MEETING of GROUP LEADERS held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 6.00 pm on 17 FEBRUARY 2004

Present:- Councillors A Dean, A J Ketteridge and R M Lemon.

Officers in attendance:- J B Dickson and M T Purkiss.

GL1 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor E J Godwin. She had appointed Councillor R M Lemon as her nominee to attend this meeting.

GL2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor A Dean be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

GL3 COUNCIL TAX 2004/05

The Council had determined its own Council Tax requirement for 2004/05 on 10 February 2004. It had been unable, however, to aggregate that requirement with those of Essex County Council, the Police Authority and the Fire Authority as the County Council had not decided its precept until 17 February. Also on 10 February, the Council had, therefore, appointed Group Leaders or their nominees to consider the necessary aggregation recommendations.

The Essex Police Authority had determined its precept on 9 February and the Essex Fire Authority on 11 February 2004. Essex County Council had met earlier on 17 February to determine its precept and Group Leaders considered a report setting out the total council tax requirements for 2004/05 which consisted of the aggregation of the budget requirements and council taxes of Essex County Council, Essex Police Authority, the Essex Fire Authority and Uttlesford District Council (including various parish/town precepts).

The overall increase in council tax was 6%, the tax for a band D property (excluding parish/town precepts) being £1164.06. It was noted that Uttlesford had the lowest council tax in Essex.

RESOLVED that

1 It be noted that for the year 2004/05 the Essex County Council, Essex Police Authority and Essex Fire Authority have stated that the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings are as shown below:-

	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Essex								
County	594.36	693.42	792.48	891.54	1089.66	1287.78	1485.90	1783.08
Council								
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Police	66.18	77.21	88.24	99.27	121.33	143.39	165.45	198.54
Authority								
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Fire	37.62	43.89	50.16	56.43	68.97	81.51	94.05	112.86
Authority								

2 That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (i) and (j) in paragraph 9 and 11 of the report, the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2004/05 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

Band	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
Band 'D' equivalent proportions	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Arkesden	797.19	930.06	1062.92	1,195.79	1461.52	1727.25	1992.98	2391.58
Ashdon	803.70	937.65	1071.60	1,205.55	1473.45	1741.35	2009.25	2411.10
Aythorpe Roding	787.48	918.73	1049.97	1,181.22	1443.71	1706.21	1968.70	2362.44
Barnston	800.63	934.06	1067.50	1,200.94	1467.82	1734.69	2001.57	2401.88
Berden	794.98	927.48	1059.97	1,192.47	1457.46	1722.46	1987.45	2384.94
Birchanger	797.49	930.40	1063.32	1,196.23	1462.06	1727.89	1993.72	2392.46
Broxted	791.91	923.89	1055.88	1,187.86	1451.83	1715.80	1979.77	2375.72
Chickney	776.04	905.38	1034.72	1,164.06	1422.74	1681.42	1940.10	2328.12
Chrishall	809.32	944.21	1079.09	1,213.98	1483.75	1753.53	2023.30	2427.96
Clavering	784.26	914.97	1045.68	1,176.39	1437.81	1699.23	1960.65	2352.78
Debden	786.84	917.98	1049.12	1,180.26	1442.54	1704.82	1967.10	2360.52
Elmdon and Wenden Lofts	789.78	921.41	1053.04	1,184.67	1447.93	1711.19	1974.45	2369.34
Elsenham	792.11	924.12	1056.14	1,188.16	1452.20	1716.23	1980.27	2376.32
Farnham	787.86	919.17	1050.48	1,181.79	1444.41	1707.03	1969.65	2363.58
Felsted	795.24	927.78	1060.32	1,192.86	1457.94	1723.02	1988.10	2385.72
Great Canfield	790.69	922.48	1054.26	1,186.04	1449.60	1713.17	1976.73	2372.08
Great Chesterford	805.37	939.60	1073.83	1,208.06	1476.52	1744.98	2013.43	2416.12
Great Dunmow Town	819.97	956.64	1093.30	1,229.96	1503.28	1776.61	2049.93	2459.92
Great Easton	796.79	929.58	1062.38	1,195.18	1460.78	1726.37	1991.97	2390.36
Great Hallingbury	793.01	925.17	1057.34	1,189.51	1453.85	1718.18	1982.52	2379.02
Hadstock	794.94	927.43	1059.92	1,192.41	1457.39	1722.37	1987.35	2384.82
Hatfield Broad Oak	794.53	926.95	1059.37	1,191.79	1456.63	1721.47	1986.32	2383.58
Hatfield Heath	790.95	922.78	1054.60	1,186.43	1450.08	1713.73	1977.38	2372.86
Hempstead	797.67	930.62	1063.56	1,196.51	1462.40	1728.29	1994.18	2393.02
Henham	795.46	928.04	1060.61	1,193.19	1458.34	1723.50	1988.65	2386.38
High Easter	786.25	917.30	1048.34	1,179.38	1441.46	1703.55	1965.63	2358.76
High Roding	796.35	929.08	1061.80	1,194.53	1459.98	1725.43	1990.88	2389.06
Langley	791.70	923.65	1055.60	1,187.55	1451.45	1715.35	1979.25	2375.10

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Leaden Roding	786.68	917.79	1048.91	1,180.02	1442.25	1704.47	1966.70	2360.04
Lindsell	776.04	905.38	1034.72	1,164.06	1422.74	1681.42	1940.10	2328.12
Littlebury	794.76	927.22	1059.68	1,192.14	1457.06	1721.98	1986.90	2384.28
Little Bardfield	789.34	920.90	1052.45	1,184.01	1447.12	1710.24	1973.35	2368.02
Little Canfield	788.80	920.27	1051.73	1,183.20	1446.13	1709.07	1972.00	2366.40
Little Chesterford	788.07	919.42	1050.76	1,182.11	1444.80	1707.49	1970.18	2364.22
Little Dunmow	791.73	923.69	1055.64	1,187.60	1451.51	1715.42	1979.33	2375.20
Little Easton	797.59	930.53	1063.46	1,196.39	1462.25	1728.12	1993.98	2392.78
Little Hallingbury	793.17	925.36	1057.56	1,189.75	1454.14	1718.53	1982.92	2379.50
Manuden	809.94	944.93	1079.92	1,214.91	1484.89	1754.87	2024.85	2429.82
Margaret Roding	793.51	925.77	1058.02	1,190.27	1454.77	1719.28	1983.78	2380.54
Newport	808.53	943.29	1078.04	1,212.80	1482.31	1751.82	2021.33	2425.60
Quendon & Rickling	792.09	924.11	1056.12	1,188.14	1452.17	1716.20	1980.23	2376.28
Radwinter	796.29	929.01	1061.72	1,194.44	1459.87	1725.30	1990.73	2388.88
Saffron Walden Town	821.05	957.90	1094.74	1,231.58	1505.26	1778.95	2052.63	2463.16
The Sampfords	792.27	924.32	1056.36	1,188.41	1452.50	1716.59	1980.68	2376.82
Sewards End	811.69	946.97	1082.25	1,217.53	1488.09	1758.65	2029.22	2435.06
Stansted	806.90	941.38	1075.87	1,210.35	1479.32	1748.28	2017.25	2420.70
Stebbing	802.47	936.21	1069.96	1,203.70	1471.19	1738.68	2006.17	2407.40
Strethall	776.04	905.38	1034.72	1,164.06	1422.74	1681.42	1940.10	2328.12
Takeley	802.29	936.00	1069.72	1,203.43	1470.86	1738.29	2005.72	2406.86
Thaxted	807.03	941.53	1076.04	1,210.54	1479.55	1748.56	2017.57	2421.08
Tilty	776.04	905.38	1034.72	1,164.06	1422.74	1681.42	1940.10	2328.12
Ugley	794.58	927.01	1059.44	1,191.87	1456.73	1721.59	1986.45	2383.74
Wendens Ambo	801.91	935.56	1069.21	1,202.86	1470.16	1737.46	2004.77	2405.72
White Roding	783.81	914.45	1045.08	1,175.72	1436.99	1698.26	1959.53	2351.44
Wicken Bonhunt	776.04	905.38	1034.72	1,164.06	1422.74	1681.42	1940.10	2328.12
Widdington	792.89	925.03	1057.18	1,189.33	1453.63	1717.92	1982.22	2378.66
Wimbish	791.19	923.06	1054.92	1,186.79	1450.52	1714.25	1977.98	2373.58

The meeting ended at 6.10 pm.