

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

**Belle Vue Suite, Belle Vue Square Offices, Skipton
Tuesday, 30 April 2019 at 7.00pm**

Members of the Council are summoned to consider the following business

Note: Any Member who wishes to ask a question is asked to give notice by no later than Noon on the day before the Council Meeting. This will give those answering questions time to produce a response. Otherwise written answers may be given after the meeting.

AGENDA

Exclusion of the Public: In accordance with the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, Members are recommended to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of appendices e and f to agenda item 6 on the grounds that it is likely that if Members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (relates to the financial or business affairs of any person including the Authority holding the information) of those Rules and Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

- 1. Apologies for absence** – To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes** – To confirm the minutes of Council held on 26 February 2019.
- 3. Public Participation** – In the event that questions are received, the Chairman will conduct the public participation session for a period of up to fifteen minutes. Where questions are asked, one related supplementary question may be permitted at the Chairman's discretion.
- 4. Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have on items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests and whether they wish to apply the exception below.

Note: Declarations should be in the form of either:

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- an “**other interest**” under Appendix B of the Code. For these interests, the Member may stay in the meeting room, although they must leave if membership of the organisation results in a conflict of interest.

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- Chairman’s Announcements** – A list of engagements attended by the Chairman is attached.
- Recommendations for Confirmation** – Minutes containing recommendations for debate and confirmation by Council arising from meetings of Committees.
- Statement from the Leader of the Council** – The Leader of the Council will deliver his statement. When the Statement has been made, Members will be invited to ask questions of the Leader.
- Statements from Lead Members, Chairmen of Committees and Council Representatives on Outside Bodies** (as appropriate)
 - Lead Members**
 - Chairman of Select Committee** – The Chairman of Select Committee to report on the Committee’s work, and answer any questions from Members.
 - Chairmen of Other Committees** – This is an opportunity for Members of the Council to ask questions of the Chairmen of the Committees listed below on any current issues, or for those Chairmen to make a statement:
 - Audit and Governance Committee
 - Licensing Committee
 - Planning Committee
 - Standards Committee.
 - Council Representatives on Outside Bodies** – To receive an update from Council representatives on Outside Bodies on key areas of work.
- General Question / Statement Time** – This is an opportunity for Members to raise awareness of issues that may be affecting their Ward, and are of general interest or importance, by making a statement or asking a question.

*(Note: Council Procedure Rule 11.4 covers the conduct of this item. A Member must give **advance notice by noon on the day before the meeting** to the Democratic Services Unit of any issue to be raised. The time limit for dealing with matters under this Rule is up to 15 minutes in total, with no individual item taking more than 5 minutes. Timings may be varied at the Chairman’s discretion.)*

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COUNCIL MEETING

26 February 2019

Present – The Chair (Councillor Hull) and Councillors Barrett, Baxandall, Brockbank, Brown, Dawson, Foster, Heseltine, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Mason, Mercer, Moorby, Morell, Mulligan, Place, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe, Thompson, Welch and Whitaker.

Officers – Chief Executive, Director of Services, Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer), Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer and Democratic Services Manager.

Apologies – Councillors Harbron, Myers, Pighills and Rose.

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 8.50pm

CL.1089

JANET OXLEY

The Chair opened the meeting by asking Members to join her in observing a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Janet Oxley, who recently passed away. Councillor Janet Oxley had served as Ward Member for Skipton East Ward. Members paid tribute to Janet Oxley.

CL.1090

MINUTES

Resolved – That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 December 2018 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CL.1091

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions received from members of the public.

CL.1092

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Solloway declared an interest (under Appendix B of the Council's Code of Conduct) in relation to agenda item 8b, Other Recommendations for Confirmation, (POL 974. 'Preparation of Growth Strategy for Skipton Railway Station and Adjacent Areas') as he was a Trustee of Craven Coulthurst Sports Trust, which covered the area around the railway station.

CL.1093

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A list of engagements attended by the Chair was included within the agenda pack. The Chair also highlighted her attendance at the Craven Community Champion awards at Coniston Hotel.

CL.1094

BUDGET RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION

The following recommendations were submitted by Policy Committee at its meeting held on 5 February 2019:

Note: For each minute the motion was proposed and seconded “That the recommendations in the minutes are confirmed.”

- POL.975 – Pay Policy Statement 2019-20

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL.975 are confirmed.

- POL.976 – Council Plan 2019-20

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 976 are confirmed.

- POL.977 – Capital Programme 2019-20

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 977 are confirmed.

- POL.978 – Revenue Budget 2019-20 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22

The recommendations at Minute POL.978 (Revenue Budget 2019-20 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22) were considered alongside Minute CL. 1095, Council Tax Levels 2019-20.

- POL.979 – Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement and Annual Investment Strategy

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 979 are confirmed.

- POL.980 – Craven District Council Capital Strategy 2019-23

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL. 980 are confirmed.

CL.1095

COUNCIL TAX LEVELS 2019-20

The Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) submitted a report, which enabled the Council to calculate and approve the Council Tax requirement for 2019-20.

Members made the following key points:

- The need to develop income generation schemes to ensure a sustainable budget.
- The significant financial challenges faced by local authorities.
- The impact of austerity on rural communities and key local services.
- Thanks to staff in finance for ensuring a balanced budget. Members wished to place on record their thanks to the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer), Nicola Chick, who was retiring from her role in July. Members thanked Nicola for her invaluable contribution to the Council, particularly in terms of her hard work and expertise.

The following motions were voted on:

1) That the recommendations contained in Minute POL.978 (Revenue Budget 2019-20 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22) as set out below are confirmed:

- a) That the revenue budget assumptions, as detailed within the Chief Finance Officer's report are noted.
- b) That the revenue budget for 2019/20 of £6,735,044 set out in Appendix A to the report now submitted is approved.
- c) That the schedule of growth bids of £67,250 as identified in Appendix C to the report now submitted are approved.
- d) That the savings of £21,780 as identified in Appendix D to the report now submitted are approved.
- e) That a contribution from the New Homes Bonus Reserve of £50,000 is made to support the 2019/20 budget, in addition to £198,400 for approved projects, giving a total of £248,400.
- f) That the assessment of the robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves in Paragraph 10 and Appendix F of the report now submitted, is approved.
- g) That the estimated sum of £995,000 as identified as the General Fund Balance as at 31st March 2018 in Paragraph 10 and Appendix F of the report now submitted, is approved.
- h) That the Council Tax is increased at Band D by £5 to £172.21.
- i) That the revenue budget incorporates the net contributions to/ (from) earmarked reserves as detailed in tables 1 and 2, Paragraph 4.8, Appendix A and Appendix F (annex 1).
- j) (a) That as part of the budget setting report to Council, an update is provided on the estimated Craven District Council allocation of retained business rates North and West Yorkshire pilot; and
(b) That any significant variance to the figures included within the budget report proposals are adjusted through contributions (to)/from the business rates equalisation reserve.
- k) That should additional resources be available through the retained business rates scheme, a matching contribution to the business rates contingency reserve is made to mitigate against future uncertainties.
- l) That the Section 25 report on the robustness of the budget contained within Section 10 of the report and Appendix F to the report now submitted, is noted.
- m) That the funding sources identified in the report and Appendix A now submitted are approved:

		£'000
a)	Revenue Support Grant	0
b)	Rural Services Grant	280
c)	Housing Grant	46
d)	New Homes Bonus	516
e)	Retained Business Rates	1,893
f)	Business Rates Collection Fund (Deficit)	(103)
g)	Council Tax Collection Fund Surplus	96
h)	Council Tax	3,879
i)	Contribution from General Fund Balance	0
j)	Contributions (to)/from Earmarked Reserves	128
	Total Funding	6,735

2) That the recommendations contained in the report of the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) in relation to Council Tax Levels 2019-20, as set out below are confirmed:

- 2.1 It be noted that on 23 October 2018 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2018/19
- (a) for the whole Council area as 22,525.86 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix A.
- 2.2 Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2019/20 (excluding Parish precepts) is £3,879,178.
- 2.3 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- (a) **£24,992,583** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) **£19,708,188** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) **£5,284,393** being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - (d) **£234.59** being the amount at (c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2.1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - (e) **£1,405,215** being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix B).
 - (f) **£172.21** being the amount at (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by Item T (2.1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
- 2.4 To note that the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Service have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2019/20 for each part of its area and for each of the

categories of dwellings.

Valuation bands

Craven District Council

<u>BAND A</u>	<u>BAND B</u>	<u>BAND C</u>	<u>BAND D</u>	<u>BAND E</u>	<u>BAND F</u>	<u>BAND G</u>	<u>BAND H</u>
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
114.81	133.94	153.08	172.21	210.48	248.75	287.02	344.42

North Yorkshire County Council

<u>BAND A</u>	<u>BAND B</u>	<u>BAND C</u>	<u>BAND D</u>	<u>BAND E</u>	<u>BAND F</u>	<u>BAND G</u>	<u>BAND H</u>
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
874.11	1,019.79	1,165.48	1,311.16	1,602.53	1,893.90	2,185.27	2,622.32

Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire

<u>BAND A</u>	<u>BAND B</u>	<u>BAND C</u>	<u>BAND D</u>	<u>BAND E</u>	<u>BAND F</u>	<u>BAND G</u>	<u>BAND H</u>
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
170.51	198.93	227.35	255.77	312.61	369.45	426.28	511.54

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

<u>BAND A</u>	<u>BAND B</u>	<u>BAND C</u>	<u>BAND D</u>	<u>BAND E</u>	<u>BAND F</u>	<u>BAND G</u>	<u>BAND H</u>
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
47.51	55.43	63.35	71.27	87.11	102.95	118.78	142.54

Aggregate of the Council tax Requirements

<u>BAND A</u>	<u>BAND B</u>	<u>BAND C</u>	<u>BAND D</u>	<u>BAND E</u>	<u>BAND F</u>	<u>BAND G</u>	<u>BAND H</u>
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,248.53	1,456.61	1,664.71	1,872.79	2,288.98	2,705.16	3,121.32	3,745.58

- 2.5 The Council 's basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 2.6 If the formal Council Tax Resolution is approved, the total Band D Council Tax will be as follows:

	2019/20 £
Craven DC	172.21
North Yorkshire County Council	1,311.16
Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire	255.77
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service	71.27
Sub-Total	1,810.41
Town & Parish Council (average)	62.38
Total	1,872.79

Resolved –

1. That in respect to Motion 1, Minute POL.978 (Revenue Budget 2019-20 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22) as set out above is confirmed and adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Barrett, Baxandall, Brockbank, Dawson, Foster, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Mason, Mercer, Moorby, Morrell, Mulligan, Place, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe, Thompson, Welch and Whitaker (24)

Against the Motion: None (0)

Abstain: Councillor Brown (1)

2. That in respect to Motion 2, the recommendations contained in the report of the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) in relation to Council Tax Levels 2019-20, as set out above, are adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Barrett, Baxandall, Brockbank, Brown, Dawson, Foster, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Mason, Mercer, Moorby, Morrell, Mulligan, Place, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley, Sutcliffe, Thompson, Welch and Whitaker (25)

Against the Motion: None (0)

Abstain: None (0)

CL.1096 **RECOMMENDATION FOR CONFIRMATION – STATUTORY AND SENIOR OFFICERS’ EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which presented a recommendation for confirmation arising from a meeting of the Statutory and Senior Officers’ Employment Committee held on 15 February 2019.

Note: The motion was proposed and seconded “That the recommendation in the Minute is confirmed.”

- SEC.23 – Role of the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer)

Resolved –That the recommendation at Minute SEC. 23 is confirmed.

CL.1097 **OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION**

Recommendations of Policy Committee (15 January and 5 February 2019) and Audit and Governance (29 January 2019) were submitted.

Note: For each minute, the motion was proposed and seconded “That the recommendations in the Minute are confirmed”.

- POL.970 – Longer Term Financial Strategy (LTFS) 2019-20 to 2025-26

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL.970 are confirmed.

- POL.971 – Collection Fund Council Tax Surplus / Deficit 2018-19

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL.971 are confirmed.

- POL.972 – Collection Fund National Non-Domestic Rates Surplus / Deficit 2018-19

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL.972 are confirmed.

- POL.973 – Boundary Signs

Members emphasised the importance of boundary signs as Craven was a key tourist area. It was noted that neighbouring authorities already had boundary signs. Members requested that the signs avoided the use of any unnecessary slogans.

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL.973 are confirmed.

- POL.974 – Preparation of Growth Strategy for Skipton Railway Station and Adjacent Areas

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute POL.974 are confirmed.

- AC.341 – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Resolved –That the recommendations at Minute AC.341 are confirmed.

CL.1098 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019/20**

The Democratic Services Manager submitted a report which presented a revised draft Calendar of Meetings for 2019-20 for Members' approval.

Resolved –

- (a) That the proposed Calendar of Meetings (as appended to the report) for 2019-20 is approved.
- (b) That at their first meetings in the new municipal year, Committees and Sub-Committees agree a start time for their meetings for the remainder of the year.

CL.1099 **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader of the Council made the following key points:

- It was reported that plans for a One Yorkshire deal had been rejected by the Government on the basis that the proposals did not meet its devolution criteria. Further information was anticipated later in the week from the Communities Secretary, James Brokenshire.
- An update on York and North Yorkshire combining with West Yorkshire to form a single local enterprise partnership (LEP).
- An update on the voter ID trial at the 2019 local elections. It was advised that a judicial review, which challenged the Government's plans to require ID in local elections, was to be heard in the High Court on 7 and 8 March 2019.

CL.1100

**STATEMENTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS, CHAIRMEN OF
COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON
OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Brockbank reported that Northern Railway had named one of its trains in honour of the Bentham Line to create a dementia-friendly railway. The train was named 'The Bentham Line - A Dementia-Friendly Railway' and unveiled at a special event at Leeds station in January. The project aimed to raise awareness of dementia and support initiatives to develop an inclusive railway.

Councillor Dawson reported that Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee met on 25 February 2019 to consider the Examiner's Report on the proposed Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan. The Committee agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan met the 'basic conditions' and that the next step was to proceed to a referendum.

Councillor Dawson provided a comprehensive update on the draft Local Plan. It was reported that since October 2018, officers had been in discussion with the Inspector to finalise changes that were necessary to make the Plan sound. These discussions had been completed and the process now required a six week public consultation on the changes. The changes to the Plan were called 'Main Modifications' and the period of public consultation started on Tuesday, 19 February and was due to end on Monday, 1 April 2019.

Councillor Ireton reported that a copy of the Standards Bulletin was being circulated to Members later in the week. He particularly thanked the Council's Monitoring Officer for all her hard work in managing standards complaints.

Resolved – That a copy of the statement from the Chairman of Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee in relation to the draft Local Plan is forwarded to all Members of the Council.

CL.1101

GENERAL QUESTION / STATEMENT TIME

Councillor Brown submitted the following question:

"Can the Leader of the Council tell us how many tons of Craven origin rubbish were burned in the last full year and how that compared to previous data?"

The following response was provided:

"As the Member will be aware Craven is the 'Waste Collection Authority' and North Yorkshire County Council is the 'Waste Disposal Authority'.

The County Council's Allerton Park Energy from Waste Facility was fully commissioned on the 1 April 2018. From this date to 31 December 2018 a total of 8835.307 tonnes of residual waste (domestic and commercial) have been incinerated at this plant.

In the previous financial year 2017-18 the County Council delivered Craven's 15,522.45 tonnes of residual waste for disposal to Associated Waste Management in Leeds. We are led to believe that after some initial processing a significant portion of the waste was then

transported to the energy company SSE at its facility at Ferrybridge as part of its energy from waste scheme.

Previous to this our residual collected waste was disposed at a landfill facility.”

Resolved – That a copy of the response is forwarded to all Members of the Council.

Chairman



The Chairman of Craven District Council
(Councillor Wendy Hull)

Civic Engagements

During the period – March to April 2019

MARCH 2019

Friday, 1 March – World Day of Prayer Service, Holy Trinity Church, Skipton

Thursday, 7 March – Spring Reception – RAF Menwith Hill

Saturday, 30 March – The Lord Mayor of York – Civic Dinner at The Mansion House, York.

Judging Panel for “The Green Apple Awards”.

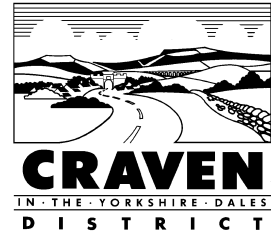
APRIL 2019

Wednesday, 17 April – Mayoral Tour of Ribble Valley

Friday, 26 April – Afternoon tea and visit to Harrogate Spring Flower Show.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION as Appendices E and F are considered exempt by virtue of Category 3 (financial or business affairs of any particular Person (including the Council) of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules and Part 1 of Schedule 21A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

AGENDA ITEM 6



COUNCIL MEETING

30 April 2019

Recommendations for Confirmation

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

Ward(s) affected: Not applicable

1. **Purpose of Report** – To present recommendations of Committees which require confirmation by Council.
2. **Recommendation** – To approve recommendations within the minutes reproduced in the appendices to this report.
3. **Report**
 - 3.1 In the current cycle of meetings the following Committees have made recommendations which require confirmation by Council. Those recommendations are contained in the following minutes, the full text of which is set out within the appendices to this report.

Policy Committee

The Chairman of Policy Committee will present recommendations in respect of the following minutes:

5 March 2019

POL.986	Revenue Budget Monitoring Q3 2018/19
POL.987	Capital Programme Monitoring Q3 2018/19
POL.988	Attracting Younger People to Craven Action Plan
POL.989	Potential Tour de Yorkshire 2020 Start in Skipton

\$POL.990	Future High Street Fund (Skipton)
\$POL.991	Joint Venture – Development of Land at Airedale Avenue, Skipton

Standards Committee

The Chairman of Standards Committee will present recommendations in respect of the following minutes:

13 March 2019

STN.359	Review of the Code of Conduct for Members
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- 3.2 Members requiring a copy of any of the reports associated with the above minutes are asked to contact the Democratic Services Team.
4. **Author of the Report** – Guy Close, Democratic Services Manager, Telephone (01756) 706226, E-mail: gclose@cravenc.gov.uk
5. **Background documents** – None
6. **Appendices**

Appendix A	POL.986	Revenue Budget Monitoring Q3 2018/19
Appendix B	POL.987	Capital Programme Monitoring Q3 2018/19
Appendix C	POL.988	Attracting Younger People to Craven Action Plan
Appendix D	POL.989	Potential Tour de Yorkshire 2020 Start in Skipton
Appendix E	\$POL.990	Future High Street Fund (Skipton) (Exempt)
Appendix F	\$POL.991	Joint Venture – Development of Land at Airedale Avenue, Skipton (Exempt)
Appendix G	STN.359	Review of the Code of Conduct for Members

POL.986

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING Q3 2018/19

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report advising Members of the revenue budget position of the Council based on the quarter 3 review of income and expenditure to the end of December 2018.

The forecasted revenue budget surplus for the financial year was £123k, however the volatility of the Council's income streams could mean that any reduction in the estimated income could reduce the surplus to a deficit. The general fund balance was £995k and this would assist in mitigating against the risk of unplanned movements from budgeted net expenditure levels as well as the changes in local government funding. The Council had £6,342k in earmarked reserves at 1 April 2018 with budgeted and in year contributions of £553k, less utilisation in 2018/19 or a commitment for future year's use of £2,078k meant an estimated balance at 31st March 2019 of £4,817k.

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) That, the revenue budget position as at 31st December 2018 is noted.
- (2) That, £18k of the savings achieved this quarter and identified as green in Appendix B to the report now submitted are noted and that these savings will be transferred to an earmarked reserve for support to the 2019/20 budget and beyond.
- (3) That, the Council's Long Term Financial Strategy is amended to take account of the 'green' savings in 2019/20 and beyond where these are not currently allowed for in the budget.
- (4) That, the supplementary estimate of £50k to continue to fund the work associated with the latter stages of the Local Plan is approved.
- (5) That, the transfer of a proportion of the current balance of the revenue budget surplus to earmarked reserves is approved and that the allocations are delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (S.151 Officer).

POL.987

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING Q3 2018/19

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report informing Members of the Council's capital programme position, based on the quarter 3 review of income and expenditure to the end of December 2018.

The Council approved the 2018/19 capital programme of £3,164k in February 2018. Subsequently, £4,704k of slippage from the 2017/18 was included and supplementary estimates of £2,185k for new projects were added to the programme giving a revised capital programme of £10,023k.

The Chief Finance Officer's report detailed the progress of the programme and the possibility that a number of projects were likely to be slipped into the 2019/20 programme and that slippage was estimated to be £5,990,377k.

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) That, the capital budget position of the 2018/19 capital programme as at the 31st December 2018 is noted.
- (2) That, a supplementary estimate of £50,000 to fund the works on the Cross Hills Village Plan is approved.
- (3) That, a supplementary estimate of £20,000 to fund additional works on the Aireville Park Playground is approved and this is to be funded by additional external funding.
- (4) That, the 2018/19 capital programme and the proposed funding, including the supplementary estimates for new projects agreed in quarter three are noted.

POL.988 **ATTRACTING YOUNGER PEOPLE TO CRAVEN ACTION PLAN**

Further to Minute POL.924/18-19, the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration submitted a report that introduced an action plan for the Attracting Younger People Programme and requested that the Council made a financial contribution to delivering aspects of the action plan.

The Action Plan, developed by Craven District Council, Eden District Council, Richmondshire District Council, South Lakeland District Council and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority set out a range of objectives and listed a range of actions related to housing, better jobs, community services and promoting the Dales. It was anticipated that the action plan would evolve as actions were completed and new requirements and opportunities were identified.

The reasons for the loss of younger people from Craven and the wider Yorkshire Dales were varied and the action plan had concentrated on a holistic approach with the following objectives:

- Create at least 400¹ new dwellings in a range of tenures, sizes, types and prices.
- Increase the number and quality of jobs, so as to increase gross value added (GVA) by 10%².
- Deliver at least one significant economic development project in each of Craven, Eden, Richmondshire and South Lakeland.
- Connect Grassington, Hawes, Reeth, Sedbergh, and their surrounding ‘service villages’, to fibre-to-the-premises broadband, and secure at least the Universal Service Obligation (10 mbps) for the rest of the National Park.
- Provide basic mobile phone coverage across the National Park, and ensure 4G (or better) services are available on all networks in Grassington, Hawes, Reeth, Sedbergh and their surrounding service villages.
- Seek to retain access to local services — like primary schools and GP surgeries — that are essential to the long-term viability of local communities.
- Undertake a 5-year programme of measures to promote the National Park as a place to live for younger, working age households.

The action plan was well received by Members and during the ensuing debate, concern was expressed in the loss of younger people from Craven and they were keen for the Council to be proactive and positively promote Craven and what it had to offer. Members also commented that rural school rolls were in decline resulting in school closures because they were not economically viable. Additionally, Members noted that Craven whilst having high employment, had a low wage economy that affected young people’s ability to be able to afford to buy their own home in the District and more affordable homes were needed.

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) That, the contents of the Attracting Younger People Action Plan are approved.
- (2) That, a contribution of £20,000 is allocated from the New Homes Bonus reserve towards the delivery of the Attracting Younger People Action Plan.
- (3) That, the Chief Executive in conjunction with the Leader of the Council agrees with partner authorities how the budget shall be used.
- (4) That, the Leader of the Council is appointed to the Yorkshire Dales Attracting Younger People Families Group until Annual Council 2019 and thereafter the appointment to go with the office of Leader of the Council.

¹ New YDNP target = 55 p.a. Added 10 p.a. for new area of National Park.

² Currently £400 million (Employment-based GVA estimates, 2016, Cumulus Consultants)

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POTENTIAL TOUR DE YORKSHIRE 2020 START IN SKIPTON

The Chief Executive submitted a report asking Members to consider putting Skipton forward as a potential host location for the 2020 Tour de Yorkshire (TdY). The TdY was a legacy of the 2014 Tour de France Grand Depart and was recognised as one of the pre-eminent European cycle races. The TdY had continued to grow and brought many economic benefits to the region.

The 2020 TdY was being held over four days from 30th April to 3rd May and hosting a start in Skipton on one of those days would enable a route to be planned that would predominantly take in the Three Peaks of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, an area which had not previously featured in the race and would showcase the iconic landscape to the world.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park had already committed an allocation of up to £50k from their Opportunities Fund, as a potential contribution towards the start of the 2020 TdY in Skipton, with the proviso that the route would take in a large part of the National Park. Other potential sponsors and partners were being sought to minimise the direct cost to the Council. The Council would also work with Welcome to Yorkshire on various aspects, particularly media coverage.

Should the Council's application for Skipton to be a host location be successful, a further report would be put before the Policy Committee setting out in more detail the anticipated costs and likely Council contribution but £180,000 would initially have to be put aside to underwrite the whole event.

Members discussed the report in detail and after a lengthy debate, it was

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) That, Skipton is put forward as a potential host town for a Tour de Yorkshire 2020 start.
- (2) That, should Skipton be chosen as a host town for the 2020 start, £180k is set aside from the New Homes Bonus localism reserve, in order to underwrite the total costs associated with the event.
- (3) That, the Committee notes that a more detailed report will be brought back to a future Policy Committee should Skipton be chosen as a host location and following detailed negotiations with the race organisers and potential sponsors and partners.

(Councillor Barrett, Madeley and Mulligan voted against the recommendation and asked that their vote be recorded.)

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REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report that progressed the Committee's review of the Members' Code of Conduct. The report raised two outstanding issues that the Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) presented to Members;

- The scope of the code of conduct;
- Membership (past or present) of a Masonic Lodge.

After a short discussion the Committee concluded that the Code of Conduct should be amended so that membership (past or present) of a Masonic Lodge must be declared by Members.

The Committee agreed to revisit the Code of Conduct in a couple of years.

Recommended –

- (1) That, the report is noted.
- (2) That, the Code of Conduct is amended so that membership (past or present) of a Masonic Lodge must be declared.