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Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators - 2018/19 Levy Update

Under the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Act of 1871, income for the up-keep of the 1,140 acres of the Commons comes primarily from a Levy raised on residential properties within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of Wimbledon Common or within the old Parish of Putney [“the levying area”]. The Levy is set annually by the Conservators and is then apportioned between the three relevant Councils: Wandsworth, Merton & Kingston. The Levy appears as a separate precept on the annual council tax statements to those properties.

Any increase in the Levy is based on a calculation set out in Regulations from 1990, introduced when the responsibility for collecting the Levy was transferred from WPCC to the three relevant Councils. However, any annual Levy increase is subject to a cap principally limited to the increase in RPI in the years preceding the Levy.

Following careful consideration at its December 2016 Board meeting, the Board in accordance with its approved policy set the Levy for 2018/19 to its maximum level of £1,179,675.

The average ‘D-band’ Council Tax cost per property is £29.30 per annum, representing an increase of just 2.4% compared to the 2017/18 Levy.

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NOTES for Editors - Wimbledon and Putney Commons is a charity managed by the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators. It was established under the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Act of 1871. The Commons comprise some 1,140 acres across Wimbledon Common, Putney Heath and Putney Lower Common.

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