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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