band F** | **Band G** | **Band H** |
| Sheffield City Council | 1,352.66 | 1,578.10 | 1,803.55 | 2,028.99 | 2,479.88 | 2,930.76 | 3,381.65 | 4,057.98 |
| South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority | 60.03 | 70.04 | 80.04 | 90.05 | 110.06 | 130.07 | 150.08 | 180.10 |
| South Yorkshire Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner | 176.69 | 206.14 | 235.59 | 265.04 | 323.94 | 382.83 | 441.73 | 530.08 |
| Total charge for non-parish areas of Sheffield | 1,589.38 | 1,854.28 | 2,119.18 | 2,384.08 | 2,913.88 | 3,443.66 | 3,973.46 | 4,768.16 |
| Bradfield Parish Council | 1,617.87 | 1,887.52 | 2,157.17 | 2,426.82 | 2,966.12 | 3,505.39 | 4,044.69 | 4,853.64 |
| Ecclesfield Parish Council | 1,610.58 | 1,879.01 | 2,147.44 | 2,415.87 | 2,952.74 | 3,489.58 | 4,026.45 | 4,831.75 |
| Stocksbridge Town Council | 1,612.62 | 1,881.39 | 2,150.17 | 2,418.94 | 2,956.49 | 3,494.01 | 4,031.56 | 4,837.88 |

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| **Appendix 6c** |
| **Parish Council Precepts** |

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| **Parish Council** | **2024/25** | | | | **2025/26** | | |  |
| Tax Base | Council  Tax Income (£) | Council Tax Band D (£) | Tax Base | | Council Tax Income (£) | Council Tax Band D (£) | Council Tax Band D Increase as %age |
| Bradfield | 6,040.61 | 258,162 | 42.7378 | 6,058.59 | | 258,931 | 42.7378 | 0.00% |
| Ecclesfield | 9,391.56 | 287,111 | 30.5712 | 9,398.20 | | 298,807 | 31.7940 | 4.00% |
| Stockbridge | 3,885.25 | 131,494 | 33.8443 | 3,927.23 | | 136,902 | 34.8597 | 3.00% |
| Total/Average | 19,317.42 | 676,767 | 107.15 | 19,384.02 | | 694,640 | 109.39 |  |

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| **3.** | **CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL’S CONSTITUTION AND DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY 2025** |

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| RESOLVED: That:- |
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| (a) the changes to the various Parts of the Constitution, as outlined in section 2 of the report and as set out in appendices 1 to 3, be approved; and |
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| (b) the date of the annual meeting of the Council be moved, from 11.30am on Wednesday 21st May 2025, to 11.30am on Monday 19th May 2025, for the reasons outlined in section 3 of the report. |
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| *(NB. The changes included (1) changes to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules and delegations to the Senior Officer Employment Committee and to Officers, relating to the processes for establishing and recruiting to Chief Officer posts, to align with the revised Pay Policy Statement and to add clarity on other Officer delegations; (2) changes to some of the Proper Officer designations to reflect changes to areas of responsibility within the Council’s management structure, and to some job titles, since Autumn 2023; and (3) changes to the Council Procedure Rules relating to changes to the date, time or venue for the Annual Meetings and Ordinary Meetings of the Council.)* |
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