

## CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in Guildhall, York on Thursday, 21st February, 2008, starting at 6.30 pm

**Present:** The Lord Mayor (Cllr Irene Waudby) in the Chair, and the following Councillors:

### ACOMB WARD

Horton  
Simpson-Laing

### BISHOPTHORPE WARD

Galvin

### CLIFTON WARD

Douglas  
King  
Scott

### DERWENT WARD

Brooks

### DRINGHOUSES & WOODTHORPE WARD

Holvey  
Reid  
Sunderland

### FISHERGATE WARD

D'Agorne  
Taylor

### FULFORD WARD

Aspden

### GUILDHALL WARD

Looker  
B Watson

### HAXBY & WIGGINTON WARD

Firth  
Hogg  
R Watson

### HESLINGTON WARD

Jamieson-Ball

### HEWORTH WARD

Blanchard  
Funnell  
Potter

### HEWORTH WITHOUT WARD

Ayre

### HOLGATE WARD

Alexander  
Bowgett  
Crisp

### HULL ROAD WARD

Cregan  
Pierce

HUNTINGTON & NEW EARSWICK  
WARD

Hyman  
Orrell  
Runciman

MICKLEGATE WARD

Fraser  
Gunnell  
Merrett

OSBALDWICK WARD

Morley

RURAL WEST YORK WARD

Gillies  
Healey  
Hudson

SKELTON, RAWCLIFFE & CLIFTON  
WITHOUT WARD

Moore  
Watt

STRENSALL WARD

Kirk

WESTFIELD WARD

Steve Galloway  
Sue Galloway  
Waller

WHELDRAKE WARD

Vassie

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wiseman

Note:

*Cllrs Alexander, Blanchard, Bowgett, Brooks, Cregan, D'Agorne, Douglas, Gunnell, Healey, Hogg, Holvey and Hudson were not in attendance at the re-convened meeting on 26 February 2008.*

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

70. The Lord Mayor invited all Members with any personal or prejudicial interests in the business on the agenda to declare their interests at this point in the meeting. The following personal interests were declared in relation to relevant aspects of the Revenue and Capital Budget proposals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description of Interest</u>
Cllr Alexander	Holder of a Council parking permit
Cllr Blanchard	Holder of a Council parking permit
Cllr Bowgett	Parent of a child affected by pool closures Claimant of Councillors' cycling allowance
Cllr Cregan	Employee of York Theatre Royal Holder of a bus pass Holder of a Council parking permit
Cllr Crisp	Holder of a Council parking permit
Cllr D'Agorne	Member of Cyclist Touring Club Member of York Cycle Campaign
Cllr Douglas	Holder of a Council parking permit
Cllr Fraser	Member of retired section of UNISON and TGWU Resident of a Respark zone, using Visitor permits only
Cllr Funnell	Member of York Credit Union Member of the York Older People's Assembly Executive
Cllr Steve Galloway	May qualify for a bus pass in July
Cllr Sue Galloway	Holder of an allotment (Plot 336 Holgate)
Cllr Galvin	Holder of a bus pass Holder of a Council parking permit
Cllr Gillies	Holder of a bus pass Holder of a Council parking permit
Cllr Gunnell	Employee of York CVS Trustee of the Welfare Benefit Unit Holder of a Council parking permit
Cllr Holvey	Member of UNISON
Cllr Horton	Holder of a bus pass Holder of a Council parking permit
Cllr Hyman	Member representative on york- england.com
Cllr King	Holder of a bus pass Holder of a Council parking permit Member of the Theatre Royal Board
Cllr Looker	Director of York Credit Union Clerk to the Governors, York St John University Company Secretary, York Theatre Royal Governor of Park Grove School and Canon Lee School

	Chair of York Fanteakwa Community Group Holder of a bus pass
Cllr Merrett	Honorary Member of Cyclist Touring Club Honorary Member of Cycling England Occasional user of swimming pools and parent of child who is a regular user Recipient of SRA (Members' Allowances) Resident of a private street
Cllr Morley	Licensee of allotment at Hempland Lane, Heworth Member of Adoption Panel
Cllr Orrell	Holder of a bus pass
Pierce	Holder of a bus pass Holder of a Respark permit
Cllr Potter	Chair of York Wheels – Dial-a-Ride Older People's Champion Parent of a child receiving music tuition and affected by level of tuition fees
Cllr Runciman	Recipient of bus tokens / holder of a bus pass
Cllr Scott	Resident of a Respark zone Member of the Theatre Royal and partner of a person on work experience at the Theatre Royal Member of Unite, TGWU section Holder of a Council parking permit
Cllr Simpson-Laing	Parent of a child receiving music tuition and in the age range for swimming lessons Treasurer of Out of Schools Club and parent of child attending Club Employment involves dealing with funding applications from the voluntary sector Member of Back Park Group and local resident Recipient of Council cycle allowance
Cllr Taylor	Resident of a Respark zone
Cllr Waller	Holder of an allotment Governor of York High School and Westfield Primary School
Cllr Brian Watson	Holder of a bus pass
Cllr Waudby (Lord Mayor)	Holder of a bus pass

## CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

71. The Lord Mayor announced the imminent retirement of Mavis Todd, Member Services Officer, who had been with the Council for 43 years. Members joined to express their thanks and appreciation to Mavis for her work over the years.

The Lord Mayor then announced that Colin Langley, Interim Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services, would be leaving the Council on 6 March when his six month tenure came to an end. Members expressed their thanks for his advice and assistance during this time.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / OTHER SPEAKERS**

72. The Lord Mayor reported that there had been two registrations under the Council's Public Participation Scheme to speak at the meeting with regard to business associated with the setting of the Budget, as follows:
- a) Ken Beavan spoke on the Revenue Budget savings proposals in general terms, suggesting that savings should be made by reducing posts in the management structure and reducing expenditure on consultancy fees.
  - b) Eileen White, representing the Friends of York City Archives, spoke in objection to the savings proposal to close the Archives for one day per week, on the basis that it would adversely affect the accessibility of the Archives and the chances of attracting applicants of the right calibre to the post of City Archivist.

The Lord Mayor had also agreed to hear representations from two UNISON representatives in respect of the effects upon staff of certain aspects of the Revenue Budget savings proposals, as follows:

- a) Andrea Dudding spoke in objection to the proposal to close the City Archives for one day per week, on the basis that it would involve a significant cut in staffing levels and reduced access to the Archives, which would have implications at a national level.
- b) Liz Young spoke in objection to the savings proposals for the Home Care service, on the basis that staff had already undergone a major restructure 15 months earlier and had received no definitive information on potential job losses or changes to working patterns that might result from these new proposals.

## **PETITIONS**

73. The Lord Mayor reported that there were no petitions to be presented by Members at the meeting in relation to business associated with the setting of the Council's Budget.

## EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

74. RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting should any discussion arise on the contents of Annex A to the Executive report relating to agenda item 6(b) (Capital Programme Budget - Minute 75 refers) on the grounds that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons (including the authority holding that information), which is classed as exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

## SETTING THE BUDGET FOR 2008/09

75. Cllr Steve Galloway sought Council's agreement to alter Recommendation (ii) of the Executive in relation to the Revenue Budget (Minute 163), to read as follows:

“(ii) That, consequential upon the above amendments, Council approve the proposals set out in the report, namely:

- a) The net revenue expenditure requirement for 2008/09 as set out in Table 1 (paragraph 17);
- b) The housing revenue account proposals outlined in Annex 12;
- c) The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined from paragraph 80 onwards;
- d) The revenue growth proposals for 2008/09 outlined in Annex 3, totalling £8.013m;
- e) The revenue savings proposals for 2008/09 outlined in Annexes 1 and 4, totalling £6.198m;
- f) The use in 2008/09 of £1.823m of revenue reserves, as outlined in paragraph 49;
- g) The adoption of a risk based calculation to inform the Director of Resources' opinion on the appropriate minimum level of general reserves, as described in paragraph 51;
- h) The fees and charges proposals in Annex 8.”

Council having agreed to the above alteration Cllr Steve Galloway moved, and Cllr Jamieson-Ball seconded, the recommendations of the Executive, as altered, in relation to the Council's budget for 2008/09, including the Revenue Budget, Fees and Charges, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme Budget proposals.

Cllr Scott then moved, and Cllr Potter seconded, the following amendment to the Executive recommendations, as altered, on behalf of the Labour Group:

### “Contingency Fund

- (1) At the end of recommendation (i) (b) (page 2 of Council Summons), add the words ‘subject to the deletion of the sum of £44k for special responsibility allowances for Members in line with inflation’.

### Council Tax

- (2) In recommendation (i) (a) replace the figure ‘4.75%’ with ‘4.50%’.
- (3) In recommendation (iii) (page 3 Council Summons) on line 4 replace the figure ‘4.75%’ with ‘4.50%’

### Net Revenue Expenditure

In Recommendation (ii)(a) replace the figure ‘£112.294m’ with ‘£112.132m’

### (4) Recommendation (i)c)

Replace the figure in brackets for item CorpNew2 (2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point ) with the words ‘(further £40k)’

Replace the figure in brackets for item HSI1 (4<sup>th</sup> bullet point) with the words ‘(further £50k)’

Delete CSYG2 – end of prudential borrowing, highways & street ops (294k) (bullet point 7 on page 3 of Council Summons)

### (5) Growth

At the end of paragraph (ii) d) (page 3 of Council Summons), add the words ‘subject to the deletion of the following item:

- CSYG2 –CSYG2 - end of prudential Borrowing, Highways and Street Ops. +£294K

and the inclusion of the following items from Annex 9 of the Executive revenue budget papers (Annex 7 of new report to Council):

- CSIG12 – ‘Smarter Choices’ travel promotion (£50k)

as well as the above proposed increases to growth in relation to items HSI1 and CorpNew2 referred to in Recommendation (i)c) above and subject also to the following additional items:

- Funds for fireworks display (£50k)
- additional contact hours for Home Care in relation to city wide enabling and intermediate care teams (£50k)
- additional funding to York Credit Union (£25k)
- increases to the proposed recycling pilot scheme (£20k)
- keeping St Georges Field toilets open all year (£20k)
- grant to the Older Peoples Assembly (£10k)
- grant to York Unifying and Multicultural (£1k)

*[Note: as result of the above amendment, growth will total £8.124m]*

### (6) Savings

(a) At the end of recommendation (ii) (e) (page 3 of Council Summons), add the words ‘subject to the deletion of the following items:

- RESHS2 – reduction in Audit/Fraud resources by 1fte (£24k)
- LCHS3 – family support staffing reduction (£24k)
- LCMS4 – sports SLA and grants (£10k)
- LCMDS6 – school swimming support (£2k)

and the inclusion of the following item from Annex 5 of the Executive papers (Annex 7 of new report to Council) amended to:

- CSHS4 – reduction in the number of subsidised bus

services (£21k)'

Together with the following alteration to:

- LCHS9 – a further reduction in parks and open spaces maintenance (£23k)

As well as the additional items as follows:

- reduction in the Directors with move towards Strategic Directors (£60k)
- reintroduction of JC Deceaux contract for city centre and bus shelter advertisements (£35k)
- reduction in available budget to remunerate a Deputy Leader and one Executive Member (32k), as well as a Main Opposition Deputy Leader and Shadow Executive Member (£11k)
- replacement of EMAPs with a revised structure of devolved power to Executive Members and Directors (£10k)
- removal of 1 Private Street Adoption officer post (£23k)
- centralisation of HR activity (£20k)
- reduction in recruitment consultant expenditure (£20k)
- additional street trader licence (£15k)
- revised date for Council Tax direct debits (£7k)
- revised date for NNDR direct debits (£6k)'

*[Note: as result of the above amendment, savings will total £6.471m]*

#### (7) Fees and Charges

At the end of recommendation (ii)(h), add the following words 'subject to the following alteration:

- NSMS9 - increase Commercial Waste fees by a further 3% (£50k)

together with the additional items reducing the level of fees and charges, as follows:

- reduction in residents parking fees by 10% (£44k)
- free evening parking for Minster badge holders from 5.30pm (£35k)
- free parking for Green Minster badge holders for residents with environmentally friendly vehicles (£10k)'

#### (8) Revenue Reserves

In order to fund an increase in the use of reserves by £50k, in recommendation (ii) (f) replace the figure '£1.823m' with '£1.873m', for the purpose of enabling a review (LS19) of the senior management structure, creating strategic directorates aimed at delivering a part year saving of £60k and £150k per year thereafter.

#### (9) Capital Programme

At the end of recommendation (a) on the Capital Programme (page 6 of Council Summons), add the words 'subject to the deletion of Balfour Street Play Area'."

A vote was then taken on the above amendment *except* for that part (no. 9) that related to the Capital Budget and the amendment was declared LOST.

Cllr Gillies then moved, and Cllr Healey seconded, the following amendment to the Executive recommendations, as altered, on behalf



of the Conservative Group:

(1) Contingency Fund

At the end of recommendation (i)(b) (page 2 Council Summons) add the words 'subject to the deletion of the following items:

- CX new Members SRA Allowances (£44k)
- CX new Members Allowances possible Superannuation costs (£50k) defer for 1 year'

to be replaced by:

- 'The commissioning of the following reviews:
  - Commercial Property Portfolio (£50k)
  - Subsidised and Community Transport (£44k)'

(2) Growth

In recommendation (ii) (d) replace the figure '£8.013m' with '£8.183m' and at the end of recommendation (ii) (d) (page 3 of Council Summons), add the words 'subject to the following additional items:

- Development of Organisational Effectiveness Programme (£85k)
- Review of Leisure and Culture Services (£50k)
- Review of services that the Council should strategically procure or 'share' (£25k)
- LCMS4 Sports SLA's and grants (£10k)'

(3) Savings

At the end of recommendation (ii) (e) (page 3 of the Council Summons) add the words 'subject to the addition of the following items:

- CSNGIC start concessionary arrangements at 9:30am rather than 9:00am (£23k)
- Reduction in the available budget to remunerate Executive and Shadow Executive Members by 3 in each group to better align the structure with Council Directorate (£57k)
- CSHS2 withdraw the provision of bus tokens (£125k)'

*[Note; as a result of these changes, the savings total figure in (ii) (e) would be £6.420m]*

(4) Reserves

In recommendation (ii) (f) replace the figure '£1.823m' with '£1.788m'."

On being put to the vote, the above amendment was declared LOST.

Cllr D'Agorne then moved, and Cllr Taylor seconded, the following amendment to the Executive recommendations, as altered, on behalf of the Green Group:

(1) At the end of Recommendation (ii)a), add the words 'including a reduction in contingency funds of £100k'.

(2) Growth

At the end of recommendation (ii) d) (page 3 of Council Summons), add the words 'subject to the following additional items:

- recycling from new flats as they are occupied during 2008/09 and integrated piloting of commercial waste

- recycling from selected customers (£117k) (mid-year start)
  - promotion of energy efficient work in private sector housing (£35k)
  - traffic congestion modelling and consultancy work (£35k)
  - development of a tree strategy for the city (£30k)
  - increase in budget for flood events and warping (£24k)
  - new cycling/walking officer (£17k)
  - setup and running costs of Cycle forum (£5k)
  - preparation of bid for cycle demonstration town status (£5k)
- together with the inclusion of the following item from Annex 9 of the Executive revenue budget papers (Annex 7 of new report to Council):
- CSIG12 – Smart travel promotion (£25k)

*[Note: as a result of these amendments, growth would total £8.306m]*

### (3) Savings

At the end of Recommendation (ii)e) (page 3 of the Council Summons), add the words 'subject to the deletion of the following item:

- NSLS1 – reducing the number of staff in the waste strategy unit (£17k)"

And the inclusion of the following items from Annex 5 of the Executive papers (Annex 7 of new report to Council)

- CSNG1c – starting concessionary pass arrangements from 9.30am (£40k)
- CSHS6 – withdrawing contribution to york-England.com (£30k)

Together with the following:

- deletion of Shadow Executive special responsibility allowances, not including leadership (£34k)
- cessation of use of recruitment consultants to senior posts (£20k)
- creation of an annual charge for members parking passes (£6k)'

*[Note: As a result of these changes, savings would total £6.291m]*

### (4) Fees and Charges

At the end of recommendation (ii)(h), add the following words 'subject to the deletion of the following:

- CSNS1 – 2.3% increase for first Respark holder: partial saving (£7k)  
City Strategy – child cycle training fee increase (£3k)

and the inclusion of the following:

- increase in standard stay parking by 10p per hour (£40k) for Minster badge holders (alongside the proposed 20p increase for visitors);

together with increasing the commercial waste fees by a further 3% (raising £50k – NSMS9)'."

*[Note: as a result of these changes, savings and fees and charges will total £6.391]*

On being put to the vote, the above amendment was declared LOST.

At this point, Steve Galloway moved that the meeting be adjourned

and that the guillotine be suspended until at least 11:00 pm. Cllr Sunderland seconded the motion, which was agreed by Council.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm and re-convened at 12:25 am.**

Cllr Steve Galloway then moved, and Cllr Jamieson-Ball seconded, that Standing Order 14(i) be suspended to enable Council to consider further amendments to the Budget proposals.

Council having agreed the above motion to suspend Standing Order 14(i), the Lord Mayor then ruled under Standing Order 14(o) that she would permit two amendments to be moved and discussed at the same time. Cllr Scott then moved, and Cllr Potter seconded, the following amendment to the Executive recommendations, as altered:

### **Amendment A**

#### **“(1) Contingency Fund**

At the end of Recommendation (ii)a), add the words ‘including a reduction in contingency funds of £100k’

At the end of recommendation (i)(b) (page 2 of the Council Summons), add the words ‘subject to the deletion of the sum of £44k for special responsibility allowances for Members in line with inflation’ and replace with ‘*a review of Subsidised and Community Transport (£44k)*’

#### **(2) Recommendation (i)(c)**

Replace the figure in brackets for item CorpNew2 (2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point ) with the words ‘(further £40k)’

Replace the figure in brackets for item HSIG1 (4<sup>th</sup> bullet point) with the words ‘(further £50k)’

Delete

- CSYG2 – end of Prudential Borrowing, Highways & Street Ops (£294k) (bullet point 7 on page 3 of the Council Summons)
- LCHS - Archives one day closing (£16k)

#### **(3) Growth**

At the end of paragraph (ii) d) (page 3 of Council Summons), add the words ‘subject to the inclusion of the following items from Annex 9 of the Executive revenue budget papers (Annex 7 of new report to Council):

- CSIG12 – ‘Smarter Choices’ travel promotion (£50k)

As well as the above proposed increases to growth in relation to items HSIG1 and CorpNew2 referred to in Recommendation (i)(c) above; and subject also to the following additional items:

- Funds for fireworks display (£50k)
- additional contact hours for Home Care in relation to city wide enabling and intermediate care teams (£50k)
- additional funding to York Credit Union (£25k)
- increases to the proposed recycling pilot scheme (£20k)
- keeping St Georges Field toilets open all year (£20k)

- grant to the Older Peoples Assembly (£10k)
- grant to York Unifying and Multicultural (£1k)
- Development of Organisational Effectiveness Programme (£85k from reserves)
- Review of Leisure and Culture Services (£50k)
- Review of services that the Council should strategically procure or 'share' (£25k from reserves)
- Review of Commercial property portfolio (£25k)
- promotion of energy efficient work in private sector housing (£35k)
- traffic congestion modelling and consultancy work (£35k)
- development of a tree strategy for the city (£30k)
- increase in budget for flood events and warping (£24k)
- new cycling/walking officer (£17k)
- setup and running costs of Cycle forum (£5k)
- preparation of bid for cycle demonstration town status (£5k)

*[Note: as result of the above amendment, growth will total £8.463m]*

#### (4) Savings

(a) At the end of recommendation (ii) (e) (page 3 of Council Summons), add the words 'subject to the deletion of the following items:

- RESHS2 – reduction in Audit/Fraud resources by 1fte (£24k)
- LCHS3 – family support staffing reduction (£24k)
- LCMS4 – sports SLA and grants (£10k)
- LCMD56 – school swimming support (£2k)
- NSLS1 – reducing the number of staff in the waste strategy unit (£17k)

and the inclusion of the following item from Annex 5 of the Executive papers (Annex 7 of new report to Council) amended to:

- CSHS4 – reduction in the number of subsidised bus services (£21k).'

Together with the following alteration to:

- *LCHS9 – a further reduction in parks and open spaces maintenance (£23k)*

As well as the additional items as follows:

- reduction in the Directors with move towards Strategic Directors (£60k)
- reintroduction of JC Deceaux contract for city centre and bus shelter advertisements (£35k)
- reduction in available budget to remunerate a Deputy Leader and one Executive Member (£32k), as well as a Main Opposition Deputy Leader and Shadow Executive Member (£11k)
- replacement of EMAPs with a revised structure of devolved power to Executive Members and Directors (£10k)
- removal of 1 Private Street Adoption officer post (£23k)
- centralisation of HR activity (£20k)
- reduction in recruitment consultant expenditure (£20k)
- additional street trader licence (£15k)

- revised date for Council Tax direct debits (£7k)
- revised date for NNDR direct debits (£6k)

*[Note: as result of the above amendment, savings will total £6.438m]*

#### (5) Fees and Charges

At the end of recommendation (ii)(h), add the following words: 'subject to the following alteration:

- NSMS9 - increase Commercial Waste fees by a further 3% (£50k),

Together with the additional items reducing the level of fees and charges, as follows:

- reduction in residents' parking fees by 10% (£44k)
- free evening parking for Minster badge holders from 5.30pm (£35k)
- free parking for Green Minster badge holders for residents with environmentally friendly vehicles (£10k)
- together with the deletion of City Strategy – child cycle training fee increase (£3k)

#### (6) Revenue Reserves

In order to fund an increase in the use of reserves by £50k, in recommendation (ii) (f) and by £110k in recommendation (ii) (d) replace the figure '£1.823m' with '£1.983m', for the purpose of enabling a review (LS19) of the senior management structure, creating strategic directorates aimed at delivering a part year saving of £60k and £150k per year thereafter and for funding the development of the OEP and the review of strategic procurement and shared services."

Cllr Gillies then moved, and Cllr Healey seconded, the following amendment to the Executive recommendations, as altered:

### **Amendment B**

#### (1) Growth

"At the end of recommendation (ii)(d), add the words 'subject to the following additional items:

- Commissioning of review on Commercial Property Portfolio (£50k)
- Commissioning of review relating to subsidised and community transport (£44k)
- Development of Organisational Effectiveness Programme (£85k)
- Review of Leisure and Culture Services (£50k)
- Review of services that the Council should strategically procure or 'share' (£25k)
- LCMS4 Sports SLA's and grants (£10k)

*[Note: These changes will result in a total growth figure of £8.277m]*

#### (2) Savings

At the end of recommendation (ii)(e), add the words 'subject to the following additional items:

- Reduction in the available budget to remunerate Executive and Shadow Executive Members by 2 in each group to better align the structure with Council Directorate (£44k)
- CSHS2 – reduce the provision of bus tokens to £20 per eligible claimant (£51k)

*[Note: These changes will result in a total savings figure of £6.293m]*

(3) Reserves

In recommendation (ii)(f), replace the figure '£1.823m' with '£1.992m'

(4) Contingency Fund

At the end of recommendation (i)(b) (page 2 Council Summons) add the words 'subject to the removal from 2008/09 of the following item:

- CX new Members SRA Allowances (£44k)

(5) Capital Programme

At the end of the recommendation on the Capital Programme Budget, add the following:

'(h) Carbon management expenditure can only take place through the EMAP / Executive process'."

Members were then invited to vote for one or other of the above two amendments. The results were as follows:-

**Amendment A** – 20 in favour

**Amendment B** – 26 in favour.

Amendment A, as moved by Cllr Scott, was therefore declared LOST and Amendment B, as moved by Cllr Gillies, was declared CARRIED.

Council then moved into **private session** to debate that part of the original Labour Group amendment that related to the Capital Programme Budget. That part of the amendment was then put to the vote, with the following result:-

For – 20

Against – 20

The Lord Mayor then used her casting vote to vote against the amendments, which was then declared LOST. Council then moved back into **public session**.

The Executive recommendations, as altered and amended, were then put to the vote, with the following result:-

**For** – 20

**Against** – 20

The Lord Mayor then used her casting vote to vote for the recommendations, which were therefore declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the Revenue Budget 2008/09 and the Capital Programme Budget 2008/09 to 2010/11, as altered and amended, be approved, as follows:

### **Revenue Budget 2008/09**

(i) That the following amendments to the budget proposals be agreed:

- a) A reduction of the proposed Council Tax increase from 4.95% to 4.75% and consequent amendment of the income figure used (Annex 1).
- b) An addition to potential calls on contingency of a possible increase in expenditure on Scrutiny activities (Annex 2), subject to the removal from 2008/09 of the following item:
  - CX new Members SRA Allowances (£44k)
- c) **Acceptance** of the following savings and growth options for consultation listed in Annex 5:

#### Savings:

- Corpnew2 – remove contingency for capital programme running costs (£350k)
- CSMS2 – increase Standard Stay Car Parking Charges by 20p for visitors (£250k)
- HSHS12 – reduction in mediation service (£35k)
- NSNS4 – reduce gum busting carried out, by targeting priority areas (£17k)
- LCHS – Archive one day closure (£16k)
- NSLS4 – increase entry charge to Union Terrace Toilets from 20p to 30p (£10k)
- LCMDS5 – closure of Burton Stone Lane Flexible Learning Centre (£4k)
- LCMDS6 – School Swimming Support: cease support of the service (£2k)

#### Growth:

- CSIG16 – inflationary increase to Voluntary Sector grants (£20k)
- Corpnew2 – continuation of funding for Christmas lights display

(no increase in expenditure from current year) (£30k)

- NSIG5 – improve recycling levels (£30k)
- HSI1 – phased increase in residential and nursing fees (£50k)
- NSIG2 – end of LPSA funding available for Out of Hours Noise Service (£50k)
- NSNG7 – pilot the extension of recycling to terraced properties (£80k)
- CSYG2 – end of Prudential Borrowing, Highways & Street Ops (£294k)

d) **Rejection** of the remaining savings and growth options for consultation listed in Annex 5.

(ii) That, consequential upon the above amendments, the proposals set out in the report, be approved namely:

- a) The net revenue expenditure requirement for 2008/09 of £112.294m, as set out in Table 1 (paragraph 17);
- b) The housing revenue account proposals outlined in Annex 12;
- c) The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined from paragraph 80 onwards;
- d) The revenue growth proposals for 2008/09 outlined in Annex 3, totalling £8.013m, subject to the following additional items:
  - Commissioning of review on Commercial Property Portfolio (£50k)
  - Commissioning of review relating to subsidised and community transport (£44k)
  - Development of Organisational Effectiveness Programme (£85k)
  - Review of Leisure and Culture Services (£50k)
  - Review of services that the Council should strategically procure or 'share' (£25k)
  - LCMS4 Sports SLAs and grants (£10k)
- e) The revenue savings proposals for 2008/09 outlined in Annexes 1 and 4, totalling £6.198m, subject to the



following additional items:

- Reduction in the available budget to remunerate Executive and Shadow Executive Members by 2 in each group to better align the structure with Council Directorates (£44k)
  - CSHS2 – reduce the provision of bus tokens to £20 per eligible claimant (£51k)
- f) The use in 2008/09 of £1.992m of revenue reserves, as outlined in paragraph 49;
- g) The adoption of a risk based calculation to inform the Director of Resources' opinion on the appropriate minimum level of general reserves, as described in paragraph 51;
- h) The fees and charges proposals in Annex 8.

(iii) That the total Council Tax increase, including the Parish, Police and Fire Authority precepts be agreed at the Council meeting, on the basis of a 4.75% increase in the City of York element of the Council Tax.

(iv) That the increase for council dwelling rents by an average of 5.25%, in line with government guidance on rent restructuring, be agreed, as set out in Annex 13.

### **Capital Programme Budget 2008/09 - 2010/11**

That the three-year capital programme proposals as summarised in the report, be agreed, in particular:

- a) The asset sales shown in exempt Annex A;
- b) The use of £500k of prudential borrowing in 2010/11, as outlined in paragraph 21;
- c) The inclusion in the capital programme of all fully funded schemes as detailed in Annex B and discussed in paragraph 23;
- d) The inclusion in the capital programme of the bids recommended in paragraphs 25, 28 and 30;
- e) The advance of £255k of prudential borrowing to York Museums Trust for the refurbishment of the Hospitium in the Museum Gardens, as outlined in paragraphs 33 to 37;
- f) The additional £300k funding proposed for York High School, as outlined in paragraphs 38 and 39;
- g) The full programme, as summarised in Annex D.

- h) Carbon management expenditure can only take place through the EMAP / Executive process.

## **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS**

76. Cllr Steve Galloway moved, and Cllr Jamieson-Ball seconded, the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the Integrated Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2008/09 to 2011/12.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2008/09 to 2010/00 be approved, as follows:

- a) The Prudential Indicators for 2008/09 to 2010/11, as set out in Annex A to the Executive report;
- b) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2008/09 to 2010/11, as detailed in paragraphs 12 to 40 of the report;
- c) The revised Treasury Management Policy and Treasury Management Practices, as contained in Annexes D and E.

### **Adjournment**

The Lord Mayor announced that, due to technical difficulties with the setting of the Police and Fire Authority precepts, it would not be possible to proceed with item 7 on the Agenda, the Council Tax Resolution 2008/09, at this stage.

Cllr Steve Galloway then moved, and Cllr Jamieson-Ball seconded, that the meeting be adjourned and re-convened at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, 26 February 2008, to consider the Council Tax Resolution.

Council having agreed the above motion, it was

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned, and reconvened at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, 26 February, in order to consider the Council Tax Resolution.

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 am on Friday, 22 February 2008 and re-convened at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, 26 February 2008.**

## COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2008/09

77. Councillor Steve Galloway moved, and Councillor Jamieson-Ball seconded, the Council Tax Resolution for 2008/2009, as set out in the revised report that had been included in the agenda published on the Council's website and circulated around the Council Chamber.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: That the Council Tax Resolution for 2008/2009, as set out in the revised report, be approved, as follows:

### 1. COUNCIL TAX BASE

That it be noted that the Director of Resources, under his delegated authority, calculated the following amounts for the year 2008/09 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

#### (a) Whole of the Council's Area

66,007.99 being the amount calculated in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 and the Local Government Act 2003, as its Council Tax Base for the year.

#### (b) Parts of the Council's Area

the amounts mentioned in Column 1 of Schedule A to this Resolution, being the amounts calculated in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations and the Local Government Act 2003, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

### 2. DISTRICT/PARISH COUNCIL TAX RATES

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2008/09 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

#### (a) District/Parish Gross Expenditure

£340,939,922.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.

#### (b) Income

£229,907,510.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.

#### (c) District/Parish Net Expenditure

£111,032,412.00 being the amount by which the aggregate at 11(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 11(b) above, calculated by

the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.

**(d) Government Grants and Collection Fund Surpluses**

£42,565,992 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant, increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with Regulation 4(7) of the Local Government Changes for England (Collection Fund Surpluses and Deficits) Regulations 1995 and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Local Government Changes for England)(Community Charges) Directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 22 November, 1995.

**(e) Basic Amount of Tax (including average parish precepts)**

£1,037.2444 being the amount at 11(c) above less the amount at 11(d) above, all divided by the amount at 10(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

**(f) Parish Precepts and Special Expenses**

£561,352.00 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

**(g) Basic Amount of Tax (Unparished Area)**

£1,028.74 being the amount at 11(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 11(f) above by the amount at 10(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

**(h) Basic Amount of Tax (Parished Areas and Special Expenses Areas)**

the amounts mentioned in Column 2 of Schedule A to this Resolution, being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 11(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned divided in each case by the amount at 10(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

**(i) District/Parish Council Tax Rates**

the amounts mentioned in Columns 3 A to H of Schedule A to this Resolution, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 11(g) and 11(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the

Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

### **3. NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY TAX RATES**

That it be noted that for the year 2008/09 the North Yorkshire Police Authority has stated the following amounts in precept issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
128.91	150.40	171.88	193.37	236.34	279.31	322.28	386.74

### **4. NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY TAX RATES**

That it be noted that for the year 2008/09 the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority has stated the following amounts in precept issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
39.04	45.55	52.05	58.56	71.57	84.59	97.60	117.12

### **5. TOTAL COUNCIL TAX RATES**

That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 11(i), 12 and 13 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts mentioned in Schedule B to this Resolution as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2008/09 for each of the categories of dwellings shown therein.

Cllr Irene Waudby  
LORD MAYOR OF YORK

*[The meeting started at 6.30 pm and adjourned at 1.00 am on 22<sup>nd</sup> February;  
reconvened at 1.30 pm and concluded at 1.35 pm on 26<sup>th</sup> February ]*