

Contact Officer: Andrea Woodside

COUNCIL

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

**At the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kirklees held at
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield on Wednesday 5 March 2025**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Nosheen Dad) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

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| Councillor Beverley Addy | Councillor Masood Ahmed |
| Councillor Munir Ahmed | Councillor Itrat Ali |
| Councillor Karen Allison | Councillor Zarina Amin |
| Councillor Ammar Anwar | Councillor Bill Armer |
| Councillor Ali Arshad | Councillor Timothy Bamford |
| Councillor Donna Bellamy | Councillor Martyn Bolt |
| Councillor Tanisha Bramwell | Councillor Damian Brook |
| Councillor Cahal Burke | Councillor Aafaq Butt |
| Councillor Andrew Cooper | Councillor Moses Crook |
| Councillor Hanifa Darwan | Councillor Paola Antonia Davies |
| Councillor Eric Firth | Councillor Charles Greaves |
| Councillor David Hall | Councillor Tyler Hawkins |
| Councillor Caroline Holt | Councillor James Homewood |
| Councillor Yusra Hussain | Councillor Zahid Kahut |
| Councillor Viv Kendrick | Councillor Musarrat Khan |
| Councillor Jo Lawson | Councillor John Lawson |
| Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton | Councillor Susan Lee-Richards |
| Councillor David Longstaff | Councillor Gwen Lowe |
| Councillor Andrew Marchington | Councillor Harry McCarthy |
| Councillor Tony McGrath | Councillor Hannah McKerchar |
| Councillor Matthew McLoughlin | Councillor Paul Moore |
| Councillor Alison Munro | Councillor Darren O'Donovan |
| Councillor Carole Pattison | Councillor Amanda Pinnock |
| Councillor Andrew Pinnock | Councillor Kath Pinnock |
| Councillor Jane Rylah | Councillor Imran Safdar |
| Councillor Cathy Scott | Councillor Angela Sewell |
| Councillor Joshua Sheard | Councillor Will Simpson |
| Councillor Anthony Smith | Councillor Elizabeth Smaje |
| Councillor Richard Smith | Councillor Mohan Sokhal |
| Councillor John Taylor | Councillor Mark Thompson |
| Councillor Graham Turner | Councillor Sheikh Ullah |
| Councillor Alex Vickers | Councillor Adam Zaman |
| Councillor Habiban Zaman | |

- 167 **Announcements by the Mayor and Chief Executive**
The Chief Executive reminded Members of the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 in relation to Agenda Item 7 (Minute 173 refers) and the restriction on voting.
- 168 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Daji, Holmes and Robinson.
- 169 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
RESOLVED – That that Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 12 February 2025 be approved as a correct record.
- 170 **Declaration of Interests**
A listed of granted dispensations was published and tabled.

No interests were declared.
- 171 **Additional Meeting of Council (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)**
It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Homewood and

RESOLVED – That an additional meeting of Council be scheduled for 23 April 2025 and that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, to determine whether the meeting is designated as a Key Discussion or Holding Executive to Account format.
- 172 **Our Council Plan - 2025/2026 (Reference from Cabinet)**
It was moved by Councillor Pattison, seconded by Councillor Crook and

RESOLVED – That the 2025/2026 Council Plan be approved and incorporated within the Council's Policy Framework.
- 173 **Council Budget Report 2025/2026 and 2026/2027; incorporating Capital, Treasury Management, General Fund Revenue and Housing Revenue Account (Reference from Cabinet)**
It was moved by Councillor Pattison and seconded by Councillor Turner that;
- (i) General Fund Revenue
- the Revenue Budget for 2025-2026, to deliver a balanced position, as attached at Appendix F, be approved
 - the forecast spending and funding plans for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 period, as set out at Appendix A, be noted.
 - the forecast levels of statutory and other council reserves, as set out at Appendix C, be noted
 - the strategy for the use of balances and reserves (paragraph 2.18 refers) be approved
 - that the Council's flexible capital receipts policy for 2025-2026, as set out at paragraph 2.25/Appendix G, be approved.

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- the Council tax requirement for 2025/2026, as set out at Appendix M, be approved.
 - the Council's Statutory 151 Officer's positive assurance statement as to the robustness of the forecasts and estimates and adequacy of financial reserves, as set out at paragraph 2.23, be noted.
 - authority be delegated to the Council's statutory s151 Officer 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 West Yorkshire Mayor Police and Crime Commissioner, the Fire and Rescue Authority and the Parish Councils, should these be received after 5 March 2025 (paragraph 3.1.3 refers)
- (ii) Treasury Management
- the borrowing strategy be approved (paragraphs 2.16 to 2.29 refer)
 - the investment strategy be approved (paragraphs 2.30 to 2.38 and Appendices A and B refer)
 - the policy for provision of repayment of debt (minimum revenue provision) be approved (paragraphs 2.39 to 2.40, Appendix C refers)
 - the treasury management prudential indicators be approved (Appendix D refers)
 - the investment strategy (non treasury investments) be approved (Appendix F refers)
- (iii) Capital
- the updated Capital Plan 2024-2032 be approved (Appendix F refers)
 - the Capital Strategy (including prudential indicators) be approved (Appendix I refers)
- (iv) Housing Revenue Account
- the draft Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2025-2026 be approved (Appendix K refers)
 - the strategy for the use of the Housing Revenue Account reserves be approved (Appendix K refers)

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Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Hall, by way of **AMENDMENT** that;

Conservative Group Budget Amendment

| General Fund Revenue | 25-26 | 26-27 | 27-28 | 28-29 | 29-30 |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Developments | | | | | |
| Feasibility Study - Housing (One off) | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kirklees Clean Up (One-off) | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Street Lighting Surveys (One-off) | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Littercam - Pilot | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Introduction of Christmas Week Bin Collections | 149 | 149 | 149 | 149 | 149 |
| Dewsbury Sport Centre Feasibility Study | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 |
| Sub total Developments | 509 | 149 | 149 | 399 | 149 |
| Change in Capital Financing Requirements | | | | | |
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 56 | 113 | 225 | 375 | 563 |
| Investment in Cliffe House Playground | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Investment in Highways - Roads Resurfacing | 0 | 0 | 75 | 300 | 675 |
| Investment in Leisure Provision - Dewsbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 |
| Removal of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -357 | -1,207 | -4,635 |
| Total Cost of Proposals | 584 | 281 | 111 | -114 | -2,479 |
| Savings | | | | | |
| Reduction in Trade Union Facility time | -258 | -516 | -516 | -516 | -516 |
| Reductions in Communications Activity | -50 | -50 | -50 | -50 | -50 |
| Total Savings | -308 | -566 | -566 | -566 | -566 |
| Reserves - Reduce Contribution to Transformation Reserve | -276 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Payback to Transformation Reserve | 0 | 276 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Contribution to General Reserve | 0 | 9 | 455 | 680 | 3045 |
| Total Revenue effect | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Fund Capital | | | | | |
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 750 | 750 | 1,500 | 2,000 | 2,500 |
| Investment in Cliffe House Playground | 250 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in Highways - Roads resurfacing | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 |
| Investment in Leisure Provision - Dewsbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,000 |
| Removal of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -4,762 | -11,280 | -45,487 |
| Total Capital Developments | 1,000 | 750 | -2,262 | -6,280 | -27,987 |
| Funded by : | | | | | |
| Increase in Borrowing Requirement | 1,000 | 750 | 2,500 | 5,000 | 17,500 |
| Decrease in Borrowing Requirement | 0 | 0 | -4,762 | -11,280 | -45,487 |
| | 1,000 | 750 | -2,262 | -6,280 | -27,987 |

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| Developments | | | | | |
| Feasibility Study - Housing (One off) | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kirklees Clean Up (One-off) | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Street Lighting Surveys (One-off) | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Littercam - Pilot | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Introduction of Christmas Week Bin Collections | 149 | 149 | 149 | 149 | 149 |
| Dewsbury Sport Centre Feasibility Study | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 |
| Sub total Developments | 509 | 149 | 149 | 399 | 149 |
| Change in Capital Financing Requirements | | | | | |
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 56 | 113 | 225 | 375 | 563 |
| Investment in Cliffe House Playground | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Investment in Highways - Roads Resurfacing | 0 | 0 | 75 | 300 | 675 |
| Investment in Leisure Provision - Dewsbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 |
| Removal of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -357 | -1,207 | -4,635 |
| Total Cost of Proposals | 584 | 281 | 111 | -114 | -2,479 |
| Savings | | | | | |
| Reduction in Trade Union Facility time | -258 | -516 | -516 | -516 | -516 |
| Reductions in Communications Activity | -50 | -50 | -50 | -50 | -50 |
| Total Savings | -308 | -566 | -566 | -566 | -566 |
| Reserves - Reduce Contribution to Transformation Reserve | -276 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Payback to Transformation Reserve | 0 | 276 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Contribution to General Reserve | 0 | 9 | 455 | 680 | 3045 |
| Total Revenue effect | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Fund Capital | | | | | |
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 750 | 750 | 1,500 | 2,000 | 2,500 |
| Investment in Cliffe House Playground | 250 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in Highways - Roads resurfacing | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 |
| Investment in Leisure Provision - Dewsbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,000 |
| Removal of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -4,762 | -11,280 | -45,487 |
| Total Capital Developments | 1,000 | 750 | -2,262 | -6,280 | -27,987 |
| Funded by : | | | | | |
| Increase in Borrowing Requirement | 1,000 | 750 | 2,500 | 5,000 | 17,500 |
| Decrease in Borrowing Requirement | 0 | 0 | -4,762 | -11,280 | -45,487 |
| | 1,000 | 750 | -2,262 | -6,280 | -27,987 |

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Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor J C Lawson and seconded by Councillor Davies, by way of **AMENDMENT** that;

Liberal Democrat Group Budget Amendment

| General Fund Revenue | 25-26 | 26-27 | 27-28 | 28-29 | 29-30 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Developments | | | | | |
| Increase in Ward budgets by £10k per Ward | 230 | 230 | 230 | 230 | 230 |
| Running Costs of Cleckheaton Town Hall | 0 | 0 | 205 | 205 | 205 |
| Feasibility Study for Replacement of Dewsbury Sports Centre | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| Feasibility for New Build Dementia Care Home | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 |
| Review of Our Cultural Heart - Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Sub total Developments | 230 | 230 | 685 | 685 | 1,435 |
| Change in Capital Financing Requirements | | | | | |
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 75 | 225 | 375 | 525 | 525 |
| Investment in Oakenshaw Cross | 0 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Investment in Sports Centres (Borough Wide) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 300 |
| Investment in Highways Local U Roads | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 300 |
| Investment in Provision of New Build Dementia Care Home | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,260 |
| Switch funding from Cleckheaton Town Fund Schemes | -67 | -67 | -67 | -67 | -67 |
| Reduce Corporate Landlord Heritage - to part fund Cleckheaton & Oakenshaw | -8 | -27 | -27 | -27 | -27 |
| Slip Corporate Landlord Well Being Plan Y2 to Y4 | 0 | -37 | -37 | 0 | 0 |
| Reduce Budget for Our Cultural Heart Phase 4 by 50% | 0 | -15 | -176 | -838 | -851 |
| Remove Budget for Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -357 | -1,207 | -4,635 |
| Total Cost of Proposals | 230 | 328 | 415 | -610 | -741 |
| Savings | | | | | |
| Reduction in growth budgeted provided for Adult Social Care Demand | -100 | -130 | -130 | -130 | -130 |
| Extend staffing savings target in Corporate Resources | -100 | -120 | -120 | -120 | -120 |
| Reduction in Non Pay inflation budget - held centrally | -30 | -78 | -78 | -78 | -78 |
| Total Savings | -230 | -328 | -328 | -328 | -328 |
| Reserves - Use of Reserves | 0 | 0 | -87 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Payback | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 0 |
| Reserves - Contribution to General Reserves | 0 | 0 | 0 | 851 | 1,069 |
| Total Revenue effect | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Fund Capital | | | | | |
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 1,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 |
| Investment in Oakenshaw Cross | 0 | 250 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Investment in Sports Centres (Borough Wide) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Investment in Highways Local U Roads | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Investment in Provision of New Build Dementia Care Home | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30,000 |
| Switch funding from Cleckheaton Town Fund Schemes | -900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reduce Corporate Landlord Heritage Budget - to part fund Cleckheaton & Oakenshaw | -100 | -250 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slip Corporate Landlord Well Being Budget Y2 to Y4 | 0 | -500 | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| Reduce Budget for Our Cultural Heart Phase 4 by 50% | 0 | -200 | -2,138 | -8,784 | -166 |
| Remove Budget for Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -4,762 | -11,280 | -45,487 |
| Total Capital Developments | 0 | 1,300 | -4,900 | -13,564 | -11,653 |
| Funded by : | | | | | |
| Increase in Borrowing Requirement | 1,000 | 2,250 | 2,000 | 6,000 | 34,000 |
| | - | | | | |
| Decrease in Borrowing Requirement | 1,000 | -950 | -6,900 | -19,564 | -45,653 |
| | 0 | 1,300 | -4,900 | -13,564 | -11,653 |

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Whereupon, it was moved by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor H Zaman, by way of **AMENDMENT** that;

Community Alliance Group Budget Amendment

| General Fund Revenue | 25-26 | 26-27 | 27-28 | 28-29 | 29-30 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Developments | | | | | |
| Increase in Ward Members Budgets by £5k per Ward | 115 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Flytipping Cameras | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parking Permits - Independent Review | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grit Bins (1x 23 ward including Fill) | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taxi Licencing (Additional Resource in Dewsbury 2.5 days per week PTE) | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Registrars (Additional Resource in Dewsbury 2.5 days week PTE) | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dewsbury Sports Centre - Dryside Net Operating Costs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 |
| Sub total Developments | 230 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 |
| Change in Capital Financing Requirements | | | | | |
| Investment in Highways Traffic Calming Schemes in Dewsbury & Batley | 0 | 0 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Investment in Dewsbury Sports Centre - Dryside | 0 | 0 | 150 | 300 | 450 |
| Investment in Batley Library | 0 | 0 | 38 | 75 | 113 |
| Investment in Crows Nest Café | 0 | 0 | 11 | 23 | 23 |
| Removal of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 Budget | 0 | 0 | -357 | -1,207 | -4,635 |
| Reduction in Corporate Landlord (Asset Investment) | -53 | -53 | -53 | -53 | -53 |
| Total Cost of Proposals | 177 | -53 | -185 | -836 | -3,476 |
| Savings | | | | | |
| Extend staffing savings target in Corporate Resources | -77 | -77 | -77 | -77 | -77 |
| Total Savings | -77 | -77 | -77 | -77 | -77 |
| Reserves - Use of Reserves | -100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Payback of Reserves | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Contribution to General Reserve | 0 | 30 | 262 | 913 | 3,553 |
| Total Revenue effect | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Fund Capital | | | | | |
| Investment in Highways Traffic Calming Schemes in Dewsbury & Batley | 0 | 0 | 350 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in Dewsbury Sports Centre - Dryside | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Investment in Batley Library | 0 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Investment in Crows Nest Café | 0 | 0 | 150 | 150 | 0 |
| Removal of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 Budget | 0 | 0 | 4,762 | 11,280 | 45,487 |
| Reduction in Corporate Landlord (Asset Investment) | -700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Total Capital Developments | -700 | 0 | 1,762 | -8,630 | 42,987 |
| Funded by : | | | | | |
| Increase in Borrowing Requirement | 0 | 0 | 3,000 | 2,650 | 2,500 |
| Decrease in Borrowing Requirement | -700 | 0 | 4,762 | 11,280 | 45,487 |
| | -700 | 0 | 1,762 | -8,630 | 42,987 |

The Conservative Group Amendment, as proposed by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor D Hall, on being put to the vote was LOST.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19(7), the vote was taken by Recorded Vote, which was as follows;

FOR: Councillors Ali, Armer, Bamford, Bellamy, Bolt, Brook, Greaves, Hall, Holt, Lees-Hamilton, McGrath, Sheard, Smaje, R Smith, Thompson and Taylor (16 votes)

AGAINST: Councillors Addy, Amin, Masood Ahmed, Munir Ahmed, Allison, Burke, Butt, Dad, Davies, Cooper, Crook, Darwan, Firth, Hawkins, Homewood, Hussain, Kahut, Kendrick, J C Lawson, J D Lawson, Lee-Richards, Longstaff, Lowe, McCarthy, McKerchar, McLoughlin, Marchington, Moore, Munro, O'Donovan, Pattison, A Pinnock, A U Pinnock, K Pinnock, Rylah, Safdar, Sewell, Scott, Simpson, Sokhal, A Smith, Turner, Ullah, Vickers, A Zaman and H Zaman (46 votes)

ABSTAINED: Councillors Anwar, Arshad and Bramwell.

The Liberal Democrat Group Amendment, as proposed by Councillor J C Lawson and seconded by Councillor Davies, on being put to the vote was LOST.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19(7), the vote was taken by Recorded Vote, which was as follows;

FOR: Councillors Masood Ahmed, Allison, Anwar, Arshad, Bramwell, Burke, Cooper, Davies, Greaves, Kahut, Khan, J C Lawson, J D Lawson, Lee-Richards, Longstaff, Marchington, Munro, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, Safdar, A Smith, Vickers and H Zaman (23 votes).

AGAINST: Councillors Addy, Munir Ahmed, Ali, Amin, Armer, Bamford, Bellamy, Brook, Bolt, Butt, Crook, Dad, Firth, Hall, Hawkins, Holt, Homewood, Kendrick, Lees-Hamilton, Lowe, O'Donovan, McCarthy, McGrath, McKerchar, McLoughlin, Pattison, A U Pinnock, Rylah, Sewell, Sheard, Simpson, Smaje, R Smith, Sokhal, Taylor, Thompson, Turner and Ullah (38 votes).

ABSTAINED: Councillors Darwan, Hussain, Moore, Scott and A Zaman.

The Community Alliance Group Amendment, as proposed by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor H Zaman, on being put to the vote was LOST.

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In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19(7), the vote was taken by Recorded Vote, which was as follows;

FOR: Councillors Masood Ahmed, Anwar, Arshad, Bramwell, Darwan, Hussain, Kahut, Khan, J D Lawson, Moore, Scott, A Zaman and H Zaman (13 votes).

AGAINST: Councillors Addy, Munir Ahmed, Ali, Amin, Armer, Bamford, Bellamy, Bolt, Brook, Burke, Butt, Crook, Dad, Davies, Firth, Greaves, Hall, Hawkins, Holt, Homewood, Kendrick, J C Lawson, Lees-Hamilton, Longstaff, Lowe, Marchington, McCarthy, McGrath, McKerchar, McLoughlin, Munro, O'Donovan, Pattison, A Pinnock, A U Pinnock, K Pinnock, Rylah, Sewell, Sheard, Simpson, Smaje, A Smith, R Smith, Sokhal, Taylor, Thompson, Turner and Ullah (48 votes).

ABSTAINED: Councillors Allison, Cooper, Lee-Richards, Safdar, Vickers.

Whereupon, the Substantive Motion was put to the vote and was **NOT CARRIED**.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19(7), the vote was taken by Recorded Vote, which was as follows;

FOR: Councillors Addy, Munir Ahmed, Amin, Butt, Crook, Dad, Firth, Hawkins, Homewood, Kendrick, Lowe, McCarthy, McKerchar, McLoughlin, O'Donovan, Pattison, A U Pinnock, Rylah, Sewell, Sokhal, Simpson, Turner and Ullah (23 Votes)

AGAINST: Councillors Masood Ahmed, Ali, Allison, Anwar, Arshad, Bramwell, Armer, Bamford, Bellamy, Bolt, Brook, Burke, Cooper, Davies, Greaves, Hall, Holt Hussain, Kahut, J C Lawson, J D Lawson, Lee-Richards, Lees-Hamilton, Longstaff, Marchington, McGrath, Moore, Munro, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, Safdar, Scott, Sheard, Smaje, R Smith, Taylor, Thompson, A Smith, Vickers, A Zaman and H Zaman (41 votes)

ABSTAINED: Councillors Darwan and Khan

As the Substantive Motion, nor any of the amendments, were carried, the Mayor adjourned the meeting of Council for further discussions to take place and to enable the opportunity for further amendments to be submitted.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Mayor advised that further amendments had been received from Conservative Group, the Liberal Democrat Group and the Community Alliance Group.

It was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Hall, by way of a **Conservative Group Revised Amendment**, that;

Conservative Group Revised Budget Amendment

| | 25-26 | 26-27 | 27-28 | 28-29 | 29-30 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| General Fund Revenue | | | | | |

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|--|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Developments | | | | | |
| Feasibility Study - Housing (One off) | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kirklees Clean Up (One-off) | 230 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Street Lighting Surveys (One-off) | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Littercam - Pilot | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Introduction of Christmas Week Bin Collections (provision year 1) | 149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dewsbury Sport Centre Feasibility Study | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sub total Developments | 439 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | |
| Change in Capital Financing Requirements | | | | | |
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 0 | 113 | 225 | 375 | 563 |
| Investment in Cliffe House Playground | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Investment in Highways - Roads Resurfacing | 0 | 0 | 75 | 300 | 675 |
| Investment in Leisure Provision - Dewsbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reshape of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -319 | -694 | -1,789 |
| Total Cost of Proposals | 458 | 132 | 0 | 0 | -532 |
| | | | | | |
| Savings | | | | | |
| Reduction in Trade Union Facility time | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reductions in Communications Activity | -19 | -19 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Savings | -19 | -19 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | |
| Reserves - reduce VRP Reserve | -439 | -113 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Payback to Transformation Reserve | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Increase VRP Reserve | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 532 |
| Total Revenue effect | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | |
| General Fund Capital | | | | | |
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 0 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 2,000 | 2,500 |
| Investment in Cliffe House Playground | 250 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in Highways - Roads resurfacing | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 |
| Investment in Leisure Provision - Dewsbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reshaping of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -4,253 | -9,253 | -23,853 |
| Total Capital Developments | 250 | 1,500 | -1,753 | -4,253 | -16,353 |
| | | | | | |
| Funded by : | | | | | |
| Increase in Borrowing Requirement | 250 | 1,500 | 2,500 | 5,000 | 7,500 |
| Decrease in Borrowing Requirement | 0 | 0 | -4,253 | -9,253 | -23,853 |
| | 250 | 1,500 | -1,753 | -4,253 | -16,353 |

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It was moved by Councillor Lawson and seconded by Councillor Davies, by way of the **Liberal Democrat Group Revised Amendment**, that;

Liberal Democrat Group Revised Budget Amendment

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|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| General Fund Revenue | | | | | |
| Developments | | | | | |
| Increase in Ward budgets by £10k per Ward | 230 | 230 | 230 | 230 | 230 |
| Running Costs of Cleckheaton Town Hall | 0 | 0 | 205 | 205 | 205 |
| Feasibility Study for Replacement of Dewsbury Sports Centre | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Feasibility for New Build Dementia Care Home | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Review of Our Cultural Heart - Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sub total Developments | 230 | 230 | 435 | 435 | 435 |
| Change in Capital Financing Requirements | | | | | |
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 75 | 225 | 375 | 525 | 525 |
| Investment in Oakenshaw Cross | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in Sports Centres (Borough Wide) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in Highways Road Safety Schemes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 300 |
| Investment in Provision of New Build Dementia Care Home | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Switch funding from Cleckheaton Town Fund Schemes | -67 | -67 | -67 | -67 | -67 |
| Reduce Corporate Landlord Heritage - to part fund Cleckheaton | -8 | -8 | -8 | -8 | -8 |
| Slip Corporate Landlord Well Being Plan Y2 to Y4 | 0 | -37 | -37 | 0 | 0 |
| Reduce Budget for Our Cultural Heart Phase 4 by 50% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reduce Budget for Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -357 | -707 | -1,778 |
| Total Cost of Proposals | 230 | 343 | 341 | 328 | -593 |
| Savings | | | | | |
| Reduction in growth budgeted provided for Adult Social Care Demand | -100 | -130 | -130 | -130 | -130 |
| Extend staffing savings target in Corporate Resources | -100 | -120 | -120 | -120 | -120 |
| Reduction in Non Pay inflation budget - held centrally | -30 | -78 | -78 | -78 | -78 |
| Total Savings | -230 | -328 | -328 | -328 | -328 |
| Reserves - Use of Reserves | 0 | -15 | -13 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Payback | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| Reserves - Contribution to General Reserves | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 893 |
| Total Revenue effect | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|---|----------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| General Fund Capital | | | | | |
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 1,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 |
| Investment in Oakenshaw Cross | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in Sports Centres (Borough Wide) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in Highways Local Safety Schemes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Investment in Provision of New Build Dementia Care Home | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Switch funding from Cleckheaton Town Fund Schemes | -900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reduce Corporate Landlord Heritage Budget - to part fund Cleckheaton | -100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slip Corporate Landlord Well Being Budget Y2 to Y4 | 0 | -500 | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| Reduce Budget for Our Cultural Heart Phase 4 by 50% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Remove Budget for Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -4,762 | -9,427 | 23,596 |
| | | | | | - |
| Total Capital Developments | 0 | 1,500 | -2,762 | -4,927 | 21,596 |
| Funded by : | | | | | |
| Increase in Borrowing Requirement | 1,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 4,500 | 2,000 |
| | | | | | - |
| Decrease in Borrowing Requirement | -1,000 | -500 | -4,762 | -9,427 | 23,596 |
| | | | | | - |
| | 0 | 1,500 | -2,762 | -4,927 | 21,596 |

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It was moved by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor H Zaman, by way of the **Community Alliance Group Revised Amendment**, that;

Community Alliance Group Revised Budget Amendment

| General Fund Revenue | 25-26 | 26-27 | 27-28 | 28-29 | 29-30 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Developments | | | | | |
| Increase in Ward Members Budgets by £5k per Ward | 115 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mobile Flytipping Cameras | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parking Permits - Independent Review | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grit Bins (1x 23 ward including Fill) | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taxi Licencing (Additional Resource in Dewsbury 2.5 days per week PTE) | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Registrars (Additional Resource in Dewsbury 2.5 days week PTE) | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dewsbury Sports Centre - Dryside Net Operating Costs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 |
| Sub total Developments | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600 |
| Change in Capital Financing Requirements | | | | | |
| Investment in Highways Traffic Calming Schemes in Dewsbury & Batley | 0 | 0 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Investment in Dewsbury Sports Centre - Dryside | 0 | 0 | 150 | 300 | 450 |
| Investment in Batley Library | 0 | 0 | 38 | 75 | 113 |
| Investment in Crows Nest Café | 0 | 0 | 11 | 23 | 23 |
| Removal of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 Budget | 0 | 0 | -357 | -1,207 | -4,635 |
| Reduction in Corporate Landlord (Asset Investment) | -53 | -53 | -53 | -53 | -53 |
| Total Cost of Proposals | 147 | -53 | -185 | -836 | -3,476 |
| Savings | | | | | |
| Extend staffing savings target in Corporate Resources | -77 | -77 | -77 | -77 | -77 |
| Total Savings | -77 | -77 | -77 | -77 | -77 |
| Reserves - Use of Reserves | -70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Payback of Reserves | 0 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Contribution to General Reserve | 0 | 60 | 262 | 913 | 3,553 |
| Total Revenue effect | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Fund Capital | | | | | |
| Investment in Highways Traffic Calming Schemes in Dewsbury & Batley | 0 | 0 | 350 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in Dewsbury Sports Centre - Dryside | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Investment in Batley Library | 0 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Investment in Crows Nest Café | 0 | 0 | 150 | 150 | 0 |
| Removal of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 Budget | 0 | 0 | -4,762 | -11,280 | 45,487 |

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| Reduction in Corporate Landlord (Asset Investment) | -700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | - |
| Total Capital Developments | -700 | 0 | -1,762 | -8,630 | 42,987 |
| Funded by : | | | | | |
| Increase in Borrowing Requirement | 0 | 0 | 3,000 | 2,650 | 2,500 |
| | | | | | - |
| Decrease in Borrowing Requirement | -700 | 0 | -4,762 | -11,280 | 45,487 |
| | | | | | - |
| | -700 | 0 | -1,762 | -8,630 | 42,987 |

It was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Hall, that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14(14), the amendments be put to the vote without debate. The Motion upon being put to the vote, was **CARRIED**.

The Conservative Group Revised Amendment on being put to the vote was **CARRIED**.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19(7), the vote was taken by Recorded Vote, which was as follows;

FOR: Councillors Addy, Munir Ahmed, Ali, Amin, Armer, Bamford, Bellamy, Bolt, Brook, Butt, Crook, Dad, Firth, Hall, Hawkins, Holt, Homewood, Kendrick, Lees-Hamilton, Lowe, McCarthy, McGrath, McKerchar, McLoughlin, O'Donovan, Pattison, A U Pinnock, Rylah, Sewell, Sheard, Simpson, Smaje, R Smith, Sokhal, Taylor, Thompson, Turner and Ullah (38 votes).

AGAINST: Councillors Masood Ahmed, Allison, Anwar, Bramwell, Burke, Cooper, Darwan, Davies, Greaves, Hussain, Kahut, Khan, J C Lawson, Lee-Richards, Longstaff, Marchington, Moore, Munro, A Pinnock, K Pinnock, Safdar, Scott, A Smith, Vickers, A Zaman and H Zaman (26 votes).

ABSTAINED: Councillors Arshad and J D Lawson.

The Substantive Motion, as amended, was put to the vote, **CARRIED** and it was therefore **RESOLVED** that;

1) General Fund Revenue

- the Revenue Budget for 2025-2026, to deliver a balanced position, as attached at Appendix F, be approved
- the forecast spending and funding plans for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 period, as set out at Appendix A, be noted.
- the forecast levels of statutory and other council reserves, as set out at Appendix C, be noted
- the strategy for the use of balances and reserves (paragraph 2.18 refers) be approved
- that the Council's flexible capital receipts policy for 2025-2026, as set out at paragraph 2.25/Appendix G, be approved.

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- the Council tax requirement for 2025/2026, as set out at Appendix M, be approved.
- the Council's Statutory 151 Officer's positive assurance statement as to the robustness of the forecasts and estimates and adequacy of financial reserves, as set out at paragraph 2.23, be noted.
- authority be delegated to the Council's statutory s151 Officer 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 West Yorkshire Mayor Police and Crime Commissioner, the Fire and Rescue Authority and the Parish Councils, should these be received after 5 March 2025 (paragraph 3.1.3 refers)

2) Treasury Management

- the borrowing strategy be approved (paragraphs 2.16 to 2.29 refer)
- the investment strategy be approved (paragraphs 2.30 to 2.38 and Appendices A and B refer)
- the policy for provision of repayment of debt (minimum revenue provision) be approved (paragraphs 2.39 to 2.40, Appendix C refers)
- the treasury management prudential indicators be approved (Appendix D refers)
- the investment strategy (non treasury investments) be approved (Appendix F refers)

3) Capital

- the updated Capital Plan 2024-2032 be approved (Appendix F refers)
- the Capital Strategy (including prudential indicators) be approved (Appendix I refers)

4) Housing Revenue Account

- the draft Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2025-2026 be approved (Appendix K refers)
- the strategy for the use of the Housing Revenue Account reserves be approved (Appendix K refers)

5) That approved Motion incorporate the amendment as set out below;

| General Fund Revenue | 25-26 £000 | 26-27 £000 | 27-28 £000 | 28-29 £000 | 29-30 £000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Developments | | | | | |
| Feasibility Study - Housing (One off) | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kirklees Clean Up (One-off) | 230 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Street Lighting Surveys (One-off) | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Littercam - Pilot | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Introduction of Christmas Week Bin Collections (provision year 1) | 149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dewsbury Sport Centre Feasibility Study | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sub total Developments | 439 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Change in Capital Financing Requirements

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|--|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 0 | 113 | 225 | 375 | 563 |
| Investment in Cliffe House Playground | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Investment in Highways - Roads Resurfacing | 0 | 0 | 75 | 300 | 675 |
| Investment in Leisure Provision - Dewsbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reshape of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -319 | -694 | -1,789 |
| Total Cost of Proposals | 458 | 132 | 0 | 0 | -532 |

Savings

| | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Reduction in Trade Union Facility time | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reductions in Communications Activity | -19 | -19 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Savings | -19 | -19 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Reserves - reduce VRP Reserve

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|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Reserves - reduce VRP Reserve | -439 | -113 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Payback to Transformation Reserve | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reserves - Increase VRP Reserve | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 532 |
| Total Revenue effect | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

General Fund Capital

| | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Investment in Cleckheaton Town Hall | 0 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 2,000 | 2,500 |
| Investment in Cliffe House Playground | 250 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment in Highways - Roads resurfacing | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 |
| Investment in Leisure Provision - Dewsbury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reshaping of Our Cultural Heart Phase 5 | 0 | 0 | -4,253 | -9,253 | -23,853 |
| Total Capital Developments | 250 | 1,500 | -1,753 | -4,253 | -16,353 |

Funded by :

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| Increase in Borrowing Requirement | 250 | 1,500 | 2,500 | 5,000 | 7,500 |
| Decrease in Borrowing Requirement | 0 | 0 | -4,253 | -9,253 | -23,853 |
| | 250 | 1,500 | -1,753 | -4,253 | -16,353 |

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19(7), the vote was taken by Recorded Vote, which was as follows;

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ABSTAINED: Councillor Arshad.