

Council

Minutes of Proceedings

At the **Ordinary Meeting of the District Council of Ryedale** held in the **Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton** on **Tuesday 26 February 2013**

Present

Councillors Acomb
 Andrews
 Arnold
 Bailey
 Clark
 Mrs Cowling
 Cussons
 Mrs Frank (Vice-Chairman)
 Fraser
 Mrs Goodrick
 Hawkins
 Hicks
 Hope (Chairman)
 Mrs Hopkinson
 Ives
 Knaggs
 Mrs Knaggs
 Maud
 Raper
 Richardson
 Mrs Sanderson
 Mrs Shields
 Wainwright
 Walker
 Ward
 Windress
 Woodward

In Attendance

Simon Copley
Paul Cresswell
Peter Johnson
Janet Waggott
Anthony Winship

Minutes

203 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Burr, Mrs Keal and Legard.

204 **Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

205 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business which the Chairman considered should be dealt with as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

206 **Declarations of Interest**

Members were advised that in relation to agenda item 8 (Revenue and Capital Budgets and Setting of Council Tax 2013/2014) all Members had been granted a dispensation to allow them to speak and vote in any debate on the adoption of a budget or the setting of the Council Tax notwithstanding them having any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or any personal and pecuniary interest including those referred to in the Register of Members Interests, for example, of being a resident of or a land or property owner in the administrative District of Ryedale.

No further interests were declared.

207 **Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcement:

On behalf of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to remind Members who were representatives on outside bodies and Members who were Member Champions to complete the survey circulated so that the Scrutiny Review Task Group could consider the feedback when it met on 6 March 2013.

208 **To consider for Approval the Recommendations in respect of the following Part 'B' Committee Items:**

Commissioning Board – 24 January 2013

Minute 94 – Fees and Charges

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Cowling and seconded by Councillor Fraser that the following recommendations of the Commissioning Board be approved and adopted.

That Council be recommended to approve the following fees and charges exceptions:

- (i) An increase of 2.5% in Ryecare charges;
- (ii) No increase in Taxi Licensing fees;
- (iii) An increase of 3.4% for water sampling units;

- (iv) An increase of 3.3% for markets (charge for vehicles); and
- (v) An increase of 5.5% for rat control visits.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved

That Council approve the following fees and charges exceptions:

- (i) An increase of 2.5% in Ryecare charges;
- (ii) No increase in Taxi Licensing fees;
- (iii) An increase of 3.4% for water sampling units;
- (iv) An increase of 3.3% for markets (charge for vehicles); and
- (v) An increase of 5.5% for rat control visits.

[Councillors Clark, Richardson, Ward and Woodward requested that their votes against the motion be recorded and the reason being their opposition to an increase in charges for rat control visits.]

209 Revenue and Capital Budgets and Setting of Council Tax 2013/2014

The Chairman of Council reported on the procedure to be adopted in considering the above item.

It was proposed that the item be dealt with in two separate parts:

- (a) Firstly, consideration of the recommendations in Minute 101 of the Policy & Resources Budget Meeting held on 7 February 2013, together with item 8 paragraph roman numeral I relating to the Council's revenue budget
- (b) Secondly, item 8 paragraphs roman numerals II to V relating to the requisite calculations and the setting of Council Tax.

It was moved by Councillor Acomb and seconded by Councillor Mrs Cowling that the recommendations in minute no. 101 (Financial Strategy 2013/2014) of the Budget Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 7 February 2013 be approved and adopted, together with the adoption of the revenue budget recommendation under paragraph roman numeral 1 of item 8 on the agenda.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Ives and seconded by Councillor Mrs Goodrick that;

“The 2013/14 budget is amended so that

- The £49,970 non specific grants budget allocated, in the proposed budget, to the CIF panel for distribution in 2013/14 is instead added to the unallocated revenue provision in the 2013/2014 budget.”

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

A second amendment was moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Woodward that;

“(ii) of the recommendation from Policy and Resources Committee:

Delete ‘No increase in Council Tax’ and replace with ‘Increase Council Tax by 1.99%’, with the additional funds raised to be placed into reserves.”

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Andrews, Clark, Richardson, Walker, Ward and Woodward

Against

Councillors Acomb, Arnold, Bailey, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Mrs Frank, Fraser, Mrs Goodrick, Hawkins, Hicks, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Ives, Knaggs, Mrs Knaggs, Maud, Raper, Mrs Sanderson, Mrs Shields, Wainwright and Windress

Abstentions

None

A third amendment was moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Woodward that;

“Welcome to Yorkshire subscription leave at £2,000. The whole of the £2,000 to be subject to match funding from the industry.”

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Andrews, Clark, Hicks, Maud, Richardson, Walker, Ward and Woodward

Against

Councillors Arnold, Bailey, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Mrs Frank, Fraser, Hawkins, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Ives, Knaggs, Mrs Knaggs, Raper, Mrs Sanderson, Wainwright and Windress

Abstentions

Councillors Acomb, Mrs Goodrick and Mrs Shields.

A fourth amendment was moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Ward that;

“Continue green waste collection through out winter. Decrease unallocated by £15,000.”

It was moved and seconded that the question now be put, and on being put to the vote this motion was carried.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

A fifth amendment was moved by Councillor Andrews and seconded by Councillor Clark that;

“Winter green waste collection be cut in the months of December and January only.”

It was moved and seconded that the question now be put, and on being put to the vote this motion was carried.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

A sixth amendment was moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Richardson that;

“Delete Members’ IT. Add £20,000 to reserves.”

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Recorded Vote

For

Councillors Andrews, Clark, Richardson, Mrs Shields, Ward and Woodward

Against

Councillors Acomb, Mrs Cowling, Cussons, Mrs Frank, Mrs Goodrick, Hope, Mrs Hopkinson, Ives, Raper, Wainwright and Windress

Abstentions

Councillors Bailey, Fraser, Hawkins, Knaggs, Mrs Knaggs, Maud and Mrs Sanderson.

A seventh amendment was moved by Councillor Clark and seconded by Councillor Woodward that;

“Remove £104,970 from unallocated to reserves.”

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Upon being put to the vote the substantive motion was then carried.

[Councillors Andrews, Clark, Richardson, Ward and Woodward requested that their votes against this motion be recorded.]

It was moved by Councillor Acomb and seconded by Councillor Mrs Cowling

that item 8 paragraphs roman numerals II to V relating to the requisite calculations and the setting of Council Tax be approved and adopted.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.

[Councillors Andrews, Clark, Richardson, Ward and Woodward requested that their votes against this motion be recorded.]

Resolved

That Council approves:

- (i) The Council's Financial Strategy (Annex A) which includes:
 - a. Saving/additional income totalling £721k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
to incorporate provision of further savings of £15k by not collecting green waste in the winter period of December, January February.
 - b. Growth Pressures totalling £616k (Financial Strategy Appendix A)
 - c. The Prudential Indicators (Financial Strategy Appendix B)
 - d. The revised capital programme (Financial Strategy Appendix D)
 - e. The Pay Policy 2013/2014 (Financial Strategy Appendix E)
- (ii) A Revenue Budget for 2013/2014 of £7,173,400 which represents no increase in the Ryedale District Council Tax of £176.72 for a Band D property (note that total Council Tax, including the County Council, Fire and Police is covered within the separate Council Tax setting report to Full Council);
- (iii) That Members note that the budget, as presented, still includes an unallocated revenue budget of £55k and no anticipated draw down from the general reserve;
- (iv) The special expenses amounting to £43,000;
- (v) To not implement a special expense for closed churchyards in 2013/2014.
- (vi) The following Council Tax Exemptions:
 - (a) Class A, 12 months at 100%;
 - (b) Class C, 2 months at 100%, and
- (vii) To note the financial projection for 2014/15 – 2016/17 and note the proposals for the Resources Working Party on the 11 March to start the budget strategy process for 2014/15 including options for service cuts and the basis for the use of the New Homes Bonus.

I Budget 2013/2014

That the revised revenue estimates for the year 2012/2013 and the revenue estimates for 2013/2014, as submitted in the Council's Financial Strategy and Revenue Budget 2013/2014 Book be approved.

With an amendment so that:

The £49,970 non specific grants budget allocated, in the proposed budget, to the CIF panel for distribution in 2013/14 is instead added to the unallocated revenue provision in the 2013/2014 budget.

II Council Tax Base

That it be noted that, in accordance with Minute No. 363(d)/2005 of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 8 December 2005, which was subsequently approved by Council at its meeting on 12 January 2006, Ryedale District Council has (pursuant to Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972) delegated responsibility to adopt the Council Tax base to the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee. The Council calculated the amounts for the year 2013/14, in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, as set out in Annex A.

III District/Parish Council Tax Rates

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2013/14, in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):

(a) District/Parish Gross Expenditure

£30,787,681.52 being the aggregate of the amounts, which the Council estimates for the items, set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.

(b) Income (including Government Grants and Collection Fund Surpluses)

£26,704,143.00 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 Council Tax Requirement

£4,083,538.52 being the amount by which the aggregate at Part III(a) above exceeds the aggregate at Part III(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.

(d) Basic amount of Tax (including Parish Precepts)

£211.59 being the amount at Part III(c) above, all divided by the amount at Part II above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

(e) **Parish Precept and Special Expenses**

£672,951.52 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

(f) **Basic Amount of Tax (excluding Parish Precepts)**

£176.72 being the amount at Part III(d) above less the results given by dividing the amount at Part III(e) above by the amount given at Part II 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.

(g) **Basic Amount of Tax in Parishes/Towns**

The details for each Parish as shown in Annex B, column headed "Aggregate amount at Band D", being the amounts given by adding to the amount at Part III(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above, divided in each case by the amount at Part II 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.

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

The details as shown in columns "A" to "H" of Annex B, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at Part III(f) and Part III(g) 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.

IV **County Council, Police and Fire & Rescue Authority Tax Rates (Provisional)**

That it be noted that for the year 2013/14 precepting Authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

BAND	NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY	NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
£	£	£	£
A	704.99	136.37	41.40
B	822.48	159.09	48.30
C	939.98	181.82	55.20
D	1,057.48	204.55	62.10
E	1,292.48	250.01	75.90
F	1,527.47	295.46	89.70
G	1,762.47	340.92	103.50
H	2,114.96	409.10	124.20

V **Total Council Tax Rates**

That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at Part III(h) and Part IV above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, hereby sets the amounts set out in Annex C as the amounts of Council Tax for 2013/14 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

210 **Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2013/2014**

The Corporate Director (s151) submitted a report (previously circulated) which considered the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and set the Prudential Indicators for 2013/14.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Wainwright and seconded by Councillor Mrs Cowling. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

Resolved

- (i) That the report be received;
- (ii) That the Treasury Management and Investment Strategies be noted and approved;
- (iii) The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement be approved by the Council;

- (iv) That the Prudential Indicators in the report be approved by the Council.

211 **Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.**

There being no items of urgent business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.