

Decisions of the Council on Thursday, 17 February 2022

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Decisions

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE - BUDGET 2022-23

1. THE COUNCIL'S REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2022/23

Resolved that the following recommendations be approved:

(1) REVENUE ESTIMATES 2022/23

- (a) That the Base Revenue Forecast of £388.498m for 2022/23 be approved as set out in the updated Council's Revenue Estimates report (**Council Document E**).
- (b) That the recurring investment proposals of £604k in 2022/23 as set out in Appendix C be approved.
- (c) That the existing pressures of £10.5m in 2022/23 as set out in Appendix E be approved.
- (d) That the one off investment of £1.6m in 2022/23 as set out in Appendix F be approved.
- (e) That the prior agreed savings in Appendix G be noted and the amendment to previous budget decisions totalling £350k in 2022/23 as set out in Appendix H be approved.
- (f) That it be noted that within the revenue budget there is a net use of £3.626m in revenue reserves in 2022/23, and the creation of a Social Care reserve of £10.024m to be funded by £13.650m of reserves as set out in Appendix I.
- (g) That the comments of Director of Finance set out in the Section 151 Officer's Assessment of the proposed budgets on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves taking account of the recommendations made at 8.1(a) to (f) above be noted.

(2) PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX 2022/23

2.1 That it be noted that the projected council tax base and expenditure forecasts outlined in this report together with the 2022/23 resources and the budget variations approved in 8.1 produce a proposed Band D council tax of £1,543.93 for 2022/23.

(3) PAYMENT DATES FOR COUNCIL TAX AND NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES

3.1 That the first instalment date for payment of National Non-Domestic Rates and Council Tax shall be specified by the s151 Officer.

(4) DELEGATION TO OFFICERS

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 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 any 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.

(5) PREPARATION OF ACCOUNTS

- (a) That in preparing the Final Accounts for 2021/22, 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 2021/22 and 2022/23 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 8.5(a) and 8.5(b) above when reporting on the Final Accounts for 2021/22.

(6) PROCUREMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR 5 YEARS FROM APRIL 2023

- a) That the Council approves the procurement of External Audit via Public Sector Audit Appointments for the 5-year period from April 2023.

(7) COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2022/23

- (a) That the council tax base figures for 2022/23 calculated by the Council at its meeting on 4 January 2022 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 2022/23 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	£1,180,245,854
Income	£955,936,300
Council Tax requirement	£224,309,554
Council tax base	143,420
Basic amount of council tax	£1,564.00
Adjustment in respect of parish and town council precepts	£ 20.07
Basic amount excluding parish and town councils	£1,543.93

- (d) That the precepts of parish and town councils are 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	100,255	1,782	56.26	1,543.93	1,600.19
Baildon	306,310	6,273	48.83	1,543.93	1,592.76
Bingley	237,457	8,544	27.79	1,543.93	1,571.72
Burley	256,190	3,014	85.00	1,543.93	1,628.93
Clayton	68,240	2,473	27.59	1,543.93	1,571.52
Cullingworth	45,455	1,313	34.62	1,543.93	1,578.55
Denholme	59,956	1,153	52.00	1,543.93	1,595.93
Harden	39,008	848	46.00	1,543.93	1,589.93
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	106,140	2,357	45.03	1,543.93	1,588.96
Ilkley	340,464	7,227	47.11	1,543.93	1,591.04
Keighley	729,824	15,170	48.11	1,543.93	1,592.04
Menston	119,286	2,209	54.00	1,543.93	1,597.93
Oxenhope	36,645	1,047	35.00	1,543.93	1,578.93
Sandy Lane	15,786	877	18.00	1,543.93	1,561.93
Shipley	149,325	4,714	31.68	1,543.93	1,575.61
Silsden	65,050	3,087	21.07	1,543.93	1,565.00
Steeton with Eastburn	81,800	1,790	45.70	1,543.93	1,589.63
Wilsden	89,995	1,756	51.25	1,543.93	1,595.18
Wrose	31,668	2,184	14.50	1,543.93	1,558.43
Total of all local precepts	2,878,854	67,818			

(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	1,029.29	1,200.83	1,372.38	1,543.93	1,887.03	2,230.12	2,573.22	3,087.86
The parish and town council areas of:								
Addingham	1,066.79	1,244.59	1,422.39	1,600.19	1,955.79	2,311.39	2,666.98	3,200.38
Baildon	1,061.84	1,238.81	1,415.79	1,592.76	1,946.71	2,300.65	2,654.60	3,185.52
Bingley	1,047.81	1,222.45	1,397.08	1,571.72	1,920.99	2,270.26	2,619.53	3,143.44
Burley	1,085.95	1,266.95	1,447.94	1,628.93	1,990.91	2,352.90	2,714.88	3,257.86
Clayton	1,047.68	1,222.29	1,396.91	1,571.52	1,920.75	2,269.97	2,619.20	3,143.04
Cullingworth	1,052.37	1,227.76	1,403.16	1,578.55	1,929.34	2,280.13	2,630.92	3,157.10
Denholme	1,063.95	1,241.28	1,418.60	1,595.93	1,950.58	2,305.23	2,659.88	3,191.86
Harden	1,059.95	1,236.61	1,413.27	1,589.93	1,943.25	2,296.57	2,649.88	3,179.86
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	1,059.31	1,235.86	1,412.41	1,588.96	1,942.06	2,295.16	2,648.27	3,177.92
Ilkley	1,060.69	1,237.48	1,414.26	1,591.04	1,944.60	2,298.17	2,651.73	3,182.08
Keighley	1,061.36	1,238.25	1,415.15	1,592.04	1,945.83	2,299.61	2,653.40	3,184.08
Menston	1,065.29	1,242.83	1,420.38	1,597.93	1,953.03	2,308.12	2,663.22	3,195.86
Oxenhope	1,052.62	1,228.06	1,403.49	1,578.93	1,929.80	2,280.68	2,631.55	3,157.86
Sandy Lane	1,041.29	1,214.83	1,388.38	1,561.93	1,909.03	2,256.12	2,603.22	3,123.86
Shipley	1,050.41	1,225.47	1,400.54	1,575.61	1,925.75	2,275.88	2,626.02	3,151.22
Silsden	1,043.33	1,217.22	1,391.11	1,565.00	1,912.78	2,260.56	2,608.33	3,130.00
Steeton with Eastburn	1,059.75	1,236.38	1,413.00	1,589.63	1,942.88	2,296.13	2,649.38	3,179.26
Wilsden	1,063.45	1,240.70	1,417.94	1,595.18	1,949.66	2,304.15	2,658.63	3,190.36
Wrose	1,038.95	1,212.11	1,385.27	1,558.43	1,904.75	2,251.07	2,597.38	3,116.86

* Provisional figure

- (f) That it be noted that for the year 2022-23 the Police and Crime Commissioner precept is as below, and the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (WYFRA) have indicated the precepts as below while awaiting approval by the precepting authority.

<u>Precept Amount</u> £	<u>Council Tax Amount for Each Valuation Band</u>							
	<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> £
<u>West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority*</u>								
10,352,000	48.12	56.14	64.16	72.18	88.22	104.26	120.30	144.36
<u>Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire</u>								
31,736,000	147.52	172.11	196.69	221.28	270.45	319.63	368.80	442.56

- (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 2022-23 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	1,224.93	1,429.08	1,633.23	1,837.39	2,245.70	2,654.01	3,062.32	3,674.78
The parish and town council areas of:								
Addingham	1,262.43	1,472.84	1,683.24	1,893.65	2,314.46	2,735.28	3,156.08	3,787.30
Baildon	1,257.48	1,467.06	1,676.64	1,886.22	2,305.38	2,724.54	3,143.70	3,772.44
Bingley	1,243.45	1,450.70	1,657.93	1,865.18	2,279.66	2,694.15	3,108.63	3,730.36
Burley	1,281.59	1,495.20	1,708.79	1,922.39	2,349.58	2,776.79	3,203.98	3,844.78
Clayton	1,243.32	1,450.54	1,657.76	1,864.98	2,279.42	2,693.86	3,108.30	3,729.96
Cullingworth	1,248.01	1,456.01	1,664.01	1,872.01	2,288.01	2,704.02	3,120.02	3,744.02
Denholme	1,259.59	1,469.53	1,679.45	1,889.39	2,309.25	2,729.12	3,148.98	3,778.78
Harden	1,255.59	1,464.86	1,674.12	1,883.39	2,301.92	2,720.46	3,138.98	3,766.78
Haworth, Crossroads and Stanbury	1,254.95	1,464.11	1,673.26	1,882.42	2,300.73	2,719.05	3,137.37	3,764.84
Ilkley	1,256.33	1,465.73	1,675.11	1,884.50	2,303.27	2,722.06	3,140.83	3,769.00
Keighley	1,257.00	1,466.50	1,676.00	1,885.50	2,304.50	2,723.50	3,142.50	3,771.00
Menston	1,260.93	1,471.08	1,681.23	1,891.39	2,311.70	2,732.01	3,152.32	3,782.78
Oxenhope	1,248.26	1,456.31	1,664.34	1,872.39	2,288.47	2,704.57	3,120.65	3,744.78
Sandy Lane	1,236.93	1,443.08	1,649.23	1,855.39	2,267.70	2,680.01	3,092.32	3,710.78
Shipley	1,246.05	1,453.72	1,661.39	1,869.07	2,284.42	2,699.77	3,115.12	3,738.14
Silsden	1,238.97	1,445.47	1,651.96	1,858.46	2,271.45	2,684.45	3,097.43	3,716.92
Steeton with Eastburn	1,255.39	1,464.63	1,673.85	1,883.09	2,301.55	2,720.02	3,138.48	3,766.18
Wilsden	1,259.09	1,468.95	1,678.79	1,888.64	2,308.33	2,728.04	3,147.73	3,777.28
Wrose	1,234.59	1,440.36	1,646.12	1,851.89	2,263.42	2,674.96	3,086.48	3,703.78

- (h) That Council notes the movement in Band D equivalent charges for 2022-23 over 2021-22 as set out in the table below.

	Council Tax 2022-23 Band D Equivalent	Council Tax 2021-22 Band D Equivalent	Percentage change
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	1,543.93	1,499.11	2.99%
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority *	72.18	67.18	7.44%
West Yorkshire Police Authority	221.28	211.28	4.73%
Local (Parish Council) Precepts:			
Addingham	56.26	56.26	0.0%
Baildon	48.83	48.83	0.0%
Bingley	27.79	22.07	25.9%
Burley	85.00	82.00	3.7%
Clayton	27.59	30.02	-8.1%
Cullingworth	34.62	31.44	10.1%
Denholme	52.00	45.00	15.6%
Harden	46.00	45.00	2.2%
Haworth etc	45.03	45.01	0.0%
Ilkley	47.11	47.11	0.0%
Keighley	48.11	39.69	21.2%
Menston	54.00	54.00	0.0%
Oxenhope	35.00	35.00	0.0%
Sandy Lane	18.00	18.00	0.0%
Shipley	31.68	30.01	5.6%
Silsden	21.07	28.71	-26.6%
Steeton/ Eastburn	45.70	44.92	1.7%
Wilsden	51.25	35.75	43.4%
Wrose	14.50	13.50	7.4%
*Provisional figures			

(Chris Chapman – 01274 433656)

ACTION: Director of Finance

2. ALLOCATION OF THE SCHOOLS BUDGET 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

Resolved that Council:

- Accepts and approves the proposals for the allocation of the 2022/23 Dedicated Schools Grant, as set out in the report.
- Approves the total amount of £665.617m 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 2022/23.

(Andrew Redding – 01274 432678)

ACTION: Director of Finance

3. CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN 2022-23 TO 2025-26

Resolved –

- (1) That Council had regard to the information contained within the Executive report (**Document BE**) in considering the Capital Investment Plan for 2022-23.
- (2) That commitments against reserve schemes and contingencies can only be made after a business case has been assessed by Project Appraisal Group and approved by Executive.
- (3) That delegated authority is given to Section 151 Officer to repay debt on an annuity basis, for chosen properties purchased during or after 2018-19. Delegated authority can only be exercised if two conditions are met:
 - a) the asset retains or increases its value;
 - b) the return from the capital scheme is sufficient to repay the capital sum invested.
- (4) That the proposed 2022-23 Minimum Revenue Policy set out in Appendix 2 is approved.
- (5) That specific approval be given for the following schemes previously approved by Executive to commence following a detailed review by Project Appraisal Group:
 - The 2022-23 Property Programme has a proposed total cost of £4m and this will be funded by the £2m allocated and an additional £2m.
 - Baildon Library – The £1.445m scheme is for the relocation of Baildon Library from Ian Clough Hall. The scheme will be funded by corporate borrowing and generate c £1m in corporate capital receipts.

(Lynsey Simenton – 01274 434232)

ACTION: Director of Finance

4. 2022/23 BUDGET PROPOSALS AND FORECAST RESERVES - S151 OFFICER ASSESSMENT

Resolved –

That Members have regard to **Document BF** 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 2022/23 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
- the Medium Term Financial Strategy will be updated and reported to Executive as clarity on future local government funding is received.

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.

(Chris Chapman – 01274 433656)

ACTION: Director of Finance

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