

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

22 FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Ms Watson-Merret), Councillors Mrs Allanach, Mrs A'Barrow, Mrs Brown, Mrs Crane, Daly, Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Eccleson, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Harrington, Mrs Hassell, Miss Lawrence, Lawrence, Lewis, Ms Livesey, Lowe, Ms Maoudis, Mistry, Moran, Mrs New, Mrs O'Rourke, Picker, Poole, Rabin, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Sandison, Slinger, Srivastava, Mrs Timms, Ward, Dr Williams and Willis.

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Edwards, Ellis and Mahoney.

78. MINUTES

The minutes of the special meeting held on 7 February 2023 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 7(a) of Part 1 – Council Tax Determination 2023/24 – Councillors Mrs New and Roodhouse (non-pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a trustee of Fareham Youth Partnership).

Item 8 of Part 1 – Notices of Motion – Councillors Roodhouse and Mrs Timms (non-pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being Warwickshire County Councillors).

80. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) This week marks the first anniversary of the war in Ukraine, a year of untold pain and suffering for its people, and a grim reminder for us all of the fragility of peace in our world.

On Friday 24 February 2023 at 11am, the Council will observe a minute's silence to mark its respect for the bravery and sacrifice of the Ukrainian people, and send a clear signal of our enduring support for Ukraine in the face of Russian aggression.

We stand with Ukraine and we stand for freedom, a commitment we made a year ago and a commitment we will stand by until peace prevails.

The Mayor will attend a service at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 25 February 2023 to mark the first anniversary of the war. Many of the refugees who have made Rugby their home since fleeing Ukraine will be attending the service, which will be followed by a walk through the town centre to the Town Hall, where she will host an informal reception for our guests from Ukraine in the Mayor's Parlour.

- (b) Warwickshire Pride held a vigil at the Town Hall on Saturday 18 February 2023 in memory of Brianna Ghey, the 16-year-old transgender girl who was fatally wounded in a park in Culcheth, Cheshire, on 11 February.

The Mayor attended the vigil to express her sorrow for the loss of Brianna and reassure the LGBT+ community in Rugby that the Council remains a committed and proud ally.

Throughout February, the rainbow flag has flown at the Town Hall to mark LGBT+ History Month. History Month promotes equality and diversity, raising awareness of the LGBT+ community's ongoing battle for acceptance and understanding.

As recent events have sadly shown, that battle is far from won and we all have a part to play in silencing those who seek to sow the seeds of intolerance and division in our society.

- (c) Earlier this month the Mayor was delighted to join Rugby World Cup winner Mike Tindall and Nigel Gillingham, president of the Rugby Football Union, at Rugby School for the official launch of the bicentenary celebrations for the birth of the game of rugby football.

The launch event, The Global Pass, saw a rugby ball passed between nearly 150 invited guests at The Close, where 200 years ago William Webb Ellis displayed his 'fine disregard for the rules of football' by picking up the ball and running with it.

The rugby ball used for the first Global Pass joins 200 other balls manufactured by Gilbert Rugby which Rugby School has sent around the world, with rugby enthusiasts set to host Global Pass events throughout the year.

With the Rugby World Cup set to kick-off in France in September and a programme of events to celebrate the bicentenary in the birthplace of the game, 2023 is set to be an exciting year for both rugby football and the proud home of the game.

81. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

The following question was received in accordance with the Council's Constitution and had been circulated to all Members prior to the meeting and published on the Council's website.

Councillor Willis asked the Growth and Investment Portfolio Holder, Councillor Picker:

"In light of the substantial number of applications for Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) that have been considered by the Planning Committee in recent months, and the clear concern from residents in terms of the concentration of HMOs in some parts of Rugby, most notably in the urban wards around the town centre, can the Portfolio Holder please clarify the Council's proposals to introduce a policy on this matter?"

Councillor Picker, Growth and Investment Portfolio Holder, replied as follows:

"Previous questions about HMOs were raised at Council in November 2019 and November 2021. In response to those questions, the council commissioned a report to understand the issue and to consider methods by which Rugby Borough Council may manage that issue going forwards. The report utilised both qualitative and quantitative data. The report was presented to Planning Services Working Party (PSWP) in January 2022.

The report considered a range of options. In the absence of a current local plan policy on HMOs, those policy options would need to be carried forward through an update to the local plan. The PSWP in January 2022 identified that a long-term aim could be to incorporate an agreed policy in the next local plan review.

On 14 December 2022 Council approved the recommendation of Cabinet that a full review of the Rugby Borough Local Plan be undertaken and adopted a new Local Development Scheme. The scope of that review will include a policy on HMOs. Therefore, the council proposes to take forward a policy on HMOs as part of the new local plan. The specifics of that policy will be determined based on evidence, including the report previously commissioned."

Councillor Willis then asked the Portfolio Holder, notwithstanding a policy being adopted as part of the Local Plan review, if there were any interim arrangements that could be put in place to defer applications for HMOs coming forward. Councillor Picker responded that, regrettably, there no means to defer applications.

82. REPORT OF AUDIT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE – 2 FEBRUARY 2023

RESOLVED THAT – the report be confirmed and adopted.

83. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(a) Council Tax Determination 2023/24

Council considered the report of the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 1 – agenda item 7(a)) concerning the Council Tax determination for 2023/24.

The Mayor informed the meeting that a recorded vote would be taken for the substantive motion on Council Tax determination.

Members wished to place on record their thanks to Jon Illingworth, Chief Officer – Finance and Performance and his team for their support and diligence during the budget setting process this year.

Councillor Lowe moved and Councillor Ms Robbins seconded the recommendation as detailed in the report.

Councillor Moran then moved and Councillor Mrs O'Rourke seconded the Labour Group's amendment as attached at Appendix 1 to the minutes. Following debate the Mayor put the amendment to the vote and declared it lost.

Councillor Roodhouse then moved and Councillor Douglas seconded the Liberal Democrat Group's amendment as at Appendix 2 to the minutes. Further to debate, the Mayor put the amendment to the vote and declared it lost.

Further to discussion, the Mayor put the substantive motion to the vote.

For the motion – The Mayor (Councillor Ms Watson-Merret), Councillors Mrs Allanach, Mrs A'Barrow, Mrs Crane, Daly, Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Eccleson, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Mrs Hassell, Miss Lawrence, Lawrence, Lewis, Lowe, Ms Maoudis, Mrs New, Picker, Poole, Rabin, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Sandison, Mrs Timms, Ward, Dr Williams and Willis – **30 votes**

Against the motion – Councillors Mrs Brown, Harrington, Ms Livesey, Mistry, Moran, Mrs O'Rourke, Slinger and Srivastava – **8 votes**

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Council passes a resolution in the form set out in Appendix A to the report, for the Rugby Borough Council and Rugby Parish element of the Council Tax requirement;
- (2) the Medium-Term Financial Strategy as outlined in Section 1 of Appendix B be approved;

- (3) the Growth and Savings proposals for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 2 of the Budget Booklet 2023/24 (Appendix B) be approved;
- (4) the General Fund Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 3 of the Budget Booklet 2023/24 (Appendix B) be noted;
- (5) the proposed 2022/23 Fees and Charges as set out in the detailed schedule at Appendix 7 of the Budget Booklet 2023/24 (Appendix B) be approved;
- (6) the procurement strategy as outlined in Appendix B (appendix 10) be approved;
- (7) the Statement of the Chief Financial Officer on Reserves, Robustness of Estimates and Affordability and Prudence of Capital Investments as set out in Appendix C be considered;
- (8) the transfer of £5.000m from the Business Rates Equalisation reserve to a new town centre strategy reserve and the addition of the temporary resources as detailed in section 7 of this report be approved;
- (9) the NNDR return set out in Appendix D be noted; and
- (10) the establishment of a Council Tax Support discretionary fund, to support vulnerable households with council tax bills, to be funded from remaining Council Tax Support grant as outlined in section 6 of this report.

(b) UK Shared Prosperity Fund Year 1 Update

Council considered the report of the Chief Officer – Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 7(b)) concerning an update on Year 1 spending from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the reallocation of the proportion of UK Shared Prosperity Fund previously agreed for Digital Signage as set out in the report be approved; and
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Finance and Performance in consultation with the Chief Officer for Growth and Investment to make any other minor changes to the spend to ensure that all money is spent by the end of the financial year.

84. NOTICES OF MOTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 11

Council considered the following Motion, notice of which had been given pursuant to Standing Order 11.

(a) Councillor Rabin moved and Councillor Daly seconded the motion as set out below.

“The Highway Code (rule 140) states “do not park your vehicle where it would endanger or inconvenience pedestrians or other road users, for example on a footpath, pavement or cycle track”.

Rule 218 states “do not park partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, the visually impaired and people with prams or pushchairs”.

And yet it happens every day in Rugby.

Recent national research found that a third of parents thought that stopping on yellow ‘keep clear’ and double yellow zones was acceptable. The law clearly states that it is an offence to drive on the pavement, yet despite the obvious inference that a parked vehicle has been driven on the pavement prior to being parked there, witnesses to the driving will be needed to secure a prosecution”. Prosecution is possible if witnessed.

The problem in Rugby is that the teams of Civil Enforcement Officers are only deployed in and around our town centre – rather than where local people want them.

Inconsiderate parking and congestion around our schools (largely our secondary and combined schools) presents an increasing danger. During my time as Councillor for Newbold on Avon & Brownsover I have witnessed several near misses and have been aware of several accidents – thankfully none fatal – yet.

My motion calls upon Council to approve and request action for:

- *communication with Warwickshire County Council Parking Management to request an urgent review of the existing deployment of Civil Enforcement Officers – placing a proportionate focus upon our busiest schools;*
- *an update on the communication with Warwickshire County Council (agreed in February 2022) on the conclusions of the cross-party working group, in collaboration with Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership and Warwickshire Police Services – along with any cross-party collaboration within our own Council;*

- *practical options for the installation of signage at existing yellow zig zag lines displaying the times of “mandatory prohibition of stopping”, something that the majority of our schools do not have – technically enabling “legal” parking and preventing powers to issue PCN fines; and*
- *Warwickshire County Council to plan the creation of a Safety Outside Schools public awareness programme aimed at hearing the views of residents, teachers, parents and raising awareness for the importance of considerate parking, while engaging with road safety charities such as Living Streets.”*

Further to debate, the Mayor put the motion to the vote and declared it carried.

85. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

86. COMMON SEAL

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and

RESOLVED THAT - the Common Seal be affixed to the various orders, deeds and documents to be made or entered into for carrying into effect the several decisions, matters and things approved by the Council and more particularly set out in the reports adopted at this meeting.

87. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

88. PRIVATE REPORT OF OFFICERS

Council considered the private report of the Chief Officer – Operations and Traded Services (Part 2 – agenda item 1(a)) concerning funding with regard to the material recycling facility.

RESOLVED THAT – the recommendation, as at paragraph 4.1 of the report, be approved.

MAYOR

Labour Amendment

Proposer: Michael Moran

Seconder: Maggie O'Rourke

APPENDIX A

COUNCIL MEETING - 22 FEBRUARY 2023

COUNCIL TAX DETERMINATION 2023/24

RECOMMENDED THAT:-

- (1) the Council's General Fund Capital budget for 2023/24 be as shown within **Appendix 3 of the Budget Booklet 2023/24 (Appendix B)** of the "Council Tax Determination 2023/24 report. With the following variations:
- (2) the Council's General Fund Revenue budget for 2023/24 be as shown within **Appendix 1 of the Budget Booklet (Appendix B)** as part of the "Council Tax Determination 2023/24" report. With the following variations:

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To amend the motion as set out as recommendation (8) to

Delete the words "a new town centre strategy reserve and the addition of the temporary resources as detailed in section 7 of this report"; and

Insert the following words at the end so as to read

(8) the transfer of £5.000m from the Business Rates Equalisation reserve be approved "to create a new fund to enable the Council to seek to achieve the objectives to;

1. Assess all options for the Town Hall site and other Council assets in the town centre via focused stakeholder engagement and an invitation to developers to participate in an open tender process; the core objective being to transform the perception of the town centre by meaningful change.

2. Assess plans for any Voluntary and Community Sector estate rationalisation to create a Health and Wellbeing Hub in the town centre.

3. Work with external consultants to identify a suitable location and delivery plan for a Business and Innovation Hub.

4. Work with Warwickshire County Council, transport operators and other stakeholders to identify a new Public Transport Hub in the town centre.

5. Enable the Council to develop and implement a new policy on Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in as quick a time as possible to limit the concentration of HMOs in the urban wards.

6. Create a Rugby Revival Project to focus on improving the appearance and functionality of poor quality, under-utilised and prominent buildings to collaborate with existing owners and bring in new investors to reinvigorate the town centre for residents, visitors and businesses.

7. Create a new unit to carry out the research and planning to better match services and amenities to new developments, including through better enforcement of Section 106 agreements.

8. Establish a Borough Councillor Grant Fund.

9. Establish a Green Spaces Taskforce, overseen by cross-party team of Councillors, with a remit to plan improvements for the benefit of residents' health and wellbeing, and the environment, through consulting residents and community groups, improving existing spaces and expanding the stock of green spaces.

10. Establish a Rugby Youth Engagement Forum to increase young people's interest, understanding, and involvement in local politics, by engaging with young people in a meaningful way to bring them into the policy-making process, where possible using co-production techniques to help them design policies relevant to their needs and allocate any available funds.

11. Work with our local communities and partners to establish an annual cultural diverse festival

12. Progress sustainability focussed projects which support the Council's Climate Change commitments.

13. Working with partners to identify and undertake public realm improvement projects.

14. Working with Town Centre businesses to identify immediate options for progression and support required.

15. Obtain advice with regards to existing arrangements with Rugby First to further consider the following on the basis that Rugby's population is not, in effect, paying twice through direct taxation and via the existing BID levy:

- a. CCTV enhancements to improve community safety
- b. Increased town centre events and activities which celebrate the Borough's
- c. Establish a new SLA with Rugby First.

In addition to the initiatives above;

- Amend and improve the current Town Centre Strategy during a focused 3-month period of consultation with local residents, stakeholders and potential investment partners
- Insist on consistent criteria for investment that either requires a clear economic return on investment of 10% pa or an independently audited equivalent social value added that we will assess on an annual basis.

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- (3) the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2023/24 (excluding Parish precepts) be calculated as **£8,525,242** equating to a **2.99% increase** for a Band D property;
- (4) the Council note that in the professional opinion of the Chief Financial Officer the level of reserves and balances as detailed in **Appendix 5 of the Budget Booklet (Appendix B)** as part of the "Council Tax Determination 2023/24" report are adequate to support the level of spending in the proposed capital and revenue budgets for 2023/24 and onwards;
- (5) it be noted that at its meeting on 9th January 2023 Cabinet confirmed the following amounts for the year 2023/24 calculated in accordance with regulations made under section 31(B) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by sections 72
- (a) **40,434.65** being the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 as its Council Tax base for the year.

(b) Part of the Council's area

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Burton Hastings	97.10
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Church Lawford	163.07
Churchover	1,218.42
Clifton-upon-Dunsmore	1,590.99
Combe Fields	70.81
Copston Magna	21.96
Cosford	8.70
Dunchurch	1,789.09
Easenhall	108.93
Frankton	177.06
Grandborough	218.65
Harborough Magna	185.94
Kings Newnham	29.25
Leamington Hastings	246.87
Long Lawford	1,396.17
Marton	217.52
Monks Kirby	227.87
Newton & Biggin	489.99
Pailton	225.82
Princethorpe	173.11
Ryton-on-Dunsmore	695.50
Shilton & Barnacle	350.48
Stretton Baskerville	8.74
Stretton-on-Dunsmore	519.63
Stretton-under-Fosse	97.24
Thurlaston	209.90
Wibtoft	25.06
Willey	38.15
Willoughby	191.87
Withybrook	122.08
Wolfhampcote	154.37
Wolston	994.49
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Rugby Town Area	23,494.92
MOD Properties	129.90

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

Appendix 1 to the minutes

- (6) consequent upon the above revised tax base for Rugby Special Expenses Area the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2023/24 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended:-

(a)	£ 71,975,689	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act (<i>gross expenditure including parish precepts</i>);
(b)	-62,445,799	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31(A)(3) of the Act (<i>gross income</i>);
(c)	9,529,890	being the amount by which the aggregate at 6(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 6(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31(A)(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year;
(d)	235.69	being the amount at 6(c) above divided by the amount at 5(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31(B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (<i>including parish precepts and town area special expenses</i>);
(e)	2,865,300	being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (<i>parish precepts and town area special expenses</i>);
(f)	164.82	being the amount at 6(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 6(e) above by the amount at 5(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 (<i>Rugby Borough Council Tax excluding parish precepts and town area special expenses</i>);

(g) Part of the Council's area

Parish of	£
Ansty	73.67
Binley Woods	50.97
Birdingbury	42.50
Bourton & Draycote	40.70
Brandon & Bretford	69.06
Brinklow	75.59
Burton Hastings	24.94
Cawston	44.87
Church Lawford	40.55
Churchover	16.00
Clifton-upon-Dunsmore	37.04
Combe Fields	4.55
Copston Magna	-
Cosford	-
Dunchurch	62.84
Easenhall	39.02
Frankton	56.48
Grandborough	30.41
Harborough Magna	68.07
Kings Newnham	-
Leamington Hastings	13.97
Long Lawford	87.04
Marton	55.17
Monks Kirby	47.56
Newton & Biggin	43.37
Pailton	70.47
Princethorpe	93.44
Ryton-on-Dunsmore	109.28
Shilton & Barnacle	66.59
Stretton Baskerville	24.94
Stretton-on-Dunsmore	107.77
Stretton-under-Fosse	86.44
Thurlaston	85.76
Wibtoft	-
Willey	13.11
Willoughby	82.57
Withybrook	36.86
Wolfhampcote	58.30

Wolston	98.60
Wolvey	77.16
Rugby Town Area	79.19

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 6(f) 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 5(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 (*Rugby Borough Council plus parish/town area Council Tax for each parish/town area at Band D*);

(h) the amounts set out in Annex 1, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 6(f) and 6(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) 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 amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands (*Rugby Borough Council plus parish/town area Council Tax for each parish/town area for each Band*);

- (7) it be noted that for the year 2023/24 Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the District Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands £	Warks County Council £	Police & Crime Commissioner £
A	1,102.38	184.47
B	1,286.11	215.22
C	1,469.84	245.96
D	1,653.57	276.71
E	2,021.03	338.20
F	2,388.49	399.69
G	2,755.95	461.18
H	3,307.14	553.42

and

- (8) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 6(h) and 7 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts set out at Annex 2, as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2023/24 for each of the categories of dwellings shown;
- (9) the Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2023/24 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2023/24 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Liberal Democrats Amendment

Proposer: Jerry Roodhouse

Seconder: Tim Douglas

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A) A 3 year programme of developing and supporting diversion activities for young people also ensuring that the voice of young people from across the Borough helps to shape these activities. This should include close partnership working with existing youth organisations across the Borough.	500,000
B) A one off contribution to increase the climate change fund and look to establish in partnership a Climate Emergency Centre shop which should input from RBC and Warwickshire Councils recycling and waste teams, Act on Energy the repair café along with developing a community food shop including a healthy living hub.	500,000
C) Utilisation of the business rates equalisation reserve using growth above the baseline in 2023/24 to fund the above initiatives	-1,000,000

Subject to the commencement of the above initiatives

The Chief Executive is requested to bring forward reports on how the Council can support and increase opportunities for increasing apprenticeships at the Council and how we can work more closely with Warwickshire College to increase the training opportunities which address skill shortages such as around climate change mitigation.	N/A
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The Chief Executive and Senior Leadership Team along with Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils (WALC) are requested to bring forward proposals on how the Borough council can improve partnership working with the Parish council sector.	N/A
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(d)	235.69	being the amount at 6(c) above divided by the amount at 5(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31(B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (<i>including parish precepts and town area special expenses</i>);
(e)	2,865,300	being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (<i>parish precepts and town area special expenses</i>);
(f)	164.82	being the amount at 6(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 6(e) above by the amount at 5(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 (<i>Rugby Borough Council Tax excluding parish precepts and town area special expenses</i>);

(g) Part of the Council's area

Parish of

£

Ansty	73.67
Binley Woods	50.97
Birdingbury	42.50
Bourton & Draycote	40.70
Brandon & Bretford	69.06
Brinklow	75.59
Burton Hastings	24.94
Cawston	44.87
Church Lawford	40.55
Churchover	16.00
Clifton-upon-Dunsmore	37.04
Combe Fields	4.55
Copston Magna	-
Cosford	-
Dunchurch	62.84
Easehall	39.02
Frankton	56.48
Grandborough	30.41
Harborough Magna	68.07
Kings Newnham	-
Leamington Hastings	13.97
Long Lawford	87.04
Marton	55.17
Monks Kirby	47.56
Newton & Biggin	43.37
Pailton	70.47
Princethorpe	93.44
Ryton-on-Dunsmore	109.28
Shilton & Barnacle	66.59
Stretton Baskerville	24.94
Stretton-on-Dunsmore	107.77
Stretton-under-Fosse	86.44
Thurlaston	85.76
Wibtoft	-
Willey	13.11
Willoughby	82.57
Withybrook	36.86
Wolfhampcote	58.30
Wolston	98.60
Wolvey	77.16
Rugby Town Area	79.19

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 6(f) 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 5(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 (*Rugby Borough Council plus parish/town area Council Tax for each parish/town area at Band D*);

(h) the amounts set out in Annex 1, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 6(f) and 6(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) 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 amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands (*Rugby Borough Council plus parish/town area Council Tax for each parish/town area for each Band*);

- (7) it be noted that for the year 2023/24 Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the District Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands £	Warks County Council £	Police & Crime Commissioner £
A	1,102.38	184.47
B	1,286.11	215.22
C	1,469.84	245.96
D	1,653.57	276.71
E	2,021.03	338.20
F	2,388.49	399.69
G	2,755.95	461.18
H	3,307.14	553.42

and

- (8) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 6(h) and 7 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts set out at Annex 2, as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2023/24 for each of the categories of dwellings shown;
- (9) the Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2023/24 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2023/24 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.