

CABINET

At a meeting held on Tuesday, 16 January 2018

Present:-

Councillor D J Bastiman (Chairman) in the Chair;
Councillors W Chatt, M J Cockerill, Mrs H F Mallory, J Nock and J Plant

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman reported that no public questions had been received.

4. FORWARD PLAN

The Cabinet considered the Forward Plan (Reference 18/12). The following amendments were noted: under the Leisure Portfolio, Proposals for a Residents' Parking Scheme (February), and under the Major Projects Portfolio, the deferral of Land at Whitby Harbour to March.

RESOLVED that, subject to the above amendments, the Forward Plan be approved.

5. PROGRESS OF SCRUTINY OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Members were advised that there had been no call-ins of executive decisions since the last meeting on 12 December.

6. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2018/19

The Cabinet considered a report by the Director (LD) (Reference 18/09).

RESOLVED that full Council be recommended to adopt the Schedule of Meetings for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix A to the report.

Reasons

Approval of the Schedule of Meetings will ensure that Council business is conducted efficiently.

7. DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2018/19 - UPDATE

The Cabinet considered a report by the Director (NE) (Reference 18/11) providing an update on the draft budget proposals for 2018/19. Members were advised that in addition to the usual technical matters that remained to be resolved (recommendations (ii) and (iii)), the draft budget had been revised in particular in light of the National Employers two year pay offer which had been higher than expected equating to an increase in the Council's funding gap by £320k in 2018/19 and a further £220k in 2019/20, and the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement which had increased the Council Tax referendum limit to a maximum of 3%. The recommended increase in Council

Tax for 2018/19 was 2.99% to help bridge this funding gap. The report also described how the funding gap would be addressed by reprofiling the use of reserves in the next two years and how a review of operational reserves had identified an uncommitted balance of £790k which would be used for one-off priority funding – Armed Forces Day and the Community Investment Fund – and various additions to the Capital Programme. Members welcomed the proposals in the report, and the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Chatt made a plea for the Community Led Local Development programme to be given financial support in future years, for example through Scarborough Jobmatch.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet:

- (i) approve the Council Tax Base for 2018/19 as 38,006.85 Band D equivalent properties;
- (ii) agree that authority to approve the final Council Tax Collection Fund surplus be delegated to the Director (Nick Edwards) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Investment;
- (iii) agree that authority to approve the NNDR1 Return and Business Rates Collection fund surplus be delegated to the Director (Nick Edwards) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Investment;
- (iv) endorse the updated draft revenue budget proposals set out in Appendix A to this report prior to them being presented to Full Council for approval in March; with particular attention being given to the implications of the employer's pay offer, outcome of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement announcement, and the associated proposal to increase Council Tax by 2.99% rather than the previously reported figure of 2.26% and re-profile planned draws from reserves into the 2018/19 year;
- (v) endorse the draft capital budget proposals set out in Appendix B prior to them being presented to Full Council for approval in March;
- (vi) subject to the approval of recommendation (v) agree that officers enter into a period of consultation on the proposals contained within this report; and
- (vii) recommend that Council approve the 2018/19 Council Tax discount and premiums set out in Section 3.3 of this report, which remain unchanged from those approved for 2017/18.

Reasons

All preceptors use the Council Tax Base figure as the denominator for calculating their Council Tax. It is a statutory requirement for the Council to notify the major Precepting Authorities of the approved Tax Base and any surplus or deficit on the Collection Fund by the 31 January of each year.

It is a statutory requirement to submit the NNDR1 form to the Department for Communities and Local Government and notify North Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service of their respective shares by the 31 January of each year.

Full Council must approve the 2018/19 budget, and associated Council Tax level at its meeting on 2 March 2018. It is important that the Council consults with the public on its budget prior to it being approved, and that the areas

identified in the consultation process are taken into consideration in the budget setting process.

8. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD - REVIEW OF CAR PARKING CHARGES

The Cabinet considered a report by the Director (LD) (Reference 18/02) which presented the findings and recommendations of the Car Parking Review Group in respect of off-street car parking charges for 2018/19. The report was introduced by the Chair of the CPRG, Councillor Mortimer who explained how the Review Group's proposals sought to minimise the impact of car parking charge increases on residents by focusing on six hour and twenty four hour tariffs, whilst ensuring that the 2% inflationary increase in fees and charges identified in the Budget Strategy could be achieved. Members were further advised that the majority of permit prices had not increased since 2013/14 and that the proposed increase of permit prices was in line with inflation. The Chairman thanked the Review Group for their work.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet:

Car Parking Fees and Charges 2018/19

- (i) Approve the proposed fees and charges for 2018/19 outlined in Appendix B of the report.

Winter Charging

- (ii) Determine not to implement Winter Charging across those car parks where charges do not apply at present.

Electric Vehicle Charging

- (iii) Note the progress in relation to Electric Vehicle Charging

Motor Caravan Parking

- (iv) Note the progress in relation to Motor Caravan Parking

Reasons

- To support the prudent and effective management of the provision of car parking
- To ensure that the 2% inflationary increase in Fees and Charges identified in Budget Strategy can be achieved.

Chairman