

Decisions of the Council on Thursday, 21 February 2019

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Decisions

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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 2019/20 and 2020/21 and to set the Council Tax and Business Rates for 2019/20 and 2020/21.**
- (2) Approves the dispensation for a period of two years until 20 February 2020.**
- (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: Monitoring Officer

7.1 COUNCIL BUDGET 2019/20 AND 2020/21:

(1) THE COUNCIL'S REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2019/20

1.1 REVENUE ESTIMATES 2018/19

- (a) That the Base Revenue Forecast of £384.022m for 2019/20 as set out in Document "U" (Revenue Estimates) be approved.**
- b) That Document "U" and the consequent net reduction in investments of £0.947m in 2019/20 be approved.**
- c) That Document "U" and the service savings and additional income of £23.164m in 2019/20 be approved.**
- d) That it be noted that within the revenue budget there is a net use of £1.460m to revenue reserves in 2019/20.**
- e) That Document "U" and the service savings proposals for 2020/21 be approved, requiring the Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Directors**

to take necessary action during 2019/20 to ensure those savings are fully achievable for 2020/21.

- f) That the comments of Director of Finance set out in Document “V” on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves taking account of the recommendations made at 1(a) to (e) above be noted.

1.2 PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX 2019/20

That it be noted that the projected council tax base and expenditure forecasts outlined in the report together with the 2019/20 resources and the budget variations approved at 1.1(b) and 1.1(c) above produce a proposed Band D council tax of £1,373.07 for 2019/20.

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 s151 Officer.

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 s151 Officer 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) entry into the 75% business rate pilot, 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 2018/19, the s151 Officer be empowered to take appropriate steps to secure the best advantage for the Council's financial position.
- (b) That the s151 Officer be empowered to deal with items which involve the transfer of net spending between the financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20 in a manner which secures the best advantage for the Council's financial position.
- (c) That the s151 Officer report any action taken in pursuance of 5(a) and 5(b) above when reporting on the Final Accounts for 2018/19.

1.6 COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2019/20

- (a) That the council tax base figures for 2019/20 calculated by the Executive at its meeting on 8 January 2019 in respect of the whole of the Council's area and individual parish and town council areas be noted.
- That the only special items for 2019/20 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	£1,167,173,936
Income	£969,719,400
Council Tax requirement	£197,454,536
Council tax base	142,200
Basic amount of council tax	£1,388.57
Adjustment in respect of parish and town council precepts	£ 15.50
Basic amount excluding parish and town councils	£1,373.07

- (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	98,800	1,738	56.85	1,373.07	1,429.92
Baildon	282,500	6,278	45.00	1,373.07	1,418.07
Bingley	172,540	8,627	20.00	1,373.07	1,393.07
Burley	201,442	2,983	67.53	1,373.07	1,440.60
Clayton	60,474	2,407	25.12	1,373.07	1,398.19
Cullingworth	30,424	1,221	24.92	1,373.07	1,397.99
Denholme	38,230	1,137	33.62	1,373.07	1,406.69
Harden	28,700	820	35.00	1,373.07	1,408.07
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	84,048	2,267	37.07	1,373.07	1,410.14
Ilkley	330,615	7,095	46.60	1,373.07	1,419.67
Keighley	506,137	15,010	33.72	1,373.07	1,406.79
Menston	117,774	2,181	54.00	1,373.07	1,427.07
Oxenhope	30,480	1,016	30.00	1,373.07	1,403.07
Sandy Lane	15,876	882	18.00	1,373.07	1,391.07
Silsden	76,792	2,942	26.10	1,373.07	1,399.17
Steeton with Eastburn	57,862	1,717	33.70	1,373.07	1,406.77
Wilsden	53,502	1,745	30.66	1,373.07	1,403.73
Wrose	17,740	2,087	8.50	1,373.07	1,381.57
Total of all local precepts	2,203,936	62,153			

- (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							
	<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	915.38	1,067.94	1,220.51	1,373.07	1,678.20	1,983.32	2,288.45	2,746.14
The parish and town council areas of:								
Addingham	953.28	1,112.16	1,271.04	1,429.92	1,747.68	2,065.44	2,383.20	2,859.84
Baildon	945.38	1,102.94	1,260.51	1,418.07	1,733.20	2,048.32	2,363.45	2,836.14
Bingley	928.71	1,083.50	1,238.28	1,393.07	1,702.64	2,012.21	2,321.78	2,786.14
Burley	960.40	1,120.47	1,280.53	1,440.60	1,760.73	2,080.87	2,401.00	2,881.20
Clayton	932.13	1,087.48	1,242.84	1,398.19	1,708.90	2,019.61	2,330.32	2,796.38
Cullingworth	931.99	1,087.33	1,242.66	1,397.99	1,708.65	2,019.32	2,329.98	2,795.98
Denholme	937.79	1,094.09	1,250.39	1,406.69	1,719.29	2,031.89	2,344.48	2,813.38
Harden	938.71	1,095.17	1,251.62	1,408.07	1,720.97	2,033.88	2,346.78	2,816.14
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	940.09	1,096.78	1,253.46	1,410.14	1,723.50	2,036.87	2,350.23	2,820.28
Ilkley	946.45	1,104.19	1,261.93	1,419.67	1,735.15	2,050.63	2,366.12	2,839.34
Keighley	937.86	1,094.17	1,250.48	1,406.79	1,719.41	2,032.03	2,344.65	2,813.58
Menston	951.38	1,109.94	1,268.51	1,427.07	1,744.20	2,061.32	2,378.45	2,854.14
Oxenhope	935.38	1,091.28	1,247.17	1,403.07	1,714.86	2,026.66	2,338.45	2,806.14
Sandy Lane	927.38	1,081.94	1,236.51	1,391.07	1,700.20	2,009.32	2,318.45	2,782.14
Silsden	932.78	1,088.24	1,243.71	1,399.17	1,710.10	2,021.02	2,331.95	2,798.34
Steeton with Eastburn	937.85	1,094.15	1,250.46	1,406.77	1,719.39	2,032.00	2,344.62	2,813.54
Wilsden	935.82	1,091.79	1,247.76	1,403.73	1,715.67	2,027.61	2,339.55	2,807.46
Wrose	921.05	1,074.55	1,228.06	1,381.57	1,688.59	1,995.60	2,302.62	2,763.14

- (f) That it be noted that for the year 2019/20 the Police Crime and Commissioner and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (WYFRA) have issued the following precepts.

<u>Precept Amount</u>	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>

£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority *								
9,184,700	43.06	50.24	57.41	64.59	78.94	93.30	107.65	129.18
Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire								
26,584,290	124.63	145.41	166.18	186.95	228.49	270.04	311.58	373.90

(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 2019/20 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	1,083.07	1,263.59	1,444.10	1,624.61	1,985.63	2,346.66	2,707.68	3,249.22
The parish and town council areas of:								
Addingham	1,120.97	1,307.81	1,494.63	1,681.46	2,055.11	2,428.78	2,802.43	3,362.92
Baildon	1,113.07	1,298.59	1,484.10	1,669.61	2,040.63	2,411.66	2,782.68	3,339.22
Bingley	1,096.40	1,279.15	1,461.87	1,644.61	2,010.07	2,375.55	2,741.01	3,289.22
Burley	1,128.09	1,316.12	1,504.12	1,692.14	2,068.16	2,444.21	2,820.23	3,384.28
Clayton	1,099.82	1,283.13	1,466.43	1,649.73	2,016.33	2,382.95	2,749.55	3,299.46
Cullingworth	1,099.68	1,282.98	1,466.25	1,649.53	2,016.08	2,382.66	2,749.21	3,299.06
Denholme	1,105.48	1,289.74	1,473.98	1,658.23	2,026.72	2,395.23	2,763.71	3,316.46
Harden	1,106.40	1,290.82	1,475.21	1,659.61	2,028.40	2,397.22	2,766.01	3,319.22
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	1,107.78	1,292.43	1,477.05	1,661.68	2,030.93	2,400.21	2,769.46	3,323.36
Ilkley	1,114.14	1,299.84	1,485.52	1,671.21	2,042.58	2,413.97	2,785.35	3,342.42
Keighley	1,105.55	1,289.82	1,474.07	1,658.33	2,026.84	2,395.37	2,763.88	3,316.66
Menston	1,119.07	1,305.59	1,492.10	1,678.61	2,051.63	2,424.66	2,797.68	3,357.22
Oxenhope	1,103.07	1,286.93	1,470.76	1,654.61	2,022.29	2,390.00	2,757.68	3,309.22
Sandy Lane	1,095.07	1,277.59	1,460.10	1,642.61	2,007.63	2,372.66	2,737.68	3,285.22
Silsden	1,100.47	1,283.89	1,467.30	1,650.71	2,017.53	2,384.36	2,751.18	3,301.42
Steeton with Eastburn	1,105.54	1,289.80	1,474.05	1,658.31	2,026.82	2,395.34	2,763.85	3,316.62
Wilsden	1,103.51	1,287.44	1,471.35	1,655.27	2,023.10	2,390.95	2,758.78	3,310.54
Wrose	1,088.74	1,270.20	1,451.65	1,633.11	1,996.02	2,358.94	2,721.85	3,266.22

(h) That Council notes the movement in Band D equivalent charges for 2019/20 over 2018/19 as set out in the table below.

	Council Tax 2019-20 Band D Equivalent	Council Tax 2018-19 Band D Equivalent	Percentage change 2019-20 on 2018-19
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	1,373.07	1,333.21	2.99%
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority	64.59	62.72	2.99%
West Yorkshire Police Authority	186.95	162.95	14.7%
Local (Parish Council) Precepts:			
Addingham	56.85	57.47	-1.1%
Baildon	45.00	31.70	41.9%
Bingley	20.00	16.31	22.6%
Burley	67.53	65.00	3.9%
Clayton	25.12	22.56	11.3%
Cullingworth	24.92	24.64	1.1%
Denholme	33.62	28.41	18.3%
Harden	35.00	25.00	40.0%
Haworth etc	37.07	26.63	39.2%
Ilkley	46.60	40.39	15.4%
Keighley	33.72	33.72	0.0%
Menston	54.00	54.00	0.0%
Oxenhope	30.00	27.00	11.1%
Sandy Lane	18.00	17.79	1.2%
Silsden	26.10	25.89	0.8%
Steeton/ Eastburn	33.70	30.00	12.3%
Wilsden	30.66	29.72	3.2%
Wrose	8.50	7.50	13.3%

* The West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority will be setting their precept on Thursday 21 February 2019]. The amount shown in the above table is the estimated precept based on a 2.99% increase. If the precept set by WYFRA is different to the estimate contained in this report Members will be subsequently advised accordingly and the tax tables duly amended.

(2) ALLOCATION OF THE SCHOOLS BUDGET 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR

- 2.1 That the proposals from the Schools Forum for the allocation of the 2019/20 DSG as set out in Executive Document "BA" be accepted and approved.
- 2.2 That the total amount of £551.819m 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 2019/20 be approved.

(3) THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN FOR 2019/20 ONWARDS

It be approved that:

1. The Capital Investment Plan as set out at Appendix 1 to Executive Document "BB" 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.
2. Approve the following capital expenditure schemes:

9. £2m Property Programme to maintain Council assets, subject to final Project Appraisal Group appraisal.

10. £1.961m for the restoration of the former Sugden End Landfill Site.

- 3. 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.**
- 4. Where necessary, the payments arising under the Capital Investment Plan are met from loans.**
- 5. In order to provide the flexibility necessary to effectively manage 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.**
- 6. 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. Also the Section 151 Officer be granted delegated powers up to the authorised limit to approve new schemes subject to Executive approval and taking into account latest revenue budget projections.**
- 7. The Borrowing Limits and Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 2 to Executive Document “BB” are adopted by the Council.**
- 8. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy as set out in paragraph 6 of Executive Document “BB” be approved.**

(4) 2019/20 BUDGET PROPOSALS AND FORECAST RESERVES - S151 OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT

4.1 That Members had regard to the report (Document “V”) in setting the budget, and in particular note the conclusions that:

- the estimates presented to Council are sufficiently robust**
- the reserves are adequate for the 2019/20 proposed budget**
- the projected corporate reserves, on current estimates, are adequate in the medium term, subject to the implementation of the rest of the proposed financial plan and identification of further proposals to mitigate the projected structural gap of £20-25m.**

4.2 As with all budgets there is the potential for amendments to be proposed/agreed which could change the overall package of proposals. In that respect, it should be highlighted that this statement would be amended or added to if a decision was proposed that lead to the Council's reserves falling below their recommended level. In addition, any other amendments would be considered against the scale of the overall budget and depending upon the extent and nature, may result in a revised statement.

(5) CONSULTATION FEEDBACK AND EQUALITY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2019/20 AND 2020/21 COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSALS

That in accordance with Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council had regard to the information contained in Executive Document "AR", the appendices and equality assessments to that report and the Addendum presented to Executive on 5 February 2019, when considering the Executive's recommendations on a budget for 2019/20 and 2020/21.

(6) INTERIM TRADE UNION FEEDBACK ON THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE 2019/20 AND 2020/21 COUNCIL BUDGET

That Council had regard to the feedback received from the Council's Trade Unions contained in Executive Document "AS", appendices and First Addendum presented to Executive on 5 February 2019 and the Second Addendum presented to the Executive on 19 February 2019 when considering the Executive's recommendations on the Council's budget for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

ACTION: Director of Finance

7.2 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - NORTHERN POOL JOINT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

Resolved –

That the Northern Pool Joint Governance Committee Agreement, Not For Publication Appendix A to Governance and Audit Committee Document "AA", be approved to ensure it is operational by 1 April 2019, and the Director of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund be authorised in consultation with the City Solicitor to amend it as expedient or necessary and put in place any ancillary documentation.

ACTION: Director of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund

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