

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 21 February 2017 in the Council Chamber City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 10.35 am
Concluded 12.35 pm

Members of the Executive – Councillors

LABOUR
Hinchcliffe (Chair)
V Slater
I Khan
Ross-Shaw
Ferriby
Jabar

Observers: Councillors Amran, Azam, Cooke, Love, Pennington, M Pollard and Whiteley

Councillor Hinchcliffe in the Chair

93. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were received:

- (i) Councillor I Khan disclosed a prejudicial interest in the item relating to the Council Budget 2017-18 and 2018-19, as a Member who worked in the voluntary sector. The Member stated that he had been granted a dispensation by the City Solicitor under the Localism Act to speak and vote on the respective budget items.

- (ii) Councillor Ross-Shaw also disclosed a prejudicial interest in the item relating to the Council Budget 2017-18 and 2018-19, as a close relative worked in a school. The Member stated that he had also been granted a dispensation by the City Solicitor under the Localism Act to speak and vote on the respective budget items.

- (iii) The following disclosures of interest were received in the interest of clarity on the items relating to the Budget 2017-18 and 2018-19, the nature and description indicated by each category:



Members with a spouse, partner or close relative in the employment of the Council:

Councillor Imran Khan
Councillor Ross-Shaw
Councillor Val Slater

Members employed by or who have a spouse, partner or close relative employed by a voluntary organisation/public body funded by the Council:

Councillor Imran Khan

Members who occupied land or who had a spouse, partner, relative or were directors of companies or sat on the management committee of an organisation that occupies land under a lease or licence granted by the Council:

Councillor Hinchcliffe
Councillor Imran Khan
Councillor Ross-Shaw

Members of other public authorities.

Airedale Partnership:

Councillor Ross Shaw

Greenmoor Community Board – City and Great Horton Wards:

Councillor Jabar

Leeds Bradford International Airport – Consultative Committee:

Councillor Ross-Shaw

Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership:

Councillor Hinchcliffe



Leeds City Region Employment and Skills Board:

Councillor Hinchcliffe

Leeds City Region Land and Assets Board:

Councillor Hinchcliffe

Nell Bank Outdoor Education Centre:

Councillor Ferriby

Sir Titus Salt Trust:

Councillor Hinchcliffe

West Yorkshire Combined Authority:

Councillor Hinchcliffe

Councillor Val Slater

West Yorkshire Combined Authority West Yorkshire & York Investment Committee:

Councillor Hinchcliffe

Councillor Ross-Shaw

West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee:

Councillor Hinchcliffe

Councillor Val Slater

Councillor Imran Khan

Yorkshire Libraries and Information:

Councillor Ferriby

Members who sit on the management committee/ trustee of a Council voluntary organisation in receipt of Council Funding:

Councillor Ferriby



Councillor Imran Khan

Members who are members of a Council funded organisation:

Councillor Imran Khan
Councillor Ross-Shaw
Councillor Val Slater

Members appointed by the Council to a public body with an interest in the Council's budget:

Cathedral Council:

Councillor Hinchcliffe

Keighley Business Improvement District Board:

Councillor Ross-Shaw

Members who are appointed to external bodies:

Bradford City Challenge Foundation Limited:

Councillor Imran Khan

Canal Road Urban Village:

Councillor Ross-Shaw

City of Film:

Councillor Ferriby

Friends of Bracken Hill Park:

Councillor Jabar

Great Horton Partnership:

Councillor Jabar



Ummid/Himmat Management Board:

Councillor Jabar

Unison Calderdale:

Councillor Jabar

Members who are school governors:

Councillor Ferriby
Councillor Val Slater

Members entitled to receive an allowance paid by the Council:

All members of the Council in attendance.

ACTION: City Solicitor

94. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2017 be signed as a correct record.

95. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

96. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

There were no recommendations referred to the Executive.

97. COUNCIL BUDGET 2017/18 AND 2018/19: THE COUNCIL'S REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2017-18 AND 2018-19

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document “BG”**) which provided Members with details of the Council's Revenue Estimates for



2017-18 and 2018-19.

The Strategic Director explained that the proposed revenue budget was influenced by a number of external factors such as inflation and changes in grant funding. The summary position was set out which included on-going and non recurrent investments; previously agreed savings; service and non service savings; schedule of amendments to previous budget decisions and the use of reserves.

The Strategic Director reported that the Government had recently released details of the final settlement to Local Government, with additional finalisation expected in due course. However these announcements did not materially change the overall figures the budget was predicated on.

In relation to Council Tax, a 1.99% increase was being proposed, together with an additional 3% being added to bills in the form of a social care precept, resulting in an overall 4.99% increase in Council Tax .

The Leader stated that in the context of late announcements by Government on the settlement, the consultation timetable on the budget would have been revised. However this Council had done the right thing and had been consulting on the budget since early December 2016.

The resolution to this item, was presented and agreed in light of the Labour Group's amended budget recommendation to Council (see Minute 103). This was followed by agreement on the Schools Budget and Capital Investment Plan proposals.

98. ALLOCATION OF THE SCHOOLS BUDGET 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document "BH"**) which sought Executive approval of the recommendations of the Schools Forum in allocating the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2017/18 and subsequent recommendation to Full Council.

The Strategic Director explained that the Schools Forum recommendations were the culmination of extensive consultation and deliberation by the Forum. The key changes included the number of Schools Block formulae factors reduced; budget for High Needs providers must be calculated using the

national 'Place Plus' methodology; a greater proportion of the DSG must be delegated to school budgets and the Minimum Funding Guarantee continuing for primary and secondary schools and special schools, at minus 1.5%.

He stressed that in attending meetings of the Schools Forum he had observed



the rigour and the care in which the Forum conducted its business; albeit to say that schools were now entering a period where their funding was being squeezed and that schools will be facing significant cost challenges going forward.

The Education, Employment and Skills Portfolio Holder expressed his concerns at the proposed reductions in funding, stating that education was key to the future prosperity of the district and the country as a whole, and that the Government needed to adequately fund education. He added that although the Schools Forum was trying to place schools on a good financial footing, the fact remained that cuts in funding will have a negative impact on our schools.

Resolved -

That Council be requested to:

- a) **Approve the total amount of £521.321m 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 2017/18.**
- b) **Accept and approve the proposals from the Schools Forum for the allocation of the 2017/18 DSG as set out in this report.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

99. THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN FOR 2017-18 ONWARDS

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document “BI”**) which proposed the programme of Capital Expenditure for 2017-18 onwards.

The Strategic Director stated that the proposed Capital Investment Plan till 2021 provided for capital expenditure of £342m. The Plan included previously approved schemes relating to the Bereavement Strategy and Sports Facilities in the district. In addition a scheme towards a District Heating Scheme would require match funding , if the bid for grant funding was successful.

Resolved -

- (1) **Council be requested to approve that:**



- a) The Capital Investment Plan as set out at Appendix 2 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 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 Strategic Director Corporate Services 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 Strategic Director Corporate services in accordance with Financial Regulations.
- (2) The Borrowing Limits and Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 1 are adopted by the Council.
 - (3) The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy as set out in paragraph 3.2 of this report is approved and adopted by the Council.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Corporate Services*

100. **CONSULTATION FEEDBACK AND EQUALITY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2017-18 AND 2018-19 COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSALS - SECOND ADDENDUM TO DOCUMENT "BA"**



The Chief Executive submitted a **Second Addendum** to the report presented to the meeting of the Executive held on 7 February 2017 (**Document “BA”**), which provided additional feedback received from the public engagement and consultation programme which ended on 12 February 2017, and set out a summary of the equality assessments carried out on the Executive’s Budget proposals for 2017-18 and 2018-19.

During the consultation process a total of 1009 comments had been received on the budget proposals. Significantly 2 petitions had also recently been received, with a 950 signature petition requesting the Council to retain the Denholme Mechanics Institute, and a 28 signature petition from the Baildon Crown Green Bowling Club asking the Council to continue its upkeep of bowling greens.

In addition written responses had been received from all 3 local Clinical Commissioning Groups, the Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust, Bradford Chamber of Commerce and the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board. All the written response relating to the proposals had been reported back to the Departments to review the comments.

In light of the responses received, the Equality Impact Assessments had been updated and the impact the various proposals will have on the protected characteristics.

The Leader welcomed the comments received in relation to adult social care, and in response to a question regarding the number of responses received during the consultation process compared to previous years, it was stressed that the number was similar.

The Portfolio Holders confirmed that they had reviewed the revised equality impact assessments relating to their respective areas of responsibility.

The Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder ascertained the reasons behind the Care Trust being critical about the consultation process. In response the Strategic Director Corporate Services confirmed that he and the Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing had met with the Care Trust in early November on the proposals, so they had been fully consulted. The Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing added that their concerns might be related to other issues besides the budget.

The Leader stated that a number of public sector organisations were facing financial constraints and she appreciated the level of anxiety out there.

A representative from Denholme Town Council was present at the meeting and spoke in relation to the budget proposals for community halls and specifically



Denholme Mechanics Institute. She stated that the petition had been signed by over 900 people, which gave you a sense of the level of feeling and concern in the community. That the Institute was a special place which provided a focal point for people in the village, in particular the elderly. The Town Councillor added that closure of the Institute would particularly impact on the elderly as they would feel isolated and that community groups would have no other building they could utilise. That since 1880, Denholme Mechanics Institute had been at the heart of the village, providing an educational and recreational space, and its closure would be detrimental to the life of the village.

A Ward Councillor representing the area endorsed the above comments, stating that Denholme was a particularly distinct community, with a population of approximately 3,500 people, so the level of feeling was high. He added that the Institute was the only facility in the village, providing multifarious activities. In addition he cited the age of the building made asset transfer problematic, as it was unlikely anyone would take up the managing of such a building without some transitional funding being made available for its upkeep, and he urged the Executive to reconsider its proposals.

A representative from the Baildon Crown Green Bowling Club was also present at the meeting and stated that the budget proposals for Bowling Clubs would have a severe impact on the viability of the clubs. He stated that bowling was a universal sport enjoyed by people from all walks of life, where different ages could come together and compete at a sport on an equal footing. That people gave up their valuable time and that the clubs fully appreciated the expert maintenance and upkeep provided by the Council, and that this support was paramount to the running of the clubs. He suggested that the Council works closely with the respective clubs to find an amicable solution, otherwise the comradeship, exercise and the benefits to health the sport provided will be lost.

Resolved -

That in accordance with Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Executive has regard to the information contained in Document “BA”, the appendices and equality assessments to that report and the First Addendum presented to Executive on 7 February 2017, together with the information contained in this Second Addendum when considering the recommendations to make to the Council on a budget for 2017-18 and 2018-19 on 23 February 2017.

ACTION: Chief Executive

101. INTERIM TRADE UNION FEEDBACK ON THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE 2017/18 AND 2018/19 COUNCIL BUDGET - FIRST ADDENDUM



The Director of Human Resources submitted a **Addendum** to the report presented to the meeting of the Executive held on 7 February 2017 (**Document “BB”**), which provided further feedback from the Council’s Trade Unions on the Council’s budget proposals for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 Council Budget for consideration by Executive.

The Director explained that many of the points contained in the addendum had already been previously made, and that the Unions, were, at this stage not wishing to discuss any changes relating to employee terms and conditions.

The Leader thanked staff and the trade unions on their feedback and stressed that she fully appreciated the concerns expressed and acknowledged the impact, job losses would have on individuals and their families. The Leader also took the opportunity to thank staff for their hard work in the face of the cuts that had been made since the austerity measures were introduced.

Resolved -

That Executive has regard to the further feedback received from the Council’s Trade Unions contained in the addendum presented (Document “BB” first Addendum) together with the information contained in the Report, appendices presented to Executive on 7 February 2017 (Document “BB”) when considering its recommendations to Council on the Council’s budget for the financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19.

ACTION: Director of Human Resources

102. AMENDED BUDGET RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

The Leader tabled the Labour Group’s amendments to Document “BG”. The Leader stated that since 2010, the Council had been making cuts year on year in light of the financial constraints imposed on it by Government. She added that the impact this had had on services were profound. The implication was that by 2020 there will be no Government grant, and the Council will only be able to rely on Council Tax receipts to fund services. Even with the proposal to increase Council Tax by 4.99%, which included a 3% Social Care precept, this was insufficient to raise the necessary revenue to fund services.

In this context the Leader stressed that they would be unable to reverse any major cut proposals in this budget, instead a number of measures were being proposed to support communities to take on more themselves. However the proposed rise in Council Tax would not be able to bridge the gap in adult social care funding.



Despite the cuts in funding reserves will be set aside to support the voluntary sector through a support fund designed to support them to income generate and share costs.

In addition support will be offered to community organisations through a small Community Infrastructure Fund, thereby supporting them in taking over community halls and bowling clubs.

The Leader stated that despite the proposed cuts, Bradford could still meet the challenges of the future by working harder and smarter.

Portfolio Holders gave a brief assessment of the budget proposals in their respective service areas.

Portfolio Holders stressed that despite the cuts in funding, views expressed through the budget consultation process were welcomed and that it enabled services to be structured and configured accordingly. The principal amendments to the budget proposals were alluded to:

- 3% precept in Council Tax will fund the shortfall in adult social care, however efforts will continue to lobby the Government to address the shortfall in adult social care funding.
- New funding to help support the community and voluntary sector through a VCS transformation and support fund of £250,000 on 2017/18 and a further £250,000 in 2018/19.
- An additional Community Asset Transfer Fund of £100,00 and small capital investments when appropriate to support the transfer of assets to community and voluntary organisations.
- A 3 month extension to existing contract relating to physical activity, food and nutrition in order to give more time for an effective transition to a new tendering process and;
- £25,000 to be put into winter gritting for each of the year 2017/18 and 2018/19, which will enable the Council to restore some routes and fund volunteers to set up local gritting provision in some areas.

103. REVISED REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2017/18 AND 2018/19

The Director of Finance submitted an addendum to **Document “BG”** in light of the Labour Group’s amended budget recommendations to Council and it was therefore:



Resolved -

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

8.1 REVENUE ESTIMATES 2017/18

- (a) That the Executive's Amended Budget and the Base Revenue Forecast of £392.620m for 2017/18 as detailed in the amended Appendix A produced to Executive be approved.
- (b) That Executive's Amended Budget and the consequent net investment of £20.120m in 2017/18, as detailed in the amended Appendix A produced to Executive be approved.
- (c) That Executive's Amended Budget and the service savings and additional income of £37.543m in 2017/18, as detailed in the amended Appendix A produced to Executive be approved.
- (d) That it be noted that within the revenue budget there is a contribution of £16.835m from revenue reserves in 2017/18, as detailed in the amended Appendix A produced to Executive.
- (e) That the Executive's amended service savings proposals for 2018/19 as detailed in the amended Appendix E produced to Executive be approved, requiring the Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Directors to take necessary action during 2017/18 to ensure those savings are fully achievable for 2018/19.
- (f) That the comments of the Strategic Director Corporate Services set out in Executive Document "BJ" and updated information provided to Executive on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves taking account of the decisions made at 8.1(a) to (e) above be noted.

8.2 PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX 2017/18

- 8.2.1 That it be noted that the projected council tax base and expenditure forecasts outlined in this report together with the 2017/18 resources and the budget variations approved at 8.1(b) and 8.1(c) above produce a proposed Band D council tax of £1,257.86 for 2017-18. This



includes a social care precept of 3.0% which is to be ring fenced for expenditure on adult social care.

8.3 PAYMENT DATES FOR COUNCIL TAX AND NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES

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

8.4 DELEGATION TO OFFICERS

8.4.1 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 Strategic Director Corporate Services 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.

8.5 PREPARATION OF ACCOUNTS

- (a) That in preparing the Final Accounts for 2016/17, the Strategic Director Corporate Services be empowered to take appropriate steps to secure the best advantage for the Council's financial position.**
- (b) That the Strategic Director Corporate Services be empowered to deal with items which involve the transfer of net spending between the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18 in a manner which secures the best advantage for the Council's financial position.**
- (c) That the Strategic Director Corporate Services report any action taken in pursuance of 8.5(a) and 8.5 (b) above when reporting on the Final Accounts for 2016/17.**

9.0 COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2017/18



- (a) That the council tax base figures for 2017/18 calculated by the Council at its meeting on 10th January 2017 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 2017/18 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	£1,224,426,994
Income	£1,051,330,278
Council Tax requirement	£173,096,716
Council tax base	136,252
Basic amount of council tax	£1,270.42
Adjustment in respect of parish and town council precepts	£ 12.56
Basic amount excluding parish and town councils	£1,257.86

- (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	58,688	1,679	34.95	1,257.86	1,292.81



Baildon	176,000	6,166	28.54	1,257.86	1,286.40
Bingley	135,340	8,480	15.96	1,257.86	1,273.82
Burley	142,920	2,976	48.02	1,257.86	1,305.88
Clayton	40,321	2,375	16.98	1,257.86	1,274.84
Cullingworth	18,873	1,104	17.10	1,257.86	1,274.96
Denholme	25,271	1,054	23.98	1,257.86	1,281.84
Harden	16,180	809	20.00	1,257.86	1,277.86
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	44,941	2,221	20.23	1,257.86	1,278.09
Ilkley	262,325	7,009	37.43	1,257.86	1,295.29
Keighley	489,378	14,513	33.72	1,257.86	1,291.58
Menston	109,936	2,143	51.30	1,257.86	1,309.16
Oxenhope	23,635	1,016	23.26	1,257.86	1,281.12
Sandy Lane	15,480	860	18.00	1,257.86	1,275.86
Silsden	41,306	2,875	14.37	1,257.86	1,272.23
Steeton with Eastburn	46,585	1,553	30.00	1,257.86	1,287.86
Wilsden	47,997	1,723	27.86	1,257.86	1,285.72
Wrose	15,540	2,072	7.50	1,257.86	1,265.36
Total of all local precepts	1,710,716	60,628			

(d) 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, which includes the 3% social care precept:

	Council Tax Amount for Each Valuation Band							
	<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	838.57	978.34	1,118.10	1,257.86	1,537.38	1,816.91	2,096.43	2,515.72



The parish and town council areas of:									
Addingham	861.87	1,005.52	1,149.16	1,292.81	1,580.10	1,867.39	2,154.68	2,585.62	
Baildon	857.60	1,000.53	1,143.47	1,286.40	1,572.27	1,858.13	2,144.00	2,572.80	
Bingley	849.21	990.75	1,132.28	1,273.82	1,556.89	1,839.96	2,123.03	2,547.64	
Burley	870.59	1,015.68	1,160.78	1,305.88	1,596.08	1,886.27	2,176.47	2,611.76	
Clayton	849.89	991.54	1,133.19	1,274.84	1,558.14	1,841.44	2,124.73	2,549.68	
Cullingworth	849.97	991.64	1,133.30	1,274.96	1,558.28	1,841.61	2,124.93	2,549.92	
Denholme	854.56	996.99	1,139.41	1,281.84	1,566.69	1,851.55	2,136.40	2,563.68	
Harden	851.91	993.89	1,135.88	1,277.86	1,561.83	1,845.80	2,129.77	2,555.72	
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	852.06	994.07	1,136.08	1,278.09	1,562.11	1,846.13	2,130.15	2,556.18	
Ilkley	863.53	1,007.45	1,151.37	1,295.29	1,583.13	1,870.97	2,158.82	2,590.58	
Keighley	861.05	1,004.56	1,148.07	1,291.58	1,578.60	1,865.62	2,152.63	2,583.16	
Menston	872.77	1,018.24	1,163.70	1,309.16	1,600.08	1,891.01	2,181.93	2,618.32	
Oxenhope	854.08	996.43	1,138.77	1,281.12	1,565.81	1,850.51	2,135.20	2,562.24	
Sandy Lane	850.57	992.34	1,134.10	1,275.86	1,559.38	1,842.91	2,126.43	2,551.72	
Silsden	848.15	989.51	1,130.87	1,272.23	1,554.95	1,837.67	2,120.38	2,544.46	
Steeton with Eastburn	858.57	1,001.67	1,144.76	1,287.86	1,574.05	1,860.24	2,146.43	2,575.72	
Wilsden	857.15	1,000.00	1,142.86	1,285.72	1,571.44	1,857.15	2,142.87	2,571.44	
Wrose	843.57	984.17	1,124.76	1,265.36	1,546.55	1,827.74	2,108.93	2,530.72	

(f) That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 the Police Crime and Commissioner and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (WYFRA) 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 £
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority								
8,297,092	40.60	47.36	54.13	60.90	74.43	87.96	101.49	121.79
Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire								
20,567,239	100.63	117.40	134.18	150.95	184.49	218.04	251.58	301.90

(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 2017/18 in each of the categories of dwellings shown below which includes the 3% social care precept:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
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All parts of the Council's area other than those below	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	979.80	1,143.10	1,306.41	1,469.71	1,796.30	2,122.91	2,449.50	2,939.41
The parish and town council areas of:								
Addingham	1,003.10	1,170.28	1,337.47	1,504.66	1,839.02	2,173.39	2,507.75	3,009.31
Baildon	998.83	1,165.29	1,331.78	1,498.25	1,831.19	2,164.13	2,497.07	2,996.49
Bingley	990.44	1,155.51	1,320.59	1,485.67	1,815.81	2,145.96	2,476.10	2,971.33
Burley	1,011.82	1,180.44	1,349.09	1,517.73	1,855.00	2,192.27	2,529.54	3,035.45
Clayton	991.12	1,156.30	1,321.50	1,486.69	1,817.06	2,147.44	2,477.80	2,973.37
Cullingworth	991.20	1,156.40	1,321.61	1,486.81	1,817.20	2,147.61	2,478.00	2,973.61
Denholme	995.79	1,161.75	1,327.72	1,493.69	1,825.61	2,157.55	2,489.47	2,987.37
Harden	993.14	1,158.65	1,324.19	1,489.71	1,820.75	2,151.80	2,482.84	2,979.41
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	993.29	1,158.83	1,324.39	1,489.94	1,821.03	2,152.13	2,483.22	2,979.87
Ilkley	1,004.76	1,172.21	1,339.68	1,507.14	1,842.05	2,176.97	2,511.89	3,014.27
Keighley	1,002.28	1,169.32	1,336.38	1,503.43	1,837.52	2,171.62	2,505.70	3,006.85
Menston	1,014.00	1,183.00	1,352.01	1,521.01	1,859.00	2,197.01	2,535.00	3,042.01
Oxenhope	995.31	1,161.19	1,327.08	1,492.97	1,824.73	2,156.51	2,488.27	2,985.93
Sandy Lane	991.80	1,157.10	1,322.41	1,487.71	1,818.30	2,148.91	2,479.50	2,975.41
Silsden	989.38	1,154.27	1,319.18	1,484.08	1,813.87	2,143.67	2,473.45	2,968.15
Steeton with Eastburn	999.80	1,166.43	1,333.07	1,499.71	1,832.97	2,166.24	2,499.50	2,999.41
Wilsden	998.38	1,164.76	1,331.17	1,497.57	1,830.36	2,163.15	2,495.94	2,995.13
Wrose	984.80	1,148.93	1,313.07	1,477.21	1,805.47	2,133.74	2,462.00	2,954.41

(h) That Council notes the movement in Band D equivalent charges for 2017/18 over 2016/17 as set out in the table below.

Council Tax 2017-18 Band D	Council Tax 2016-17 Band D	Percentage change 2017-18 on 2016-17
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	Equivalent	Equivalent	
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	1,257.86	1,198.08	4.99%
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority	60.90	59.71	1.99%
West Yorkshire Police Authority	150.95	145.95	3.43%
Local (Parish Council) Precepts:			
Addingham	34.95	27.25	28.3%
Baildon	28.54	27.18	5.0%
Bingley	15.96	15.35	4.0%
Burley	48.02	15.88	202.4%
Clayton	16.98	14.37	18.2%
Cullingworth	17.10	14.21	20.3%
Denholme	23.98	18.92	26.7%
Harden	20.00	15.00	33.3%
Haworth etc	20.23	20.02	1.0%
Ilkley	37.43	26.00	44.0%
Keighley	33.72	33.72	0.0%
Menston	51.30	27.00	90.0%
Oxenhope	23.26	17.25	34.8%
Sandy Lane	18.00	18.00	0.0%
Silsden	14.37	16.99	-15.4%
Steeton/ Eastburn	30.00	28.75	4.3%
Wilsden	27.86	24.13	15.5%
Wrose	7.50	7.50	0.0%

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

104. S151 OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT OF THE ROBUSTNESS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2017/18, AND OF THE ADEQUACY OF FORECAST FINANCIAL RESERVES

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document "BJ"**) which assessed the risks relating to the proposed budget for the financial year 2017/18, and the adequacy of the available mitigations, in the context of the forecasted reserves.

In the light of the Labour Group's amendments, the Strategic Director concluded that the estimates were sufficiently robust for the Council to set the budget. It signalled the need for unallocated reserves to be maintained in the range of £12-15m in future years in order to ensure financial resilience.

Resolved -

That Members have regard to Document "BJ" and the verbal update in setting the budget and in particular note my conclusions that:



- the estimates presented to Council are sufficiently robust for the purpose of calculating the budgetary requirement
- the reserves are adequate for the 2017/18 proposed budget, and will be drawn on in accordance with proposed plan and reserves policy, recognising that estimates will be subject to review as part of the rolling planning cycle
- the projected corporate reserves to 2020/21 would, on current estimates, be adequate, subject to the implementation of the rest of the proposed financial plan.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Corporate Services*

105. FOSTERING ALLOWANCES REVIEW

The Strategic Director Children's Services submitted a report (**Document "BK"**) which set out a discussion of the review of Fostering Allowances at the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 31 January 2017. Prior to the call-in, the matter was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 10 January 2017.

The Assistant Director Children's Social Care gave a chronology and rationale behind the proposed changes which were detailed in the report, adding that the work undertaken by Foster Carers was truly valued by the Council and he thanked the carers for their feedback on the proposals.

The Deputy Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee was present at the meeting and stated that the rationale behind the proposed changes to the allowances was flawed and not based on robust evidence, and that the report lacked detail; nor did it address the concerns expressed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee when the matter was called-in.

In response to a question regarding the levels paid by different authorities, the Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder stressed that different authorities paid slightly different rates based on differing criteria, however, information on the levels paid were provided to the Scrutiny Committee. She added that Bradford still paid a higher rate overall to its Foster Carers compared to its West Yorkshire counterparts.

A Wharfedale Councillor was also present at the meeting and stated that this issue transcended politics and that claiming Bradford paid a high rate was not comparing like with like. That the proposals will not generate the proposed savings and there was a danger that carers will migrate to independent fostering agencies. That Calderdale Council was paying more to its Foster Carers and that the proposals would particularly hit carers who looked after teenagers, and she urged the Executive to reconsider its decision.



The Portfolio Holder stressed that she did not want any carers to transfer to an independent fostering agency, however Bradford still paid a higher rate across the board, although she acknowledged that there was a differential rate paid by Leeds to Carers who looked after 16-17 year olds, which accounted for only a small number in Bradford.

A representative from the Bradford Association of Foster Carers and Adoption was present and stated that he had listened intensely to what had been said and that although the matter had gone through due process, it felt that the depth of feeling was not being acknowledged and the proposals would be voted through in any case. He added that Foster Carers had already been penalised with the previous decision to cut their allowances, however the current proposals would impact on the very children the Council should be supporting and he urged Members to reconsider their previous decision.

A representative from the GMB union was present and stated that Calderdale Council paid an enhanced rate to its carers and that Foster Carers in Bradford were underpaid, and that there had been no meaningful consultation on the proposals.

The Portfolio Holder stressed that in revising the allowances, all the Council was effectively doing was bringing them in line with Government minimum allowances, however the proposals would be phased in over a 2 year period from April 2017. In doing so it further aligned the rate with all other care arrangements, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

That Executive confirms the decision previously taken on 10 January 2017, having regard to all the consultation feedback and the documents attached to Document “BK”.

ACTION: Strategic Director Children’s Services

(Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

106. MINUTES OF THE WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 1 December 2016 (Document “BL”) be received.



ACTION: No Action

NOTE: At this point the meeting stood adjourned.

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Executive

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER

