

Decision Summary

Committee: Council
Date: 18 February 2015
Committee Clerk: Andrea Woodside
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1. Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive

To receive any announcements.

Decision: The Mayor provided an overview of procedural matters for the meeting.
The Chief Executive reminded Council of the restrictions applying to voting under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1993.

2. Apologies for absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

Decision: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bolt, Harris, S Patel and P Scott.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 14 January 2015

To receive and authorise Mayor to sign as a correct record.

Decision: Approved as a correct record.

4. Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests

Decision: (i) A list of granted dispensations are attached at Report C.

The Mayor advised of the following granted dispensations which were not included within this report;
Councillor Hughes – West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Councillor Ahmed - QED
Councillor N Turner - PEAK
Councillor E Firth – West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Transport Committee

(ii) Councillor Holmes declared an 'other' interest in Agenda Item 5 on the grounds that she is (a) a Director of BBG Academy and (b) President of the Friends of Red House Museum

Councillor Wilkinson declared an 'other' interest in Agenda Item 5 on the grounds that she is a Member of the Friends of Tolson Museum

Councillor Walton declared an 'other' interest in Agenda Item 5 on the grounds that she is Company Secretary of Crosland Moor IT Learning Centre

5. Budget 2015/2016

To consider the following recommendations of the meeting of Budget Cabinet on 3rd February 2015;

(A) Capital

- (i) That £14.289m of investment be removed from the Capital Investment Plan (Appendix A; paras 1.5.1 – 1.5.2 refer)
- (ii) That £25.349m of new borrowing (£30m gross investment less the existing £4.651m Spenborough pool provision) be added to the Capital Investment Plan Appendix A; paras 1.5.6 – 1.5.10 refer)
- (iii) That the Capital Investment Plan be recommended to with an intention that the Plan is reviewed as an integral element of the Council's Budget Strategy to support Council priorities (on both capital and revenue budget proposals) and is contained within our foreseeable resources (Appendix A Section 1; Appendices B-C refer)
- (iv) That the Prudential Indicators as referred to in Appendix A (paras 1.6.1 & 3.15.4) and in Appendix D be determined

(B) Treasury Management

- (i) That the Borrowing Strategy outlined in Appendix A section 2.3, be approved
- (ii) That the investment strategy outlined in Appendix A section 2.4, and Appendix E ,be approved
- (iii) That the Policy for provision of repayment of debt outlined in Appendix G, be Approved
- (iv) That the Treasury Management Indicators at Appendix H, be approved

(C) General Fund Revenue

- (i) That the current forecast of spending in 2014-15, and any resulting changes to the estimated level of General Fund Balances at 31st March 2014, be noted (Appendix A, section 3.11 refers)
- (ii) That the strategy for the use of Balances and Reserves, as set out in Appendix A, section 3.13, be reaffirmed
- (iii) That it be acknowledged that for 2015-16 the minimum level of General Fund balances should be £5.0m; (Appendix A, para 3.13.5 refers)
- (iv) That approval be given to the re-direct of £3m earmarked reserves for New Council developments (Appendix A, para 3.13.7 refers)
- (v) That the estimated balances and all other earmarked reserves be maintained, and that a further reassessment of reserves requirements be undertaken at year end and reported as part of the 2014-15 Revenue Rollover and Outturn report (Appendix A, para 3.13.8 refers)
- (vi) That the Council Tax requirement for 2015-16 be approved (Appendix A, section 3.9 refers)
- (vii) That the determination on the Council Tax Technical Changes be reaffirmed; 'The Council Tax Determination' as set out Appendix A, para 3.9.12 and Appendix M , noting that it has no impact on the council tax base or Council income
- (viii) That the Council's continued participation on the Leeds City Region business rates pool for 2015-16 (Appendix A para 3.8.15 refers) be noted.
- (ix) That it be noted that Cabinet recommends that unspent resources within District Committee budgets, including any capital allocations remaining from the previous Area Committee structure) be rolled over into 2015/2016.
- (x) That approval be given to the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2015-16 as set out in Appendix N
- (xi) That the Director of Resources' positive assurance statement be noted (Para 3.4 refers)
- (xii) That the Director of Resources be given delegated authority to amend how the finally approved precepts are recorded in the Council's revenue budget in line with the final notifications received following decisions by the Office of Police & Crime Commissioner, the Fire & Rescue Authority and Parish Councils, should these be received after 18th February;
- (xiii) That Cabinet's Draft Revenue Budget (Appendix I) be approved.

Decision: Please see Report C.