

Decisions of the Executive on Tuesday, 9 January 2018

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CALL IN PERIOD ENDS ON TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2018 AT 17.00

Notes:

- (a) Decisions may be called in by the Chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee, or by the Chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee when requested to do so by one member of the Committee or a member of another committee or by the Committee member representing the third largest group on the Council.***
- (b) The request to call in must be in writing and be signed by a Member, give a reason for the request and sent to the Chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee, who will deliver the request to Committee Secretariat, Room 111, City Hall by the date and time specified.***
- (c) Decisions which are subject to call in cannot be acted upon until the call in period expires.***
- (d) Decisions marked * may not be called in under Paragraph 8.7 of Part 3E of the Constitution.***

To:

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

Council 12 December 2017 – Petition Car Parking at Oastler Road

Resolved –

That the petition be referred to the Executive.

In noting the receipt of the above recommendation the Leader requested that a report be presented to the Executive on 6 February and that the petitioners be informed accordingly.

ACTION: Strategic Director of Place

LEADER OF COUNCIL & CORPORATE

(Councillor Hinchcliffe)

4. **A COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME FOR 2018/19**

Resolved –

(1) That the following recommendations to Council be agreed –

(a) That the outcome of the public consultation as set out in appendix 1 to Document “AN” is considered and noted

(b) That members have due regard to their responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Duty and consider the potential impacts of the proposed changes on working age claimants as set out in the Equality Impact Assessment at appendix 3 to Document “AN”

(c) That the following amendments to the current Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme are adopted and take effect from 1 April 2018

(i) Set the maximum CTR for all working age recipients at 70% of a Band A property for all claimants

(ii) Limit entitlement of CTR to those that qualify for £4.00 or more per week

(iii) Remove the Second Adult Rebate

(iv) Introduce a £1 Minimum Change threshold

(v) Assess self-employed in receipt of UC on actual income for the first 12 months of self-employment, and on actual income or the National Living Wage, whichever is greater, thereafter

(d) That the CTR discretionary support scheme as set out in Appendix 4 to Document “AN” is adopted from 1 April 2018

- (2) That the Director of Corporate Services report to the Leader of Council recommending any proposals to support individuals affected by Government welfare changes.

Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee

ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

5. **CALCULATION OF BRADFORD'S COUNCIL TAX BASE AND BUSINESS RATES BASE FOR 2018-19**

Resolved -

- (1) That the number of band D equivalent properties estimated by the Council as the Council Tax Base for 2018-19 for the whole of the Bradford Metropolitan District is 140,348 as set out in Appendix A1 of Document "AO".
- (2) The Council Tax Base for 2018-19 for each Local Council is set out in Appendix A3 of Document "AO".
- (3) That from 1 April 2018, in calculating the Council Tax Base, care leavers up to the age of 21 are exempted from paying Council Tax. This exemption applies up to the end of the financial year in which the care leaver attains the age of 21. Further, care leavers are disregarded for the purpose of assessing the number of adult residents in a property for the calculation of Council Tax. This disregard applies up to the end of the financial year in which the care leaver attains the age of 21.
- (4) The amount estimated by the Council as the Business Rates income for 2018-19 as included on the Council's NDR1 return (Appendix B1 to Document "AO") is £129.6m
- (5) Of the total Business Rates income;-
50% is paid to Central Government - £64.7m
1% is paid to the West Yorkshire Fire Authority - £1.3m
49% is retained by the Council - £63.5m

A further cost of collection allowance is paid to the Council of £0.7m.

- (6) That authority is delegated to the Strategic Director for Corporate Services (or interim Section 151 officer) in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make any necessary amendments to the calculation of the Business Rates estimate arising from the completion of the 2018-19 NDR1 form received from the Government and to include the amended figures in the 2018-19 Budget papers for Council.

Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee
ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

6. A STRATEGY FOR GROWTH IN INCOME FROM COUNCIL TAX, BUSINESS RATES AND INVESTMENT

Resolved –

- (1) That the basic premise underpinning Document “AP” be accepted, that targeted activity should be undertaken to grow income from:
 - (a) Council Tax**
 - (b) Business Rates**
 - (c) Income-generating investment****
- (2) That the next steps outlined at Section 8 of Document “AP” be pursued.**

Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee
ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

<p>EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS PORTFOLIO</p> <p><i>(Councillor I Khan)</i></p>
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7. REVISED PROPOSALS FOR THE RESTRUCTURE OF SEND SPECIALIST TEACHING SUPPORT SERVICES

Resolved -

- (1) That Option 3 as set out in Document “AQ” be accepted as the preferred option for consultation.**
- (2) That a period of consultation be approved from 17 January 2018 to 28 February 2018 with children, young people, families, partners, stakeholders, staff and all interested parties, see Appendix 4 to Document “AQ”.**
- (3) That be a further report be received by the Executive in April 2018 following the period of formal consultation.**

Children’s Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee
ACTION: Strategic Director Children’s Services

8. MINUTES OF THE WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY

The minutes of the meeting of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority held on 5 October 2017 were received.

9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Resolved –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the Not for Publication Appendix to Document “AR” on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings, that if they were present, exempt information within paragraphs 3 and 5 (financial or business affairs and legal privilege) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in allowing the public to remain is outweighed by the public interest in excluding public access to the relevant part of the proceedings for the following reasons:

It is in the public interest in maintaining these exemptions because it is in the overriding interest of proper administration that Members are made fully aware of the financial and legal implications of any decision.

<p style="text-align: center;">REGENERATION, PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Councillor Ross-Shaw)</i></p>

10. **CITY CENTRE REGENERATION**

Resolved -

- (1) That the contents of Document “AR” be noted and the recommendations in the confidential appendix be approved as amended.**
- (2) That the Chair of the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee be requested to add the report to the work programme for the 25 January 2018 meeting and it be noted that the report is on the work programme of the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 23 January meeting.**

Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee
ACTION: Strategic Director Corporate Services

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