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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET

Monday 15th January 2018

Present: Councillor Shabir Pandor (Chair)
Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Naheed Mather
Councillor Musarrat Khan
Councillor Viv Kendrick
Councillor Masood Ahmed
Councillor Graham Turner
Councillor Cathy Scott

Observers: Councillor Judith Hughes

Apologies: Councillor David Sheard
Councillor Erin Hill (Currently on Maternity Leave)

388 Membership of the Cabinet

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Sheard and Hill.

389 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings, held on 21 November and 8 December 2017, were approved as a correct record.

390 Interests

No interests were declared.

391 Admission of the Public

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

392 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

393 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

394 Member Question Time

No questions were asked.

395 Business Rate 100% Retention Pilot

Cabinet received a report which provided information regarding the decision by Government to award the Leeds City Region pool pilot status for 100% business rate retention in 2018/2019 and sought approval of the Council's continued involvement as part of the Leeds City Region pool.

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The report advised that an application had been submitted during October 2017 and that the agreed pilots had been announced on 19 December 2017, alongside the draft local government finance settlement. Cabinet were advised that, whilst the submission had been successful, if they took a decision not to proceed with the pilot there was an option to revoke the application as any member of the pilot pool could withdraw.

The report advised that the submitted application reflected that the projected additional growth which could be retained regionally was estimated to be in excess of £30m across the pool authorities, and that the business plan proposed that member authorities would be allocated 50% of the additional growth income to improve financial stability within their authorities, with the pool retaining 50% to continue to support and enable regional economic growth.

The report recommended that Cabinet agree to the Council continuing as a member of the Business Rates Pool for 2018/2019.

RESOLVED - That Kirklees continues to be a member of the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool and be part of the 100% business rates retention pilot scheme.

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Council Tax Base Rates

(Prior to the consideration of this item, Cabinet Members were advised of, and noted, the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992).

Cabinet gave consideration to a report on Council's tax base for council tax, prior to its submission to Council on 14 February 2018. Paragraph 2 of the report set out the factors to be considered in setting the council tax and advised that, as there were also parish and town council areas, it was necessary to calculate a taxbase for the whole of Kirklees, as well as for each parish and town council area. The appendix to the considered report set out the current number of properties in each band, the current effect of discounts, exemptions and the collective adjustment.

The report advised of an additional annual percentage increase in council tax due to the adult social care precept, which was in line with the percentage permitted by Government.

The report recommended that the 2018/2019 taxbase for the whole of Kirklees, and the taxbases for the parish and town council areas be; (i) whole of Kirklees £117,770.00 (ii) Denby Dale £5,732.57 (iii) Holme Valley £9,960.21 (iv) Kirkburton £8,861.25 (v) Meltham £2,761.79 and (vi) Mirfield £6,599.19.

RESOLVED - That the report be submitted to Council with a recommendation;

- (i) That the Council Taxbase 2018/2019 for Kirklees, and the five Parish and Town Council areas, be approved as follows;
 - Whole of Kirklees £117,770.00
 - Denby Dale £5,732.57
 - Holme Valley £9,960.21

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- Kirkburton £8, 861.25
- Meltham £2,761.79
- Mirfield £6,599.19

- (ii) That approval be given for the full Government Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant to be passed to Town and Parish Councils at the same level as previous years and that it be noted that a review will be undertaken in advance of next year's budget to ascertain the appropriate level of funding.
- (iii) That authority be delegated to the Service Director (Finance, IT and Transactional Services) to adjust the taxbase to reflect any changes that may be agreed by Members, and to recalculate the taxbase pursuant to Section 3 1B (1) and S67 (1) and (2A) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.