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**Meeting:** Council

**Date:** 25 February 2010

**Subject:** Council Tax Resolution

**Report of:** Cllr Maurice Jones, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources

**Summary:** The report puts forward the Budget Proposals of the Executive from its meeting of 9 February 2010 and presents the Formal Council Tax Resolution.

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**Advising Officer:** Clive Heaphy, Director of Corporate Resources

**Contact Officer:** Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services

**Public/Exempt:** Public

**Wards Affected:** All

**Function of:** Council

**CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:**

**Council Priorities:**

None

**Financial:**

Based on the revenue budget proposals, approving the formal Council Tax Resolution as set out in Appendix A would result in an average Band D Council Tax for Central Bedfordshire of £1,324.96.

**Legal:**

The Council Tax Resolution is set in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

**Risk Management:**

None

**Staffing (including Trade Unions):**

None

**Equalities / Human Rights:**

None

**Community Safety:**

None

**Sustainability:**

None

**Summary of Overview & Scrutiny Comments:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

**that the Council agree the Council Tax Resolution set out in Appendix A**

**Background**

1. The Executive at its meeting on the 9 February 2010 considered a detailed report on the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2010/11 to 2014/15. Members are asked to refer to that report for a detailed explanation of the background to this report.
2. The Council Tax Resolution is set in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and is submitted at this stage on the basis of the budget proposals set out in that report.
3. The precepts and Band D levels of precepting bodies have been received. These are detailed below:

**Town & Parish Councils/Meetings**

4. The Town & Parish Council/Meetings Precepts for 2010/2011 are detailed in Appendix B and total £8,503,797. The increase in the average Band D Council Tax for Town and Parish Councils/Meetings is 3.28% and results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £89.32 for 2010/11.

**Bedfordshire Police Authority**

5. Bedfordshire Police Authority met on 12 February 2010 and set its precept at £13,782,973. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £144.77 for 2010/11 compared with £140.56 for 2009/10, being an increase of 3.00%.

## **Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority**

6. Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority met on 5 February 2010 and set its precept at £7,848,782. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £82.44 for 2010/11 compared with £81.63 for 2009/10, being an increase of 1.00%.

### **PROPOSALS**

7. Council is required to approve a resolution in the statutory format and the formal Council Tax Resolution at Appendix A is based on the budget proposals, which result in the total Band D Council Tax as shown in the "Valuation Bands" on that Appendix. The various levels of Council Tax for each Band for each Town and Parish Council/Meeting are shown at Appendix C.

#### **Appendices:**

Appendix A – Council Tax Resolution 2010/2011

Appendix B – Town and Parish Council/Meeting Precepts

Appendix C – Council Tax Schedule by Town and Parish Areas

#### **Background Papers:**

Estimate Working Papers

Town & Parish Council/Meeting Precept Submissions

Executive Report of 9 February 2010

Medium Term Financial Plan

Local Government Finance Settlement 2010/11

#### **Location of papers:**

Corporate Resources Directorate, Priory House, Chicksands