# **City of York Council**

Resolutions and proceedings of the Meeting of the City of York Council held in The Guildhall, York on Thursday, 27th February, 2014, starting at 6.30 pm

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

Tollowing Councillors.	
Acomb Ward	Bishopthorpe Ward
Horton Simpson-Laing	Galvin
Clifton Ward	Derwent Ward
Douglas King Scott	
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward	Fishergate Ward
Hodgson Reid Semlyen	D'Agorne Taylor
Fulford Ward	Guildhall Ward
Aspden	Looker Watson
Haxby & Wigginton Ward	Heslington Ward
Cuthbertson Firth Richardson	Levene
Heworth Ward	Heworth Without Ward
Boyce Funnell	Ayre

Potter

Holgate Ward	Hull Road Ward
Alexander Crisp Riches	Barnes Fitzpatrick
Huntington & New Earswick Ward	Micklegate Ward
Hyman Orrell Runciman	Fraser Gunnell Merrett
Osbaldwick Ward	Rural West York Ward
Warters	Gillies Healey Steward
Skelton, Rawcliffe & Clifton Without Ward	Strensall Ward
Cunningham-Cross McIlveen Watt	Doughty Wiseman
Westfield Ward	Wheldrake Ward
Jeffries Burton Williams	Barton

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brooks

#### 59. Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

It was noted the Monitoring Officer had granted a dispensation to all Members in respect of any disclosable pecuniary interests Members had to enable them to participate in any meetings of the Council, Cabinet or Scrutiny, where the business to be discussed related to the Council functions in setting the council tax.

The following **personal** interests were also declared:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Description of Interest
Reid	7 – Recommendations of Cabinet on the Council's Capital and Financial Strategy 8 – Council Tax Resolution	Son is a Council tenant
Scott	7 – Recommendations of Cabinet on the Council's Capital and Financial Strategy 8 – Council Tax Resolution	<ul> <li>resident in a Residents only parking area,</li> <li>holds a Minster parking badge</li> <li>wife is a major shareholder in 3 companies that operate within the City and based at 20 Shambles.</li> </ul>

#### 60. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Ordinary meeting of

Council held on 12 December 2013 be approved and

signed by the Chair as a correct record

#### 61. Civic Announcements

The Lord Mayor firstly welcomed Cllr Steward to the Council meeting in his new role as Leader of the Conservative Group and wished him a happy tenure in the role.

She went on to congratulate Cllr Linsay Cunningham-Cross for her recent award of the Bruce-Lockhart Member Scholarship by the Local Government Information Unit. The judges had been impressed with Cllr Cunningham-Cross' proposal to develop a model for increasing engagement and participation in local democracy.

Finally she went on to announce the death of the former Sheriff's Lady Wyn Laverack, wife of John Laverack, Sheriff of York in 1978. The present Sheriff and Sheriff's Lady had attended her funeral service earlier in the week, at the Holy Trinity Church in Heworth.

#### 62. Public Participation

The Lord Mayor announced that three members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting.

Heather McKenzie, on behalf of Unison drew Members attention to the unprecedented levels of cuts to public services being undertaken. She expressed support for the areas of budget growth, including the Living Wage, but raised concerns at financial pressures to privatise and over reliance on community and voluntary organisations. She requested further examination of in house provision to ensure democratically accountable services to protect the most vulnerable and needy in society and made a request for Members to fight the Government's austerity measures.

Garry Jones, Chief Executive of York CVS, spoke to confirm his support for many of the budget proposals. He raised concerns at the budget outlook for 2016/19 and the effects that this would have on public services which he considered unjust, unacceptable and unfair.

Christopher Brace, spoke on behalf of the York People's Assembly, also raising concerns at the effects of the Governments austerity measures. He highlighted inequalities in the present system pointing out that life on benefits was not any easy option.

He asked Council to reject the austerity measures by not agreeing a budget.

#### 63. Petitions

The Lord Mayor confirmed that she had received no notification of any petitions to be presented to Council in relation to the setting of the Council's budget.

# 64. Recommendations of Cabinet in respect of the Capital Programme 2013/14 Monitor 3

Councillor Alexander moved and Councillor Williams seconded the recommendation made by Cabinet at their meeting held on 11 February 2014, following consideration of the third monitor report on the Capital Programme (minute 104 refers) as follows:

"That Council agree the adjustments in the Capital programme of a decrease of £11.659m in 2013/14 as detailed in the report and contained in Annex A."

On being put to the vote the recommendation was declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: That the recommendation contained in minute

104 of the Cabinet meeting held on 11 February

2014 be approved. 1.

Reason: To enable the effective management and

monitoring of the Council's capital programme.

#### **Action Required**

1. Undertake adjustments to Capital Programme. RB, DM

65. Recommendations of Cabinet on the Council's Capital Strategy for 2014/15 - 2018/19, the Financial Strategy 2014 - 2019 (including the Council's Detailed Revenue Budget Proposals for 2014/15 and 2015/16) and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2014/15 - 2018/19

Councillor Alexander moved, and Councillor Simpson-Laing seconded, the recommendations of the Cabinet, as set out in paragraphs 35 to 37 of the report at pages 1 to 3 of the additional

Council papers, circulated prior to the meeting and republished with the online agenda, as follows, in relation to:

- a) The Council's Capital Programme Budget for 2014/15 2018/19
- b) The Council's Revenue Budget proposals for 2014 to 2019 and
- c) The Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2014/15 2018/19

# "Capital Strategy

- 35. Cabinet recommends that Council;
  - i. Agree to the revised capital programme of £182.700m that reflects a net overall increase of £38.132m (as set out in paragraph 53 table 7 and in Annex B). Key elements of this include:
    - a. Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £11.050m as set out in table 2 and summarised in table 7;
    - b. New schemes totalling £6.120m including an increase in prudential borrowing of £5.325m as set out in table 3 and summarised in table 7:
    - c. New externally funded schemes totalling £12.003m as set out in table 4 and summarised in table 7;
    - d. An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £8.959m funded from HRA balances of £8.959m as set out in table 5 and summarised in table 7.
  - ii. Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex A totalling £182.700m cover financial years 2014/15 to 2018/19 as set out in table 8 and Annex A.

Reason: To set a balanced capital programme as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

# **Revenue Budget**

36. Cabinet recommends that Council;

- approve the budget proposals outlined in the Financial Strategy report, in particular;
  - a. The net revenue expenditure requirement of £124.186m
  - b. A Council Tax requirement of £71.768m
  - c. The revenue growth proposals as outlined in the body of the report
  - d. The revenue savings proposals as outlined in Annex 3 and 4
  - e. The fees and charges proposals as outlined in Annex 5
  - f. The Housing Revenue Account budget set out in Annex 6
  - g. The dedicated schools grant proposals outlined in Annex 7
- ii. Note that the effect of approving the income and expenditure proposals included in the recommendations would result in a 1.9% increase in the City of York Council element of the council tax.

Reason: To ensure a legally balanced budget is set.

# Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators

- 37. Cabinet recommends that Council approve;
  - i. The proposed treasury management strategy for 2014/15, including the annual investment strategy and the minimum revenue provision policy statement
  - ii. The prudential indicators for 2014/15 to 2018/19 in the main body of the Cabinet report
  - iii. The specified and non specified investments schedule (Annex B to the Cabinet report)

iv. The scheme of delegation and the role of the Section 151 officer (Annex D to the Cabinet report)

Reason:

To enable the continued effective operation of the Treasury Management function and ensure that all Council borrowing is prudent, affordable and sustainable."

#### **Conservative Amendment**

Councillor Steward then moved and Councillor Healey seconded, an amendment to the above recommendations on behalf of the Conservative Group, as follows:

#### "Capital Strategy

In paragraph 35 (i), first line, replace '£182.700m' with '£180.700m' and second line, replace '£38.132m' with '£36.132m'

Under paragraph 35 (i), insert new sub paragraph:

(e) 'Removal of £2m of expenditure related to Reinvigorate York.'

In paragraph 35 (ii), second line, replace '£182.700m' with '£180.700m'

# Revenue Budget

In paragraph 36 (i), sub paragraph (a), delete '£124.186m' and replace with '£122.848m'

In sub paragraph (b), delete '£71.768m' and replace with '£70.430m'

*In sub paragraph (c) add* at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments:

- an additional £200k to fund pothole repairs
- an additional £143k for gully cleaning
- an additional £130k to fund 10 new apprentices
- an additional £91k to increase the contribution to the general reserve

- an additional £74k to fund 100 new litter bins and the cost of emptying them
- an additional £48k to extend green bin collections into November each year
- an additional £40k to reinstate salt bins that have been removed related to prior year budget savings
- a reduction of £180k for the Funding the Capital Programme growth item as a result of the revenue implications of the proposed capital strategy changes as set out in paragraph 35 (i) (e).

*In sub paragraph (d) add* at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments;

- Add new proposal to remove uncommitted budget related to the Delivery and Innovation Fund to save £608k
- Add new proposal to use the 2014/15 additional New Homes Bonus allocation to save £559k
- Add new proposal to reduce budgets related to trade unions, including convenors, release arrangements and accommodation costs, by £110k so as to meet statutory minimum requirements
- Add new proposal to reduce Cabinet Members by two to save £29k
- Removal of proposal:
  - CES402 Parking Services (Minster badge removal) £200k'

In paragraph 36 (ii), second line, delete '1.9%' and replace with '0%'. Insert new text after 'City of York Council element of the council tax' as follows 'resulting in the Council being able to accept the Council Tax Freeze Grant of £778k."

In accordance with the recently issued recommendations in the Department for Communities and Local Government regulations it was confirmed that a named vote would be taken on all votes in relation to the setting of the budget.

A named vote was then taken on the Conservative amendment, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Barton	Cllr Alexander	Cllr Gunnell
		(Lord Mayor)
Cllr Doughty	Cllr Barnes	Cllr Aspden
Cllr Galvin	Cllr Boyce	Cllr Ayre
Cllr Gillies	Cllr Crisp	Cllr Burton
Cllr Healey	Cllr Cunningham-Cross	Cllr Cuthbertson
Cllr Richardson	Cllr D'Agorne	Cllr Firth
Cllr Steward	Cllr Douglas	Cllr Hyman
Cllr Warters	Cllr Fitzpatrick	Cllr Jeffries
Cllr Watt	Cllr Fraser	Cllr Orrell
Cllr Wiseman	Cllr Funnell	Cllr Reid
	Cllr Hodgson	Cllr Runciman
	Cllr Horton	
	Cllr King	
	Cllr Levene	
	Cllr Looker	
	Cllr McIlveen	
	Cllr Merrett	
	Cllr Potter	
	Cllr Riches	
	Cllr Scott	
	Cllr Semlyen	
	Cllr Simpson-Laing	
	Cllr Taylor	
	Cllr Watson	
	Cllr Williams	
10	25	11

The Conservative amendment was declared LOST.

# **First Liberal Democrat Amendment**

Councillor Aspden then moved, and Councillor Ayre seconded, an amendment on behalf of the Liberal/Democratic Group, as follows:

#### "Capital Strategy

In paragraph 35 (i), first line, replace '£182.700m' with '£168.356m' and second line, replace '£38.132m' with '£23.788m'

### Under paragraph 35 (i), insert new sub paragraphs:

- **(e)** 'Reduce borrowing and expenditure totalling £14m related to the following existing schemes currently within the Economic Infrastructure Fund:
  - £9.5m related to the Infrastructure Investment Plan
  - £2.0m related to Reinvigorate York
  - £1.5m related to Newgate Market
  - £1.0m related to the Digital and Media Arts Hub'
- (f) 'Remove the following schemes from the Economic Infrastructure Fund, totalling £809k, and transfer the equivalent amount of funding to the new Future York Fund:
  - £559k Super Connected Cities
  - £150k Financial Inclusion and Action Policy Plan
  - £100k Economic Inclusion Programme'
- (g) 'Remove the Officer Delivery Team from the Economic Infrastructure Fund, reducing the value of the programme by £344k'
- (h) 'Delay £1.11m of investment in the new IT Development Plan from 2014/15 until 2015/16.'

In paragraph 35 (ii), second line, replace '£182.700m' with '£168.356m'

# Revenue Budget

In paragraph 36 (i), sub paragraph (a), delete '£124.186m' and replace with '£122.848m'

In sub paragraph (b), delete '£71.768m' and replace with '£70.430m'

*In sub paragraph (c) add* at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments;

- A reduction of £550k in Funding the Capital Programme growth item as a result of the revenue implications of the proposed capital strategy changes as set out in paragraph 35 (i) (e) and (f), as amended
- Removal of the £200k General Reserve contribution growth item
- Removal of the £200k Contingency growth item
- Removal of the £100k York Financial Assistance Scheme growth item
- Removal of the £50k Business Rates discount growth item
- An additional £600k to reinstate the Fair Access to Care Services criteria to 'Moderate'
- An additional £500k to establish a Community Fund budget
- An additional £185k to reinstate the Highways Infrastructure budget removed in 2013/14
- An additional £100k to increase the Gulley Cleaning budget
- An additional £100k to increase Preventative spend
- An additional £100k to increase Highways budgets
- An additional £96k to extend green waste collection provision to an extra two months
- An additional £50k to increase Young Peoples Services budgets
- An additional £48k to increase Carers Support budgets
- An additional £20k to fund a review of Household Waste and Recycling Centre facilities at Towthorpe and in the west of York
- An additional £17k to reinstate some capacity for bin collection in the city

- An additional £10k to reinstate the Winter Maintenance budget removed in 2012/13
- An additional £10k to reinstate the Allotment budget removed in 2013/14'

*In sub paragraph (d) add* at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments;

- Add new proposal to abolish the Delivery and Innovation fund to save £1,000k
- Add new proposal to remove the remaining General Reserve contribution budget of £450k
- Add new proposal to payments to the Council's Venture Fund to save £411k
- Add new proposal to abolish the Quality Bus Contract to save £158k
- Add new proposal to remove the Economic Infrastructure Fund Delivery Team and bring the corresponding amount of New Homes Bonus funding into the revenue budget to save £86k
- Add new proposal to remove the Assistant Director for Transformation post to save £80k
- Add new proposal to reduce trade union budgets to save £55k
- Add new proposal to reduce cabinet members by two to save £29k
- Bring forward CBSS5017 Training Provision from 2015/16 to save £50k in 2014/15
- Bring forward a proportion of CBSS5012 West Offices Income from 2015/16 to save £20k in 2014/15
- Removal of proposals:

- CES402 Parking Services (Minster badge removal) £200k
- CS05B Transforming Young Peoples Services -Further Stretch £150k
- CANS514 Sports Facilities £120k
- o CES205 Highways Budgets £100k
- o CANS12 Community Centres £70k
- CES05B Taxi Card £63k
- CS07 Children's Respite Care £50k
- o CES14 Traffic Systems £50k
- CES401 Highways Services £40k
- H&W413 Community Facilitator Posts £34k
- CSES406 Children's Centres Operational Budget £30k
- AC10B Respite Services Care Review £26k
- CANS09 Allotments £25k
- o CANS07 Bowling Greens £22k
- o CSES412 Voluntary Sector Grants £20k
- CES202 Winter Maintenance £20k
- o CANS20 Play Grants £20k
- o CANS110 Environmental Protection Unit £3k'

#### Under paragraph 36 (i), insert new sub paragraph:

- h. 'Creation of the Future York Fund totalling £5.5m up to 2016/17 and including unspent funding from the abolished Delivery & Innovation Fund (£306k), the Economic Infrastructure Fund (£809k), the Venture Fund (£1,494k) and New Homes Bonus (£2,883k). Initial spending commitments against the fund will include:
  - Super Connected Cities £569k
  - Financial Policy & Action Plan £150k
  - Economic Inclusion £100k
  - Waterworld £450k
  - Adult Care Transformation £200k
  - Carbon Reduction Scheme £50k
  - Business Rates Scheme £50k
  - Access York £40k
  - Rail Policy £8k'

In paragraph 36 (ii), second line, delete '1.9%' and replace with '0%'. Insert new text after 'City of York Council element of the

council tax' as follows 'resulting in the Council being able to accept the Council Tax Freeze Grant of £778k."

A named vote was then taken on the first Liberal/Democrat amendment, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Aspden	Cllr Alexander	Cllr Gunnell
		(Lord Mayor)
Cllr Ayre	Cllr Barnes	Cllr Barton
Cllr Cuthbertson	Cllr Boyce	Cllr D'Agorne
Cllr Firth	Cllr Burton	Cllr Doughty
Cllr Hyman	Cllr Crisp	Cllr Galvin
Cllr Jeffries	Cllr Cunningham-Cross	Cllr Gillies
Cllr Orrell	Cllr Douglas	Cllr Healey
Cllr Reid	Cllr Fitzpatrick	Cllr Richardson
Cllr Runciman	Cllr Fraser	Cllr Steward
Cllr Warters	Cllr Funnell	Cllr Taylor
	Cllr Hodgson	Cllr Watt
	Cllr Horton	Cllr Wiseman
	Cllr King	
	Cllr Levene	
	Cllr Looker	
	Cllr McIlveen	
	Cllr Merrett	
	Cllr Potter	
	Cllr Riches	
	Cllr Scott	
	Cllr Semlyen	
	Cllr Simpson-Laing	
	Cllr Watson	
	Cllr Williams	
10	24	12

The first Liberal Democrat amendment was declared LOST.

### **Green Amendment**

Councillor D'Agorne then moved and Councillor Taylor seconded, an amendment to the above recommendations on behalf of the Green Group, as follows:

#### "Capital Strategy

- 35. Cabinet recommends that Council:
  - i. Agree to the revised capital programme of £182.700m that reflects a net overall increase of £38.132m (as set out in paragraph 53 table 7 and in Annex B). Key elements of this include:
    - a. Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £11.050m as set out in table 2 and summarised in table 7;
    - b. New schemes totalling £6.120m including an increase in prudential borrowing of £5.325m as set out in table 3 and summarised in table 7;
    - c. New externally funded schemes totalling £12.003m as set out in table 4 and summarised in table 7;
    - d. An increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £8.959m funded from HRA balances of £8.959m as set out in table 5 and summarised in table 7.
    - ii. Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex A totalling £182.700m cover financial years 2014/15 to 2018/19 as set out in table 8 and Annex A

Reason: To set a balanced capital programme as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

# Revenue Budget

In paragraph 36 (i), sub paragraph (a), delete '£124.186m' and replace with '£124.890m'

In sub paragraph (b), delete '£71.768m' and replace with '£72.472m'

*In sub paragraph (c) add* at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments;

• An increase in the Financial Assistance Scheme growth item of £50k

- Removal of the £200k General Reserve contribution growth item
- An additional £190k to cover the costs of holding a referendum and rebilling as a result of proposing a Council Tax higher than 2%
- An additional £100k to retain support and premises for the most needy young people in the city whilst capacity and partnerships are built with the voluntary and community services sector
- An additional £50k to create a capacity pot for the voluntary and community services sector delivering youth provision in the city
- An additional £43k to support the reduction in waiting times for Mental Health services'

*In sub paragraph (d) add* at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendments;

- Add new proposal to remove uncommitted budget related to the Delivery and Innovation Fund to save £608k
- Amend CES00B to reduce the reduction in City and Environmental Service staffing costs by £200k
- Amend CSES402 by retaining 2 FTEs for Early Intervention work at a cost of £68k
- Amend CANS06 to retain the locking and unlocking of park gates at a cost of £68k
- Remove CANS558 Food Safety Inspections and invest further funding so that this service is retained fully in house at a total cost of £35k
- Amend CANS07 by £11k to restore half of the proposed reduction to bowling greens
- Amend CS11 Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services at a cost of 9k to reverse savings not yet delivered
- Removal of proposals:

- o CANS17 Library Services £150k
- H&W422 End of Life Care team £88k
- o CANS12 Community Centres £70k
- CS07 Children's Respite Care £50k
- H&W402 Day Care for 24 hour Residential Customers £43k
- H&W413 Community Facilitator posts £34k
- AC19 Sheltered Housing with Extra Care £33k
- CSES406 Children's Centres Operational Budgets £30k
- H&W423 Reduce Day Care for Supported Living Customers £29k
- CANS09 Allotments £25k
- CES203 Waste Strategy £24k
- o CES203A Waste Strategy £24k
- CES202 Winter Maintenance £20k
- CANS20 Play Grants £20k
- CSES412 Voluntary Sector Grants £20K
- H&W417 Carers Service £15k
- CES307 Community Transport £10k
- CANS110 Environmental Protection Unit £3k

In sub paragraph (e) add at the end of the sentence 'subject to the addition of a reduction in the householder pre-application enquiry charge to £10.00 (current £58.00) where the enquiry relates to solar panels or double glazing. This action will be cost neutral and not affect paragraphs (c) and (d) above.'

In paragraph 36 (ii), second line, delete '1.9%' and replace with '2.9%'. Insert new text after 'City of York Council element of the council tax' as follows 'resulting in the Council having to hold a referendum.'

A named vote was then taken on the Green amendment, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr D'Agorne	Cllr Alexander	Cllr Gunnell
		(Lord Mayor)
Cllr Taylor	Cllr Aspden	
	Cllr Ayre	
	Cllr Barnes	
	Cllr Barton	
	Cllr Boyce	

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_	Cllr Wiseman	
	Cllr Williams	
	Cllr Watt	
	Cllr Watson	
	Cllr Warters	
	Cllr Steward	
	Cllr Simpson-Laing	
	Cllr Semlyen	
	Cllr Scott	
	Cllr Runciman	
	Cllr Riches	
	Cllr Reid	
	Cllr Potter	
	Cllr Orrell	
	Cllr Merrett	
	Cllr McIlveen	
	Cllr Looker	
	Clir Leeker	
	Cllr King	
	Cllr Jeffries	
	Clir Hyman	
	Cllr Horton	
	Cllr Hodgson	
	Cllr Healey	
	Cllr Gillies	
	Cllr Galvin	
	Cllr Funnell	
	Cllr Fraser	
	Cllr Fitzpatrick	
	Cllr Firth	
	Cllr Douglas	
	Cllr Doughty	
	Cllr Cuthbertson	
	Cllr Cunningham-Cross	
	Cllr Crisp	
	Cllr Burton	

The Green amendment was declared LOST.

#### **Second Liberal Democrat Amendment**

Councillor Ayre then moved, and Councillor Aspden seconded, the second amendment on behalf of the Liberal/Democratic Group as follows:

# "Capital Strategy

- 36. Cabinet recommends that Council;
  - i. Agree to the revised capital programme of £182.700m that reflects a net overall increase of £38.132m (as set out in paragraph 53 table 7 and in Annex B). Key elements of this include:
    - a. Extension of prudential borrowing funded Rolling Programme schemes totalling £11.050m as set out in table 2 and summarised in table 7;
    - b. New schemes totalling £6.120m including an increase in prudential borrowing of £5.325m as set out in table 3 and summarised in table 7;
    - c. New externally funded schemes totalling £12.003m as set out in table 4 and summarised in table 7;
    - d. In increase in HRA funded schemes totalling £8.959m funded from HRA balances of £8.959m as set out in table 5 and summarised in table 7.
    - ii. Approve the full restated programme as summarised in Annex A totalling £182.700m cover financial years 2014/15 to 2018/19 as set out in table 8 and Annex A

Reason: To set a balanced capital programme as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

# Revenue Budget

In paragraph 36 (i), sub paragraph (a), delete '£124.186m' and replace with '£122.848m'

In sub paragraph (b), delete '£71.768m' and replace with '£70.430m'

*In sub paragraph (c)* add at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendment;

• Removal of the £200k General Reserve contribution growth item'

*In sub paragraph (d)* add at the end of the sentence 'subject to the following amendment;

• Add new proposal to remove £360k of the existing General Reserve contribution budget'

In paragraph 36 (ii), second line, delete '1.9%' and replace with '0%'. Insert new text after 'City of York Council element of the council tax' as follows 'resulting in the Council being able to accept the Council Tax Freeze Grant of £778k.'

A named vote was then taken on the second Liberal/Democrat amendment, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Aspden	Cllr Alexander	Cllr Gunnell
		(Lord Mayor)
Cllr Ayre	Cllr Barnes	
Cllr Barton	Cllr Boyce	
Cllr Cuthbertson	Cllr Burton	
Cllr Doughty	Cllr Crisp	
Cllr Firth	Cllr Cunningham-Cross	
Cllr Galvin	Cllr D'Agorne	
Cllr Gillies	Cllr Douglas	
Cllr Healey	Cllr Fitzpatrick	
Cllr Hyman	Cllr Fraser	
Cllr Jeffries	Cllr Funnell	
Cllr Orrell	Cllr Hodgson	
Cllr Reid	Cllr Horton	
Cllr Richardson	Cllr King	
Cllr Runciman	Cllr Levene	
Cllr Steward	Cllr Looker	
Cllr Watt	Cllr McIlveen	
Cllr Warters	Cllr Merrett	
Cllr Wiseman	Cllr Potter	
	Cllr Riches	
	Cllr Scott	

	Cllr Semlyen	
	Cllr Simpson-Laing	
	Cllr Taylor	
	Cllr Watson	
	Cllr Williams	
19	26	1

The second Liberal Democrat amendment was declared LOST.

A named vote was then taken on the original motion, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Gunnell	Cllr Aspden	Cllr Taylor
(Lord Mayor)		
Cllr Alexander	Cllr Ayre	
Cllr Barnes	Cllr Barton	
Cllr Boyce	Cllr Cuthbertson	
Cllr Burton	Cllr D'Agorne	
Cllr Crisp	Cllr Doughty	
Cllr Cunningham-Cross	Cllr Firth	
Cllr Douglas	Cllr Galvin	
Cllr Fitzpatrick	Cllr Gillies	
Cllr Fraser	Cllr Healey	
Cllr Funnell	Cllr Hyman	
Cllr Hodgson	Cllr Jeffries	
Cllr Horton	Cllr Orrell	
Cllr King	Cllr Reid	
Cllr Levene	Cllr Richardson	
Cllr Looker	Cllr Runciman	
Cllr McIlveen	Cllr Steward	
Cllr Merrett	Cllr Warters	
Cllr Potter	Cllr Watt	
Cllr Riches	Cllr Wiseman	
Cllr Scott		
Cllr Semlyen		
Cllr Simpson-Laing		
Cllr Watson		
Cllr Williams		
25	20	1

The original motion was then declared CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet recommendations in respect of

the Capital Programme, Financial Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy Statement and

Prudential Indicators be approved. 1.

At this point in the meeting, the guillotine fell and the following business was deemed moved and seconded without debate.

# **Action Required**

1. Revise the capital programme and implement the budget proposals. RB, DM

#### 66. Council Tax Resolution 2014/15

A named vote was then taken on the Council Tax recommendation, with the following result:

For	Against	Abstained
Cllr Gunnell	Cllr Aspden	Cllr D'Agorne
(Lord Mayor)		
Cllr Alexander	Cllr Ayre	Cllr Taylor
Cllr Barnes	Cllr Barton	
Cllr Boyce	Cllr Cuthbertson	
Cllr Burton	Cllr Doughty	
Cllr Crisp	Cllr Firth	
Cllr Cunningham-Cross	Cllr Galvin	
Cllr Douglas	Cllr Gillies	
Cllr Fitzpatrick	Cllr Healey	
Cllr Fraser	Cllr Hyman	
Cllr Funnell	Cllr Jeffries	
Cllr Hodgson	Cllr Orrell	
Cllr Horton	Cllr Reid	
Cllr King	Cllr Richardson	
Cllr Levene	Cllr Runciman	
Cllr Looker	Cllr Steward	
Cllr McIlveen	Cllr Warters	
Cllr Merrett	Cllr Watt	
Cllr Potter	Cllr Wiseman	
Cllr Riches		
Cllr Scott		
Cllr Semlyen		
Cllr Simpson-Laing		

Cllr Watson		
Cllr Williams		
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The motion was declared CARRIED and it was

Resolved: (i)

That it be noted that on 16 December 2013 the Director of Customer and Business Support Services, under his delegated authority, calculated the Council Tax Base for the year 2014/15:

- (a) for the **whole Council area** as 61,574.84 Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
- for those dwellings in those parts of its area to which a
   Parish precept relates as in column 1 in the attached Schedule A.
- (ii) Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding Parish precepts) is £71,767,930.
- (iii) That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) £386,060,855.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

- (b) £313,692,272.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £72,368,583.00 being the amount by which the aggregate at 14(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 14(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. [Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act].
- (d) £1,175.29 being the amount at 14(c) above [Item R], all divided by Item T (12(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £600,653.00 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Schedule A).
- (f) £1,165.54 being the amount at 14(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 14(e) above by Item T (12(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 Parish precept relates.

- (iv) To note that North Yorkshire Police and the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the tables at 16 below.
- (v) That the Council, in accordance with sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below and, at Schedule B for Parished areas, as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

City of York Council

Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
777.03	906.53	1,036.04	1,165.54	1,424.55	1,683.56	1,942.57	2,331.08

#### North Yorkshire Police

	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ī	139.08	162.26	185.44	208.62	254.98	301.34	347.70	417.24

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
42.22	49.26	56.29	63.33	77.40	91.48	105.55	126.66

Aggregate of Council Tax Requirements (excluding Parished Areas)

Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
958.33	1,118.05	1,277.77	1,437.49	1,756.93	2,076.38	2,395.82	2,874.98

(vi) Determine that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15, which reflects a 1.9% increase, is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under section 52ZB of the Act. As the billing authority, the

Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Cllr Julie Gunnell LORD MAYOR OF YORK [The meeting started at 6.30 pm and concluded at 10.00 pm]