

Decisions of the Council on Thursday, 23 February 2017

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Decisions

1. THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES (DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS) REGULATIONS 2012

Resolved –

That Council:

- (1) Grants a dispensation to the Members of the Authority who have requested one, to enable them to participate in full in the decision to approve the budgets for 2017/18 and 2018/19 and to set the Council Tax and Business Rates for 2017/18 and 2018/19.**
- (2) Approves the dispensation for a period of 2 years until 23 February 2018.**
- (3) Notes the Monitoring Officer's advice that personal interests that may give rise to a perception of a conflict of interest shall not prevent Members from speaking and voting at the Budget meetings.**

ACTION: City Solicitor

6. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES (Standing Order 4)

Resolved –

That Councillor Wainwright be appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee.

ACTION: City Solicitor

7. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE - BUDGET 2017/18 AND 2018/19

Resolved-



(1) THE COUNCIL'S REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2017/18 AND 2018/2019

1.1 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 to Council Document "W" 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 to Council Document "W" 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 to Council Document "W" 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 to Council Document "W".**
- (e) That the Executive's amended service savings proposals for 2018/19 as detailed in the amended Appendix E to Council Document "W" 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 Council Document "X" on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves taking account of the decisions made at 1.1(a) to (e) above be noted.**

1.2 PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX 2017/18

- 1.2.1 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 1.1(b) and 1.1(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.**

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

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

1.4 DELEGATION TO OFFICERS

- 1.4.1 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.

1.5 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 1.5(a) and 1.5 (b) above when reporting on the Final Accounts for 2016/17.

1.6 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	0.00	34.95
Baildon	176,000	6,166	28.54	0.00	28.54
Bingley	135,340	8,480	15.96	0.00	15.96
Burley	142,920	2,976	48.02	0.00	48.02
Clayton	40,321	2,375	16.98	0.00	16.98
Cullingworth	18,873	1,104	17.10	0.00	17.10
Denholme	25,271	1,054	23.98	0.00	23.98
Harden	16,180	809	20.00	0.00	20.00
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	44,941	2,221	20.23	0.00	20.23
Ilkley	262,325	7,009	37.43	0.00	37.43
Keighley	489,378	14,513	33.72	0.00	33.72
Menston	109,936	2,143	51.30	0.00	51.30
Oxenhope	23,635	1,016	23.26	0.00	23.26
Sandy Lane	15,480	860	18.00	0.00	18.00
Silsden	41,306	2,875	14.37	0.00	14.37
Steeton with Eastburn	46,585	1,553	30.00	0.00	30.00
Wilsden	47,997	1,723	27.86	0.00	27.86
Wrose	15,540	2,072	7.50	0.00	7.50
Total of all local precepts	1,710,716	60,628			

(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, 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		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
The parish and town council areas of:								

Addingham	23.30	27.18	31.07	34.95	42.72	50.48	58.25	69.90
Baildon	19.03	22.20	25.37	28.54	34.88	41.22	47.57	57.08
Bingley	10.64	12.41	14.19	15.96	19.51	23.05	26.60	31.92
Burley	32.01	37.35	42.68	48.02	58.69	69.36	80.03	96.04
Clayton	11.32	13.21	15.09	16.98	20.75	24.53	28.30	33.96
Cullingworth	11.40	13.30	15.20	17.10	20.90	24.70	28.50	34.20
Denholme	15.99	18.65	21.32	23.98	29.31	34.64	39.97	47.96
Harden	13.33	15.56	17.78	20.00	24.44	28.89	33.33	40.00
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	13.49	15.73	17.98	20.23	24.73	29.22	33.72	40.46
Ilkley	24.95	29.11	33.27	37.43	45.75	54.07	62.38	74.86
Keighley	22.48	26.23	29.97	33.72	41.21	48.71	56.20	67.44
Menston	34.20	39.90	45.60	51.30	62.70	74.10	85.50	102.60
Oxenhope	15.51	18.09	20.68	23.26	28.43	33.60	38.77	46.52
Sandy Lane	12.00	14.00	16.00	18.00	22.00	26.00	30.00	36.00
Silsden	9.58	11.18	12.77	14.37	17.56	20.76	23.95	28.74
Steeton with Eastburton	20.00	23.33	26.67	30.00	36.67	43.33	50.00	60.00
Wilsden	18.57	21.67	24.76	27.86	34.05	40.24	46.43	55.72
Wrose	5.00	5.83	6.67	7.50	9.17	10.83	12.50	15.00

(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.

<u>Precept</u>	<u>Council Tax Amount for Each Valuation Band</u>							
	<u>Band A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>Amount</u>		<u>a</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>n</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>a</u>
		<u>d</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>d</u>
		<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>

£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority							
8,297,092	40.60	4	5	6	7	8	1
		7.	4.	0.	4.	7.	0
		3	1	9	4	9	1.
		6	3	0	3	6	4
							7
							9
Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire							
20,567,239	100.63	1	1	1	1	2	2
		1	3	5	8	1	5
		7.	4.	0.	4.	8.	1.
		4	1	9	4	0	5
		0	8	5	9	4	8
							0

(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:

	<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	141.23	164.76	188.31	211.85	258.92	306.00	353.07	423.69
The parish and town council areas of:								
Addingham	164.53	191.94	219.38	246.80	301.64	356.48	411.32	493.59
Baildon	160.26	186.96	213.68	240.39	293.80	347.22	400.64	480.77
Bingley	151.87	177.17	202.50	227.81	278.43	329.05	379.67	455.61
Burley	173.24	202.11	230.99	259.87	317.61	375.36	433.10	519.73
Clayton	152.55	177.97	203.40	228.83	279.67	330.53	381.37	457.65
Cullingworth	152.63	178.06	203.51	228.95	279.82	330.70	381.57	457.89
Denholme	157.22	183.41	209.63	235.83	288.23	340.64	393.04	471.65
Harden	154.56	180.32	206.09	231.85	283.36	334.89	386.40	463.69
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	154.72	180.49	206.29	232.08	283.65	335.22	386.79	464.15
Ilkley	166.18	193.87	221.58	249.28	304.67	360.07	415.45	498.55
Keighley	163.71	190.99	218.28	245.57	300.13	354.71	409.27	491.13
Menston	175.43	204.66	233.91	263.15	321.62	380.10	438.57	526.29
Oxenhope	156.74	182.85	208.99	235.11	287.35	339.60	391.84	470.21
Sandy Lane	153.23	178.76	204.31	229.85	280.92	332.00	383.07	459.69
Silsden	150.81	175.94	201.08	226.22	276.48	326.76	377.02	452.43
Steeton with Eastburn	161.23	188.09	214.98	241.85	295.59	349.33	403.07	483.69
Wilsden	159.80	186.43	213.07	239.71	292.97	346.24	399.50	479.41
Wrose	146.23	170.59	194.98	219.35	268.09	316.83	365.57	438.69

(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	Council Tax 2016-17	Percentage change 2017-18 on 2016-17
	Band D Equivalent	Band D 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%

(2) ALLOCATION OF THE SCHOOLS BUDGET 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR

2.1 That 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 be approved.

2.2 That the proposals from the Schools Forum for the allocation of the 2017/18 DSG as set out in this report be accepted and approved.

(3) THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN FOR 2017-18 ONWARDS

3.1 It be approved that:

a) The Capital Investment Plan as set out at Appendix 2 to Executive Document "BI" 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.

3.2 The Borrowing Limits and Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 1 to Executive Document “BI” are adopted by the Council.

3.3 The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy as set out in paragraph 3.2 of this report is approved and adopted by the Council.

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

That Members have regard to Council Document “X” and in particular note the Director of Corporate Services’ 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.

(5) CONSULTATION FEEDBACK AND EQUALITY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2017/18 AND 2018/19 COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSALS

That in accordance with Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, Council has regard to the information contained in Executive 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 the Second Addendum presented to Executive on 21 February 2017 when considering the Executive's recommendations on setting the Council budget for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

(6) INTERIM TRADE UNION FEEDBACK ON THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE 2017/18 AND 2018/19 COUNCIL BUDGET

That Council has regard to the feedback received from the Council's Trade Unions contained in Executive Document "BB" and appendices presented to Executive on 7 February 2017 and the addendum presented to the Executive on 21 February 2017 when considering the Executive's recommendations on the Council's budget for the financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19.

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

14. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE- APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE COUNCIL'S EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR 2018/19

Resolved-

- (1) The Council accepts Public Sector Audit Appointments' (PSAA) invitation to 'opt in' to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2018.**
- (2) That the PSAA be requested to see if they could arrange a regional appointment if possible through their procurement.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

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