

Minutes of the meeting of the COUNCIL held at 2.00 pm  
on Thursday, 25th February, 2016 at Council Chamber,  
Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

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Present

Councillor S P Dickins (in the Chair)

Councillor	R A Baker	Councillor	N A Knapton
	P Bardon		Ms C Palmer
	M A Barningham		C Patmore
	D M Blades		M S Robson
	Mrs C S Cookman		C Rooke
	G W Dadd		Mrs I Sanderson
	G W Ellis		Mrs J Watson
	Mrs B S Fortune		S Watson
	D Hugill		D A Webster
	R Kirk		P R Wilkinson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A W Hall, K G Hardisty, R W Hudson, C A Les, J Noone, B Phillips and A Wake

C.24 **MINUTES**

**THE DECISION:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2015 (C.19 - C.23), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

C.25 **STATEMENT OF THE LEADER AND REFERRALS FROM CABINET**

The Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.46, CA.51 – CA.57 and CA.61 – CA.62 and made a statement to the Council on the following matters:-

- Council Tax
- Christmas Flooding
- Recycling
- Hambleton Food Share

A number of questions were asked based on the statement. The main issues which the Leader responded to were in relation to:-

- Recycling – Council wished to record a vote of thanks to the Head of Service – Environment and all the team for all their hard work in implementing the new recycling scheme and for how they had dealt with concerns regarding the new scheme.
- Lambeth Hospital in Thirsk

**THE DECISION:**

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meetings of the Cabinet be received, approved and adopted:-

<b><u>Body</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Minute Nos</u></b>
Cabinet	12 January 2016	CA.46
Cabinet	9 February 2016	CA.51 – CA.57
Cabinet	25 February 2016	CA.61 – CA.62

C.26 **CABINET PORTFOLIO STATEMENTS**

- (a) Councillor P R Wilkinson, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Finance made a statement regarding Tour de Yorkshire; Dalton Industrial Estate and the strategy for Vibrant Market Towns.
- (b) Councillor Mrs B S Fortune, Portfolio Holder for Customer and Leisure Services made a statement regarding the CCTV Upgrade in Bedale and Northallerton; Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre refurbishment and the roll out of the Safeguarding Adult and Children Policy.
- (c) Councillor N Knapton, Portfolio Holder for Support Services made a statement regarding the installation of electric bollards in Northallerton and Thirsk and Cyber Security.

C.27 **REFERRAL FROM THE AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**THE DECISION:**

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meeting of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee be received, approved and adopted:-

<b><u>Body</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Minute Nos</u></b>
Audit, Governance and Standards Committee	16 February 2016	AGS.21

C.28 **REFERRAL FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**THE DECISION:**

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meeting of the Licensing Committee be received, approved and adopted:-

<b><u>Body</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Minute Nos</u></b>
Licensing Committee	11 February 2016	LC.11 – LC.12

C.29 **COUNCIL TAX 2016/17**

All Wards

A revised addendum to the report had been circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting. It was moved by the Leader and seconded by the Deputy Leader that the Notice of Motion at Item 9 on the agenda be approved in pursuance of Minute CA.56.

**THE DECISION:**

That pursuant to Minute CA.56:-

COUNCIL TAX 2016/17 - To Consider the following Motion in pursuance of Minute CA.56:-

- (1) it be noted that on 15 January Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2016/17:-
  - (a) for the whole Council area as £35,088.46 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in Annex of the report;
- (2) the Council has calculated the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 (excluding Parish precepts) as £3,315,157.70;
- (3) the following amounts be calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
  - (a) **District/Parish Gross Expenditure**  
£46,616,234.95 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) **District/Parish Gross Income (including Government Grants, use of Reserves and Collection Fund Surpluses etc)**  
£41,970,322.30 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act
  - (c) **District/Parish Net Expenditure**  
£4,645,916.65 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(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) **Basic Amount of Tax (including average Parish Precepts)**  
£132.4057 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R) all divided by Item T (1(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) **Parish Precepts**  
£1,330,754.95 being the aggregate of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per Annex A)

(f) **Basic Amount of Tax (Unparished Areas)**  
£94.48 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by Item T (1(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

(4) **Major Precepting Authorities**

That it be noted that the North Yorkshire County Council, the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below and at Annex A(1);

(5) **Council Tax Bands for All Councils**

Figures for North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire are set out below.

The Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2016/17 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings:

Hambleton District Council

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
62.99	73.48	83.98	94.48	115.48	136.47	157.47	188.96

North Yorkshire County Council – excluding Adult Social Care

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
747.91	872.56	997.21	1,121.86	1,371.16	1,620.46	1,869.77	2,243.72

North Yorkshire County Council – Adult Social Care

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
14.66	17.11	19.55	22.00	26.89	31.78	36.66	44.00

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
43.92	51.24	58.56	65.88	80.52	95.16	109.80	131.76

Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire

Valuation Bands

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
144.67	168.78	192.89	217.00	265.22	313.44	361.67	434.00

(6) **Excessive Council Tax**

the Council determines that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/17 (at 3(f) above) is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

(7) the appropriate amount is taken from the Council Taxpayers Reserve to support the decision at (3) above; and

(8) the policy on Balances and Reserves at Annex C of the report is approved.

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 required a recorded vote on the substantive Motion, Members present were recorded as voting as follows:

For the motion: R A Baker, P Bardon, M A Barningham, D M Blades, Mrs C S Cookman, G W Dadd, S P Dickins, G W Ellis, Mrs B S Fortune, J D Hugill, R Kirk, N A Knapton, Mrs C Patmore, M S Robson, C R Rooke, Mrs I Sanderson, Mrs J Watson, S Watson, D A Webster and P R Wilkinson (20)

Against the motion: Ms C Palmer (1)

C.30 **STATEMENT OF PAY POLICY 2016/17**

All Wards

The Chief Executive submitted a report seeking approval of the Statement of Pay Policy for the year commencing on 1 April 2016. The Council was required to adopt the Statement of Pay Policy each year. The Pay Policy included in the agenda had been superseded following a decision taken by Cabinet at a meeting held on 25 February 2016 (Minute CA.62 refers) and subsequently approved by Council earlier in the meeting (Minute C.25 refers). A copy of a revised Statement of Pay Policy had been circulated prior to commencement of the meeting.

**THE DECISION:**

That the Statement of Pay Policy, as circulated, be adopted with effect from 1 April 2016.

In accordance with paragraph 14.5 of the Council Procedure Rules, there was a request for a recorded vote on the Motion, Members present were recorded as voting as follows:

For the motion: R A Baker, P Bardon, M A Barningham, D M Blades, S P Dickins, G W Ellis, Mrs B S Fortune, J D Hugill, N A Knapton, Mrs C Patmore, M S Robson, C R Rooke, Mrs I Sanderson, Mrs J Watson, S Watson, D A Webster and P R Wilkinson (17)

Against the motion: Mrs C S Cookman, G W Dadd, R Kirk and Ms C Palmer (4)

C.31 **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2016/17**

All Wards

The Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report regarding the Members' Allowances Scheme which in line with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 required the Council to consider its Allowances Scheme before the beginning of each year. The report asked Council to consider an amendment to the Scheme and approve it for a further year.

The amendment took into account the revised Pay Policy approved by Council in July 2015.

Councillor G W Dadd proposed an amendment to the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Ms C Palmer.

It was proposed that "The Members' Allowances Scheme be referred back to the Independent Remuneration Panel for their clarification regarding the section on annual increases"

In accordance with paragraph 14.5 of the Council Procedure Rules, there was a request for a recorded vote on the amended Motion, Members present were recorded as voting as follows:

For the motion: Mrs C S Cookman, G W Dadd, R Kirk and Ms C Palmer (4)

Against the motion: R A Baker, P Bardon, M A Barningham, D M Blades, S P Dickins, G W Ellis, Mrs B S Fortune, J D Hugill, N A Knapton, Mrs C Patmore, M S Robson, C R Rooke, Mrs I Sanderson, Mrs J Watson, S Watson, D A Webster and P R Wilkinson (17)

Following a discussion and a vote on the amendment the motion was lost.

A vote was then taken on the Substantive Motion which was carried.

**THE DECISION:**

That the Members' Allowance Scheme for 2016/17 as amended be approved.

In accordance with paragraph 14.5 of the Council Procedure Rules, there was a request for a recorded vote on the Substantive Motion, Members present were recorded as voting as follows:

For the motion: R A Baker, P Bardon, M A Barningham, D M Blades, S P Dickins, G W Ellis, Mrs B S Fortune, J D Hugill, N A Knapton, Mrs C Patmore, M S Robson, C R Rooke, Mrs I Sanderson, Mrs J Watson, S Watson, D A Webster and P R Wilkinson (17)

Against the motion: Mrs C S Cookman, G W Dadd, R Kirk and Ms C Palmer (4).

The meeting closed at 3.05 pm

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Chairman of the Council