

**Decisions to be considered by  
Full Council on 25 February 2016**

Decisions of the meeting of the CABINET held  
at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 9th February, 2016 at  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE,  
STONE CROSS, NORTHALLERTON

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Present

Councillor M S Robson (in the Chair)

Councillor	P R Wilkinson N A Knapton	Councillor	B Phillips
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Also in Attendance

Councillor	P Bardon M A Barningham S P Dickins A W Hall K G Hardisty R W Hudson	Councillor	D Hugill J Noone C Patmore Mrs J Watson D A Webster
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An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs B S Fortune

CA.51 **FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016/17 TO 2025/26**

All Wards

**The subject of the decision:**

This report sought consideration of the Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2025/26.

**Alternative options considered:**

None.

**The reason for the decision:**

To ensure there was a long term financial planning mechanism for the Council.

**THE DECISION:**

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that the Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2025/26 attached at Annex A and A(1) to the report be approved.

CA.52 **2015/16 QUARTER 3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING**

**The subject of the decision:**

This report provided the Quarter 3 update at 31 December 2015 on the progress of the Capital Programme 2015/16 and the Treasury Management position. A full schedule of the Capital Programme 2015/16 schemes was attached at Annex A of the report, together with the relevant update on progress of each scheme.

**Alternative options considered:**

None.

**The reason for the decision:**

To comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003 and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice.

**THE DECISION:**

That Cabinet approves and recommends that Council approves:-

- (1) the net decrease of £3,047,453 in the Capital Programme to £14,237,403 as detailed in Annex B of the report and also in the Capital Programme attached at Annex A of the report;
- (2) the increase of capital expenditure funded from the Economic Development Fund of £168,996;
- (3) the funding allocation to the Capital Programme as detailed in paragraph 3.1 of the report; and
- (4) the Treasury Management position and prudential indicators at Annex E of the report.

CA.53 **QUARTER 3 2015/16 REVENUE MONITORING**

All Wards

**The subject of the decision:**

This report provided an update on the Revenue Budget position of the Council and the Reserve Funds at the end of December 2015.

**Alternative options considered:**

None.

**The reason for the decision:**

To comply with S25 of the Local Government Act 2003 regarding setting a balanced budget and monitoring the financial position throughout the year.

**THE DECISION:**

That Cabinet approves and recommends that Council approves:-

- (1) the budget increase at paragraph 3.2 of the report in quarter 3 of £437,810 which results in a budget of £7,824,350; and
- (2) the allocation from the one-off fund at paragraph 6.5 of the report of £90,145.

CA.54 **2016/17 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS**

All Wards

**The subject of the decision:**

This report sought approval for the Capital Programme for the financial years 2016/17 to 2025/26; the 2015/16 Capital Programme and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, including the Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement.

**Alternative options considered:**

None.

**The reason for the decision:**

To comply with the requirements as set out under the Local Government Act 2003 and the CIPFA Prudential Code.

**THE DECISION:**

That Cabinet approves and recommends that Council approves:-

- (1) the 10 year Capital Programme 2016/17 to 2025/26 at £39,037,717 as detailed in paragraph 2.2 and attached at Annex A of the report;
- (2) the Capital Programme 2016/17 at £16,758,070 detailed in Annex B of the report for implementation;
- (3) the Treasury Management Strategy attached at Annex C of the report;
- (4) the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement attached in the body of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement Annex C of the report;
- (5) the Prudential and Treasury Indicators attached at Annex C in the body of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement;
- (6) the revised Treasury Management Policy Statement at Annex D of the report; and
- (7) the Scheme of Delegation and role of the S151 Officer attached at Annex E of the report.

CA.55 **REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17**

All Wards

**The subject of the decision:**

This report presented at a strategic level the revenue budget proposals for the next financial year 2016/17.

**Alternative options considered:**

None.

**The reason for the decision:**

To take account of the requirements of the Local Government Finance act 1992 to set a balanced budget and monitor the financial position throughout the year.

**THE DECISION:**

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council the Revenue Budget for 2016/17 at £7,811,370.

CA.56 **COUNCIL TAX 2016/17**

All Wards

**The subject of the decision:**

This report considered the level of Council Tax for 2016/17 and the policy on reserves. In addition, it provided details of the Council's formula grant funding settlement for 2016/17 and the Business Rates target for the Retained Business Rates funding mechanism, which was operated as a pool across North Yorkshire.

**Alternative options considered:**

None.

**The reason for the decision:**

To maintain the long term viability of the Council's finances and ensure sustainability by investing in community projects as determined by the Council's priorities and supporting the maintenance and enhancement of service delivery. To maintain the integrity of the Council's financial strategy.

**THE DECISION:**

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (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**  
£1,330,754.94 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)**  
£94.58 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 yet to be determined and will be reported at Council on 25 February 2016.

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

(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.

CA.57 **LOCAL PLAN - STRATEGIC HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT**

All Wards

**The subject of the decision:**

This report sought agreement of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment as part of the Council's evidence base for the new Local Plan and as a basis to inform negotiations on planning applications in relation to affordable housing and housing type, mix and tenure. The conclusions and recommendations of the Assessment were attached at Annex A of the report and a copy of the full report was available in the Members' Lounge.

**Alternative options considered:**

None.

**The reason for the decision:**

Cabinet was satisfied that the Strategic Housing Market Assessment was sufficient to provide an assessment of future needs for market and affordable housing for the Local Plan period to 2035, providing the Objectively Assessed Need for housing for the new Local Plan.

**THE DECISION:**

That Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the Strategic Housing Market Assessment is approved for the purposes of the evidence base for Hambleton Local Plan;
- (2) the Objectively Assessed Need in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment provides the basic requirement for assessing the five year housing supply and be considered in the determination of applications for housing until a Housing Target is developed as part of the Local Plan;
- (3) that additional work is carried out to develop scenarios for economic growth, using the established Objectively Assessed Need as a base, in order to determine the final Local Plan Housing Target and that this is reported to Cabinet; and
- (4) the Strategic Housing Market Assessment be used as a basis to inform negotiations on planning applications, both with respect to the mix and type of market housing and affordable housing contributions including the type, mix and tenure.

The meeting closed at 10.20 am

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Leader of the Council