



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: North Yorkshire Building Control
Partnership Board

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SUBJECT: Proposed Budget 2018/19

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Members with a proposed budget for 2018/19 together with a further two years of the financial recovery plan.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Members consider and approve the budget options contained within the report and set a proposed 2018/19 budget.

2.2 That the Partner Authorities note the expected outturn for 2017/18 and advise their appropriate committees.

2.3 That an increase of 2.75% is applied to Building Regulations Charges for the financial year 2018/19.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Partnership was formed in April 2001 with Ryedale and Selby and expanded to include Hambleton in September 2007 at the same time as the onset of the economic recession following the collapse of Northern Rock. Scarborough joined the Partnership in April 2008 and Richmondshire in April 2010.

3.2 Prior to the formation of the enlarged Partnership in September 2010 there was a total of 48 building control staff operating across the current Partnership area. Over the past eight years due to the economic downturn and efficiency savings this number has been reduced to 24, a reduction of 50% together with the associated annual savings.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

4.1 Annex A outlines the Partnership's expected financial performance in the current financial year and is reflected in the approved budget. A draft chargeable income of £921,620 has been forecast for 2018/19 taking into account the current financial position and recent trends. This incorporates a decrease of £40,000 on the approved budget for 2017/18. This budget assumes there will be no further contraction of the construction industry.

4.2 Working from the approved budget for 2017/18 the chargeable income for 2018/19 will be increased by 3.25% in line with an increase in charges of 2.75%, expected inflation and increased salary costs and 3.25% for the following two years. This will maintain the current structure and provide for development in 2019/20 and 2020/21 in line with the Partnership's Business Plan. In projecting the budget forward the Partnership is forecasting a surplus in 2018/19 of £16,989 after taking into account pension contributions due to early retirements of £9,690 and flood work and LABC income of £2,500.

4.3 In setting this budget it is assumed that the level of development will grow steadily following the decline over the previous years.

4.4 Minor adjustments have been made in expenditure in the proposed 2018/19 budget to take into account over and under spends in various budget headings. The Partnership's expenditure continues to be delivered within budget, however, there is little to no prospect of any further savings following continual review and reduction to maximise savings to bring the expenditure into line with income.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The financial implications are as detailed in this report.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There is a requirement within the legal agreement that a minimum reserve balance of £10,000 is maintained.

7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 7.1** Regular financial monitoring reports provided to the Head of Building Control and the Board will help to reduce the risk of unexpected overspends on budgets and falls in income, thereby enabling early preventative or remedial action to be taken.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1** That Members consider the budget set out in Annex A with a view to agreeing the proposed budget for 2018/19.
- 8.2** That Partner Authorities are notified of the expected outturn for 2017/18.

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