

RE: URGENT Decision Required re level of Precept/Funding by BDBC 2015/16

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Subject: URGENT Decision Required re level of Precept/Funding by BDBC 2015/16

Dear All,

I have today received the background data from BDBC on the Council Tax Base for next year.

The Base on which the Council Tax Precept for Hannington PC is calculated has gone **down** for next year compared with this year. Therefore, to generate the SAME CASH (£3,400), the Precept that will appear on the Council Tax forms would need to show an increase from 17.94p to 18.01p (0.4%)

The corollary, of course, applies in that if Hannington PC kept the SAME PRECEPT 17.94p the actual cash received would reduce by £14.

Neither amounts are 'material', but it could be argued that Councils across the Country are being encouraged to continue with a freeze on Council Tax.

However, the opposite happened last year as the CT Base for Hannington increased(!) and to generate the same cash as in 2013 (£3,400), the Precept reduced by 0.6%!!!!

The question therefore is:-

a) does the Parish Council request a cash amount of £3,400 (incl CTSGrant) from BDBC and therefore show an increase of 0.4% on its CT

or

b) does the Parish Council require the same CT level (nil increase), and receive £3,386... not £3,400 previously agreed at the December meeting?

RECOMMENDATION:

The Parish Council reaffirms its decision from the December meeting and seeks total funding of £3,400, even though this would result in a 0.4% increase in the Hannington portion of the Council Tax. This approach would be consistent with the view taken for 2014 when the cash amount was set at £3,400 (same as in 2013) and there was a 0.6% reduction in the Hannington portion of the Council Tax.

The full details of the calculations are attached!!!!

Chris

