

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Levy 2023/24</b>	<b>Status</b>	For Publication
<b>Report to</b>	Authority	<b>Date</b>	8 December 2022
<b>Report of</b>	Treasurer and Director		
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## 1 **Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To approve the Levy for 2023/24 under the Levying Bodies (General) Regulations 1992.

## 2 **Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- a. **Approve a total levy of £324,612 for 2023/24 in accordance with The Levying Bodies (General) Regulations 1992, to be allocated to the District Councils in proportion to their approved council tax base shares.**

## 3 **Link to Corporate Objectives**

- 3.1 This report links to the delivery of the following corporate objectives:  
**Effective and Transparent Governance**

To uphold effective governance showing prudence and propriety at all times.

The approval of the Levy ensures the Authority demonstrates transparency and complies with regulations in the recovery of costs associated with the former South Yorkshire County Council and South Yorkshire Residuary Body.

## 4 **Implications for the Corporate Risk Register**

- 4.1 The actions outlined in this report have no direct implications for the Corporate Risk Register.

## 5 **Background and Options**

- 5.1 Responsibility for early retirement compensation payments awarded by the former South Yorkshire County Council and South Yorkshire Residuary Body passed to the Pensions Authority when it was created in 1988. The statutory instrument under which the Authority was created (*The Local Government Reorganisation (Pensions etc.) (South Yorkshire) Order 1987*) made provision for the four District Councils to reimburse the Pensions Authority for the cost of those payments on a proportional

basis according to the size of their population. The Levy is the mechanism by which that reimbursement is achieved.

- 5.2 The Levy is calculated in November each year based on an estimate of the costs of these payments in the following financial year. The total Levy amount is allocated to each district in proportion to their council tax base for the year.
- 5.3 Previously at the end of each financial year, the actual costs for that year are confirmed and any difference to the amounts paid on account by the four districts is refunded or invoiced as required.
- 5.4 Going forward, in line with generally agreed accounting principles (GAAP), and best accounting practice, the over or underpayment of the levy will be accrued for in the Authority's accounts rather than being refunded. The districts will be informed of any accrual taken, with the balance due being applied to the calculation of the following year's Levy.
- 5.5 The forecast total cost for 2022/23 as of November 2022 is £321,612 – which results in an estimated balance of £28,388 owed to districts at 31 March 2023, apportioned pro-rata to their 2022/23 tax base shares.
- 5.6 The costs for 2023/24 have been estimated as £353,000; the estimation methodology takes account of actual movements in the costs during the current financial year and applies the inflationary increase expected to take effect in April 2023, which is forecast as 10.1% based on September 2022 CPI.

2022/23 Levy	£350,000
2022/23 Forecast Actual Charges	£321,612
<b>Forecast Balance as at 31 March 2023 [Owed (to)/from Districts]</b>	<b>(£28,388)</b>
2023/24 Estimated Charges	£353,000
<b>2023/24 Levy Total</b>	<b>£324,612</b>

- 5.7 The estimated apportionment of the 2023/24 Levy, based on 2022/23 Council Tax Base shares, is shown in the table below. Please note the actual apportionment of the 2023/24 charges will be re-calculated to reflect the approved 2023/24 Council Tax Base figures for each district as soon as this information is available.

	Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2022	Forecast Balance 31 March 2023	Estimated 2023/24 Charges	Total Levy 2023/24	Proportion
Barnsley MBC	0	(5,165)	64,228	<b>59,063</b>	18.19%
Doncaster MBC	0	(6,563)	81,607	<b>75,044</b>	23.12%
Rotherham MBC	0	(5,543)	68,925	<b>63,382</b>	19.53%
Sheffield City Council	0	(11,117)	138,240	<b>127,123</b>	39.16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(28,388)</b>	<b>353,000</b>	<b>324,612</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## 6 Implications

6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications:

Financial	The issuing of the levy to the four districts enables the Authority to recover costs relating to the former SYCC / Residuary Body.
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	The Levy approval as outlined in this report ensures that the Authority complies with The Levying Bodies (General) Regulations 1992.
Procurement	None

**Neil Copley**

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<b>Background Papers</b>	
<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>
None	