

Policy and Resources Committee

Held at Council Chamber - Ryedale House, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7HH
on Thursday 7 February 2013

Present

Councillors Acomb (Chairman), Bailey, Mrs Burr MBE, Mrs Goodrick, Ives, Knaggs, Mrs Knaggs, Legard (Vice-Chairman), Maud and Woodward

By Invitation of the Chairman: Councillor S Arnold, Councillor Mrs L Cowling, Councillor Mrs J Frank, Councillor Mrs A D Hopkinson, Councillor J Raper, Councillor L Richardson, Councillor Mrs J E Sanderson, Councillor P Walker, Councillor S Ward and Councillor J Windress

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Observers: Councillor Mrs Shields

In Attendance

Audrey Adnitt, Paul Cresswell and Janet Waggott

Minutes

98 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Fraser, Hicks, Hope and Wainwright.

99 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

100 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

101 **Financial Strategy 2013/2014**

Considered – Report of the Corporate Director (s151).

Members recorded their thanks to officers for their hard work in preparing the budget.

<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation to Council</p> <p>That Council be recommended to:</p> <p>(i) To approve the Council's Financial Strategy (Annex A) which includes:</p>
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- 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) To approve the special expenses amounting to £43,000;

(v) To not implement a special expense for closed churchyards in 2013/2014.

(vi) To approve 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 12 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.

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

There being no urgent business the meeting closed at 7.30pm