

EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

10 FEBRUARY 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Wilkinson (Chairman), Abraham, Aitken, C Bayram, L Bayram, Beaumont, Birch, Boynton, Burton, Copsey, Coultish, Davison, Dealtry, Dennis, Dewhirst, Elvidge, Evison, Fox, Gateshill, Gill, Green, Greenwood, Hammond, Harold, Healy, Heslop-Mullens, Holmes, Holtby, Horton, Jefferson, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Jump, Lee, Mathieson, Matthews, McMaster, Medini, Meredith, Nickerson, Nolan, Norman, Owen, Padden, Rudd, Smith Stathers, Steel, Sutton, Sykes, Tucker, A Walker, Weeks, K West, P West, Whittle and Winter.

The Council meeting was held at County Hall, Beverley and was live streamed on YouTube.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bovill, Chadwick, Handley, Healing, Johnson, Rogers, Sargeantson, Skow and Temple.

12/22 MINUTE'S SILENCE - The Council held a minute's silence in respect of former Councillor Vanessa Walker, Ward Councillor for South Hunsley, who sadly passed away in January 2022.

13/22 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS - No declarations of interest were made.

14/22 MINUTES - Moved by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman, and

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

15/22 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022-23 - The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report proposing a Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2022-23. The Strategy was drawn from the Council's Treasury Policy Statement and covered investments, borrowing, the outlook for interest rates, the management of associated risk and the policy to be adopted on Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP).

The Strategy had been considered by the Audit Committee on 21 January 2022 and The Cabinet on 1 February 2022, both of which had recommended that the Strategy and Policy be approved.

Moved by Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor Holtby, and

Resolved - That the Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2022-23 as set out in the report be approved.

16/22 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2022-23 AND FINANCIAL PLAN 2022-23 TO 2025-26 - The Director of Corporate Resources and the Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration submitted a joint report outlining proposed changes to the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2022-23 and Financial Plan 2022-23 to 2025-26.

The report had been considered by The Cabinet on 1 February 2022 who had recommended approval of the recommendations contained therein.

The report set out the proposed Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2022-23 and the proposed council house rents for 2022-23, including rent increases of 4.1%, which was based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus 1%. The report also set out other fees and charges for 2022-23.

Moved by Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor Holtby, and

Resolved - (a) That the 2022-23 Housing Revenue Account budget as set out in Appendix A of the report be approved;

(b) that individual council house rents, summarised in Appendix B of the report be approved;

(c) that a 4.1% increase to service charges separated out from rents, as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report be approved;

(d) that other rents, fees and charges for 2022-23 as set out in Appendix C of the report be approved;

(e) that an increase in Shared Ownership rents based upon Retail Price Index plus 0.5% be approved;

(f) that the Capital Investment budgets set out in Appendix E be approved, and

(g) that the affordable housing priorities as set out in Section 8 of the report be approved.

17/22 BUSINESS PLAN 2020-25 AND FINANCIAL PLAN 2022-23 TO 2025-26 - The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report outlining the recommended Business Plan for 2020-25 (2022 update) and the Financial Plan for 2022-23 to 2025-26 incorporating the 2022-23 revenue budget proposals and the Capital Strategy including the prudential indicators. The Cabinet had referred the draft revenue budget to Council as a basis for discussion. Budget proposals and statements were put forward as follows:-

Councillor Owen moved a budget proposal on behalf of the Conservative Group, which was seconded by Councillor Holtby. The proposal was to approve the proposed General Fund revenue budget for 2022-23 subject to the following amendments:

Conservative Group Budget Proposals	Impact on 22/23 £m
Car Parking Charges - rejected the proposed introduction to areas where parking is free	-
Winter Gritting	0.200
Electric Vehicle Charging Scheme - 100 new charging points over 18 months	0.400
Love Your High Street	0.300
Goole Place Pilot	0.250
Community Wealth Fund	0.525
CCTV Enhancement	0.250
Early Years Providers Business Rate Relief	0.133
Schools Music Service	0.055

Bus Services	0.150
Hardship Fund	0.200
Sub-Total	2.463
Funded by:	
Increase to final local government finance settlement	0.508
COVID-19 Collection Risk Reserve	0.605
Economic Development and Bridlington Regeneration Reserve	0.250
Remaining Council Tax Hardship Fund	1.100
Total	2.463

Councillor Nolan moved a budget proposal on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group, which was seconded by Councillor Healy. The proposal was to approve the proposed General Fund revenue budget for 2022-23 subject to the following amendments:

Liberal Democrat Group Budget Proposals	Impact on 22/23 £m
New Savings	
Cabinet positions	-0.030
Efficiencies from back office functions	-0.200
Removal of senior management posts	-0.111
Scrapping Consultants pay and reward scheme	-2.250
Net savings	-2.591
Spend on Priorities	
ERYC Crime prevention and safety for women	0.250
Potholes and pavement repair	0.617
Dog-fouling prevention and enforcement	0.100
Ward level budgets £5k per ward	0.130
Flamborough Speed reduction measures	0.100
Reinstate free shuttle bus Bridlington to Scarborough hospital	0.125
Road safety at junction Woodfield Lane/Heads Lane/Ferriby	0.050
Road Hessele	
Provide more parking by hard-standing verge edges	0.500
Feasibility study to upgrade Bridlington Hospital services	0.100
No changes to car parking charges	0.383
Cost of additional priorities	2.355
Net savings minus additional spend on priorities	-0.236
Reduction in Council Tax Increase from CMT figure	0.236
Net Overall Position	0.000

Councillor Jefferson made a budget statement on behalf of the Independent Group.

Councillor Norman made a budget statement on behalf of the Yorkshire Group.

Moved by Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor Holtby, and

Resolved - (a) That the General Fund revenue budget for 2022-23 be approved subject to the amendments set out in the table below;

	Impact on 22/23 £m
Car Parking Charges - rejected the proposed introduction to areas where parking is free	-
Winter Gritting	0.200
Electric Vehicle Charging Scheme - 100 new charging points over 18 months	0.400
Love Your High Street	0.300
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(b) that the Business Plan 2020-25 (2022 update) be approved;

(c) that the level of Council Tax for 2022-23 be recommended at an increase of 3.99%;

(d) that the Schools Budget for 2022-23 and the hourly rate paid to early years providers in 2022-23 of £4.31 be approved;

(e) that the Capital Strategy, including prudential indicators be approved, and

(f) that the Pay Policy Statement as set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved.

Voting on the motion was by way of a recorded vote as follows:-

For - Councillors Abraham, Aitken, C Bayram, L Bayram, Beaumont, Birch, Burton, Copsey, Coultish, Dennis, Dewhurst, Elvidge, Evison, Fox, Gateshill, Green, Greenwood, Hammond, Harold, Holmes, Holtby, Horton, Jefferson, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Jump, Lee, Mathieson, Matthews, McMaster, Medini, Meredith, Nickerson, Owen, Rudd, Smith, Stathers, Steel, Sykes, Tucker, Weeks, K West, P West, Wilkinson, Whittle and Winter.

Against - Councillors Boynton, Davison, Dealtry, Gill, Healy, Heslop-Mullens, Nolan, Norman, Padden, Sutton and A Walker.

Abstentions - None.

For - 46

Against - 11

Abstentions - 0

18/22 COUNCIL TAX 2022-23 - The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report proposing the Council Tax for 2022-23. The Council was required under legislation to determine the council tax for 2022-23 by way of a council tax resolution, which included the amounts set by precepting bodies. A draft Council tax resolution was attached at Appendix 2 of the report as now submitted.

The proposed revenue budget for 2022-23 totalled £324.897m with a council tax requirement of £195.470m. This required a Band D council tax of £1,616.79, excluding special expenses, police, fire, and parish and town council precepts.

The proposed 2022-23 budget included a council tax increase of 3.99%. The Government had permitted local authorities to apply a general increase of up to 1.99% to council tax for 2022-23, plus a further 1% increase for authorities with social care responsibilities which must be used to fund adult social care costs called the Adult Social Care Precept. In addition to this, councils that did not utilise their full permitted Adult Social Care Precept in 2021-22 of 3% were able to carry over any shortfall to 2022-23.

In 2021-22, East Riding of Yorkshire Council set the council tax increase at 3.49% inclusive of a 2% Adult Social Care Precept. This meant the Council had the flexibility to carry forward the unutilised 1% of the Adult Social Care Precept and increase its council tax by a further 1% in 2022-23. The Council may therefore increase its council tax by up to 3.99% for 2022-23 before triggering a local referendum.

Special expenses totalled £0.482m in 2022-23 compared with £0.462m in 2021-22. Increases to special expenses were subject to the same local referendum principles as council tax. They were not used to fund social care and might therefore be increased by up to 1.99%. The recommended increases to special expenses were limited to 1.99%.

Parish and town councils each set a council tax precept which the Council collected on their behalf. The 2022-23 precepts would be reported to the Council on 23 February 2022.

The Humberside Fire and Rescue Service precept, which the Council collected on their behalf, was due to be set on 11 February 2022 and the Police and Crime Commissioner were required to issue their precepts to the Council by 1 March each year. Both of these precepts would be reported to the Council on 23 February 2022 if they were set in accordance with the expected

timetable. Alternative arrangements for approval of the final council tax resolution would need to be made should either of these precepts be set after 23 February 2022.

Moved by Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor Holtby, and

Resolved - That the formal Council Tax resolution be submitted to the Council on 23 February 2022 for approval, including the following elements:-

- Council tax with an increase of 3.99% relative to the 2021-22 amount.
- Special expenses.
- Parish and town council precepts.
- Precepts set by Humberside Fire and Rescue Service and the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner.