

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 10 DECEMBER 2025**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE: COUNCIL TAX BASE 2026/27**

#### **Recommendation:**

**Council is recommended to approve, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012, the amount to be calculated by Cheshire East Council as its Council taxbase for the year 2026/27 as 165,549.87 for the whole area (Annex 2 of the report).**

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**Extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Policy Committee held on 27 November 2025**

#### **58 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION 2026/27 - 2029/30 AND COUNCIL TAX BASE 2026/27**

The Committee considered a report on the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Consultation for 2026/27–2029/30 and the Council Tax Base for 2026/27.

Members noted that the Council continued to face significant financial challenges, with a forecast budget gap of £18.2m for 2026/27, reduced from £33.3m following recent refinements. The report outlined key assumptions, including growth allocations for Adult Social Care and Children’s Services, a 5% vacancy factor across staffing budgets, and above-inflation increases in fees and charges.

Members were advised that a programme of public consultation and engagement would run from November 2025 to January 2026, and that the Council Tax Base for 2026/27 had been calculated in accordance with statutory requirements.

#### **RESOLVED (unanimously):**

That the Corporate Policy Committee

1. Note the current budget position for the period 2026/27 to 2029/30 as set out in Table 1 of the report.
2. Note the list of Corporate Policy budget savings proposals that are contained in the budget consultation launched in November 2025 as contained in Annex 1 of the report.

3. Note the Council Tax Support scheme is agreed for 2026/27 as unchanged other than the increases in line with CPI as agreed in the last consultation.

**Corporate Policy Committee recommends to Council that:**

- 4) **Approve, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012, the amount to be calculated by Cheshire East Council as its Council taxbase for the year 2026/27 as 165,549.87 for the whole area (Annex 2).**