

## **Decisions of the Meeting of Council held on Thursday 26 February 2015**

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### **DECISIONS:**

#### **1. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

**Resolved –**

- (1) That Councillor McCabe be designated as an UKIP Member on the Environment and Waste Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Ellis be deleted as a Conservative Group alternate.**
- (2) That Councillor McCabe be deleted as a Conservative Group alternate on the Bradford West Area Committee.**
- (3) That Councillor Brown replace Councillor McCabe as a Conservative Group alternate on the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor***

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE – BUDGET 2015/16**

**Resolved-**

##### **(1) COUNCIL’S REVENUE ESTIMATES 2015/16**

- 1.1 (a) That the Base Revenue Forecast of £426.270m for 2015-16 as set out in the Executive’s Amended Budget paper be approved.**
- (b) That Executive’s Amended Budget paper (Council Document “O”) and the consequent net investment of £14.203m in 2015-16 are approved.**
- (c) That Executive’s Amended Budget and the service savings and additional income of £39.713m in 2015-16 are approved.**



- (d) That it be noted that within the revenue budget there is a contribution of £15.983m from revenue reserves in 2015-16.
- (e) That the comments of the Director of Finance set out in Council Document "P" on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves taking account of the decisions made at 1.1(a) to (c) above be noted.

## **1.2 PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX 2015/16**

That it be noted that the projected council tax base and expenditure forecasts outlined in Executive's Amended Budget paper together with the 2015-16 resources and the budget variations approved at 1.1(b) and 1.1(c) above produce a proposed Band D council tax of £1,152.11 for 2015-16.

## **1.3 PAYMENT DATES FOR COUNCIL TAX AND NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES**

That the first instalment date for payment of National Non-Domestic Rates and Council Tax shall be specified by the Director of Finance.

## **1.4 DELEGATION TO OFFICERS**

That for the avoidance of doubt and without prejudice to any of the powers contained in Article 14 of Part 2 of the Council's Constitution on the Function of Officers, the Director of Finance shall have full delegated powers to act on behalf of the Council on all matters relating to the Council Tax, Non-Domestic Rates and Accounts Receivable Debtors including (without prejudice to the generality of the delegation) assessments, determinations, recovery, enforcement and, in accordance with the statutory scheme, full delegated powers to act on behalf of the Council with regard to all aspects of the granting of Discretionary and Hardship Rate Relief to qualifying ratepayers.

## **1.5 PREPARATION OF ACCOUNTS**

- (a) That in preparing the Final Accounts for 2014-15, the Director of Finance be empowered to take appropriate steps to secure the best advantage for the Council's financial position.
- (b) That the Director of Finance be empowered to deal with items which involve the transfer of net spending between the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 in a manner which secures the best advantage for the Council's financial position.
- (c) That the Director of Finance report any action taken in pursuance of 1.5(a) and 1.5 (b) above when reporting on the Final Accounts for 2014-15.

## **1.6 COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2015-16**

- (a) That the council tax base figures for 2015-16 calculated by the Council at its meeting on 13th January 2015 in respect of the whole of the Council's area and individual parish and town council areas be noted.
- (b) That the only special items for 2015-16 under Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 are local parish and town council precepts

and no expenses are to be treated as special expenses under Section 35(1) (b) of that Act.

- (c) That the Council Tax Requirement, excluding parish and town council precepts, be calculated as follows:

Gross expenditure	£1,289,426,566
Income	£1,138,064,600
Council Tax requirement	£151,361,966
Council tax base	130,280
Basic amount of council tax	£1,161.82
Adjustment in respect of parish and town council precepts	£ 9.71
Basic amount excluding parish and town councils	£1,152.11

- (d) That the precepts of parish and town councils be noted and the resulting basic council tax amounts for particular areas of the Council be calculated as follows:

<u>Parish or Town Council Area</u>	<u>Local Precept</u> £	<u>Council Tax Base</u>	<u>Parish/Town Council Tax</u> £	<u>Whole Area Council Tax</u> £	<u>Basic Council Tax Amount</u> £
Addingham	40,775	1,631	25.00	1,152.11	1,177.11
Baildon	100,961	5,967	16.92	1,152.11	1,169.03
Burley	41,453	2,869	14.45	1,152.11	1,166.56
Clayton	29,522	2,285	12.92	1,152.11	1,165.03
Cullingworth	14,732	1,050	14.03	1,152.11	1,166.14
Denholme	18,605	1,015	18.33	1,152.11	1,170.44
Harden	11,745	783	15.00	1,152.11	1,167.11
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	43,912	2,142	20.50	1,152.11	1,172.61
Ilkley	163,685	6,792	24.10	1,152.11	1,176.21
Keighley	593,434	13,901	42.69	1,152.11	1,194.80
Menston	32,130	2,142	15.00	1,152.11	1,167.11
Oxenhope	14,482	992	14.60	1,152.11	1,166.71
Sandy Lane	15,048	836	18.00	1,152.11	1,170.11
Silsden	47,174	2,752	17.14	1,152.11	1,169.25
Steeton with Eastburn	42,586	1,481	28.75	1,152.11	1,180.86
Wilsden	39,677	1,644	24.13	1,152.11	1,176.24
Wrose	15,045	2,006	7.50	1,152.11	1,159.61
Total of all local precepts	1,264,966				

- (e) That the council tax amounts for dwellings in different valuation bands in respect of the Council's budget requirement, taking into account parish and town council precepts applicable to only part of the Council's area, be calculated as follows:

	Council Tax Amount for Each Valuation Band							
	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
All parts of the Council's area other than those below	768.07	896.09	1,024.10	1,152.11	1,408.13	1,664.16	1,920.18	2,304.22
The parish and town council areas of:								
Addingham	784.74	915.53	1,046.32	1,177.11	1,438.69	1,700.27	1,961.85	2,354.22
Baildon	779.35	909.25	1,039.14	1,169.03	1,428.81	1,688.60	1,948.38	2,338.06
Burley	777.71	907.32	1,036.94	1,166.56	1,425.80	1,685.03	1,944.27	2,333.12
Clayton	776.69	906.13	1,035.58	1,165.03	1,423.93	1,682.82	1,941.72	2,330.06
Cullingworth	777.43	907.00	1,036.57	1,166.14	1,425.28	1,684.42	1,943.57	2,332.28
Denholme	780.29	910.34	1,040.39	1,170.44	1,430.54	1,690.64	1,950.73	2,340.88
Harden	778.07	907.75	1,037.43	1,167.11	1,426.47	1,685.83	1,945.18	2,334.22
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	781.74	912.03	1,042.32	1,172.61	1,433.19	1,693.77	1,954.35	2,345.22
Ilkley	784.14	914.83	1,045.52	1,176.21	1,437.59	1,698.97	1,960.35	2,352.42
Keighley	796.53	929.29	1,062.04	1,194.80	1,460.31	1,725.82	1,991.33	2,389.60
Menston	778.07	907.75	1,037.43	1,167.11	1,426.47	1,685.83	1,945.18	2,334.22
Oxenhope	777.81	907.44	1,037.08	1,166.71	1,425.98	1,685.25	1,944.52	2,333.42
Sandy Lane	780.07	910.09	1,040.10	1,170.11	1,430.13	1,690.16	1,950.18	2,340.22
Siltsden	779.50	909.42	1,039.33	1,169.25	1,429.08	1,688.92	1,948.75	2,338.50
Steeton with Eastburn	787.24	918.45	1,049.65	1,180.86	1,443.27	1,705.69	1,968.10	2,361.72
Wilsden	784.16	914.85	1,045.55	1,176.24	1,437.63	1,699.01	1,960.40	2,352.48
Wrose	773.07	901.92	1,030.76	1,159.61	1,417.30	1,674.99	1,932.68	2,319.22

- (f) That it be noted that for the year 2015-16 the West Yorkshire Police Authority and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority have issued the following precepts:

Precept Amount £	Council Tax Amount for Each Valuation Band							
	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
<b>West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority</b>								
7,626,856	39.03	45.53	52.04	58.54	71.55	84.56	97.57	117.08
<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire</b>								
18,362,875	93.97	109.63	125.29	140.95	172.27	203.59	234.92	281.90

- (g) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (e) and (f) above, the Council set the following amounts of council tax for 2015-16 in each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	<u>Band A</u> £	<u>Band B</u> £	<u>Band C</u> £	<u>Band D</u> £	<u>Band E</u> £	<u>Band F</u> £	<u>Band G</u> £	<u>Band H</u> £
All parts of the Council's area other than those below	901.07	1,051.25	1,201.43	1,351.60	1,651.95	1,952.31	2,252.67	2,703.20
The parish and town council areas of:								
Addingham	917.74	1,070.69	1,223.65	1,376.60	1,682.51	1,988.42	2,294.34	2,753.20
Baildon	912.35	1,064.41	1,216.47	1,368.52	1,672.63	1,976.75	2,280.87	2,737.04
Burley	910.71	1,062.48	1,214.27	1,366.05	1,669.62	1,973.18	2,276.76	2,732.10
Clayton	909.69	1,061.29	1,212.91	1,364.52	1,667.75	1,970.97	2,274.21	2,729.04
Cullingworth	910.43	1,062.16	1,213.90	1,365.63	1,669.10	1,972.57	2,276.06	2,731.26
Denholme	913.29	1,065.50	1,217.72	1,369.93	1,674.36	1,978.79	2,283.22	2,739.86
Harden	911.07	1,062.91	1,214.76	1,366.60	1,670.29	1,973.98	2,277.67	2,733.20
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	914.74	1,067.19	1,219.65	1,372.10	1,677.01	1,981.92	2,286.84	2,744.20
Ilkley	917.14	1,069.99	1,222.85	1,375.70	1,681.41	1,987.12	2,292.84	2,751.40
Keighley	929.53	1,084.45	1,239.37	1,394.29	1,704.13	2,013.97	2,323.82	2,788.58
Menston	911.07	1,062.91	1,214.76	1,366.60	1,670.29	1,973.98	2,277.67	2,733.20
Oxenhope	910.81	1,062.60	1,214.41	1,366.20	1,669.80	1,973.40	2,277.01	2,732.40
Sandy Lane	913.07	1,065.25	1,217.43	1,369.60	1,673.95	1,978.31	2,282.67	2,739.20
Silsden	912.50	1,064.58	1,216.66	1,368.74	1,672.90	1,977.07	2,281.24	2,737.48
Steeton with Eastburn	920.24	1,073.61	1,226.98	1,380.35	1,687.09	1,993.84	2,300.59	2,760.70
Wilsden	917.16	1,070.01	1,222.88	1,375.73	1,681.45	1,987.16	2,292.89	2,751.46
Wrose	906.07	1,057.08	1,208.09	1,359.10	1,661.12	1,963.14	2,265.17	2,718.20

- (h) That Council notes the movement in Band D equivalent charges for 2015-16 over 2014-15 as set out in the table below:

	Council Tax 2015-16	Council Tax 2014-15	Percentage change 2015-16 on 2014-15
	Band D Equivalent	Band D Equivalent	
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	1,152.11	1,133.97	1.6%
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority	58.54	57.40	1.99%
West Yorkshire Police Authority	140.95	138.20	1.99%
Local (Parish Council) Precepts:			
Addingham	25.00	25.00	0.0%
Baildon	16.92	15.32	10.4%
Burley	14.45	13.72	5.3%
Clayton	12.92	11.92	8.4%
Cullingworth	14.03	13.35	5.1%
Denholme	18.33	17.42	5.2%

Harden	15.00	10.00	50.0%
Haworth etc	20.50	20.00	2.5%
Ilkley	24.10	24.04	0.2%
Keighley	42.69	42.69	0.0%
Menston	15.00	8.00	87.5%
Oxenhope	14.60	14.97	-2.5%
Sandy Lane	18.00	18.00	0.0%
Silsden	17.14	17.17	-0.2%
Steeton/ Eastburn	28.75	28.75	0.0%
Wilsden	24.13	21.63	11.6%
Wrose	7.50	7.50	0.0%

## THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN FOR 2015-16 ONWARDS

(2) That it be approved that:

- 2.1 (a) The Capital Investment Plan as set out at Appendix 2 to Executive Document "BG" is adopted. Commitments against reserve schemes and contingencies can only be made after a business case has been assessed by the Project Appraisal Group and approved by Executive.
- (b) The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Directors enter into commitments on capital schemes within the Capital Investment Plan subject to approval of business cases by Executive Committee up to the approved amounts each year except that, where it is indicated that schemes are funded or partly funded from specific resources such as capital grants or contributions, revenue or capital receipts, the approved amount will be subject to the securing of those resources and be adjusted to reflect the amounts actually received.
- (c) Where necessary, the payments arising under the Capital Investment Plan are met from loans.
- (d) In order to provide the flexibility necessary to manage effectively the Capital Investment Plan, the Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Directors be specifically empowered to advance or defer approved schemes subject to consultation with the Director of Finance and the availability of resources.
- (e) Additional capital schemes shall only commence where the scheme is wholly funded from specific resources on the approval of the Director of Finance in accordance with Financial Regulations.
- 2.2 That the Borrowing Limits and Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 1 to Executive Document "BG" be adopted by the Council.
- 2.3 That the existing Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy as set out in paragraph 3.2 of Executive Document "BG" be approved and adopted.

## ALLOCATION OF THE SCHOOLS BUDGET 2015/16 (EXECUTIVE DOCUMENT "BH")

- (3) That the total amount of £518.523m to be appropriated in respect of all schools covered by the Bradford Scheme for the Local Management of Schools, so as to establish the Individual Schools Budget for 2015/16, be approved.
- (4) That the proposals from the Schools Forum for the allocation of the 2015/16

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) as set out in Document "BH" be accepted and approved.

**ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PROGRAMME IN RELATION TO AMENDED, ACCELERATED AND NEW BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE 2015/2016 COUNCIL BUDGET**

- (5) That in accordance with Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, Council had regard to the information contained in Executive Document "AY" and its appendices, first addendum and second addendum and the Equality Impact Assessment forms when considering the Executive's recommendations on setting an indicative budget for 2015/16. These documents were contained within Council Document "N" together with a summary report of the information and the process followed. Members also had regard to the two addendums to Council Document "N".

**INTERIM TRADE UNION FEEDBACK ON THE COUNCIL'S AMENDED, ACCELERATED AND NEW BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE 2015/2016 COUNCIL BUDGET**

- (6) That Council had regard to the interim feedback received from the Council's Trade Unions contained in Executive Document "AZ", appendices and first addendum and second addendum when considering the Executive's recommendations on setting an indicative budget for 2015/16.

**S151 OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT OF THE ROBUSTNESS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2015/16, AND OF THE ADEQUACY OF FORECAST FINANCIAL RESERVES**

- (7) That Members of Council had regard to Council Document "P" in setting the Council's budget and that the following conclusions be noted:
- (a) the estimates presented to Council are sufficiently robust for the purpose of calculating the budgetary requirement
  - (b) the reserves are adequate for the 2015/16 proposed budget, and will be drawn on in accordance with reserves policy, recognising that estimates will be subject to review as part of the rolling planning cycle.
  - (c) the projected 2016/17 corporate reserves balance would, on current estimates, be inadequate, unless further cost reductions are planned during 2015, aiming for a balanced in-year revenue budget for 2016/17 and beyond.

**ACTION:** *Director of Finance*

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