

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL****COUNCIL MEETING**  
**26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015****COUNCILLOR TIM SHEPHERD (THE MAYOR)**

At a meeting of the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council duly convened and held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at The Town Hall, Barnsley.

- 145. Present:** The Mayor (Councillor T. Shepherd)
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| Central Ward        | - Councillors D. Birkinshaw, Bruff and M. Dyson                   |
| Cudworth Ward       | - Councillors Hayward, Sir Stephen Houghton CBE and C. Wraith MBE |
| Darfield Ward       | - Councillors Key and Saunders                                    |
| Darton East Ward    | - Councillors Duerden, Miller and Spence                          |
| Darton West Ward    | - Councillors Burgess, Cave and Howard                            |
| Dearne North Ward   | - Councillors Gardiner, Sim and Worton                            |
| Dearne South Ward   | - Councillors Noble and Sixsmith MBE                              |
| Dodworth Ward       | - Councillors P. Birkinshaw, J. Carr and Perrin                   |
| Hoyland Milton Ward | - Councillors Franklin and Stowe                                  |
| Kingstone Ward      | - Councillor D. Green and T. Sheard                               |
| Monk Bretton Ward   | - Councillors S. Green, Richardson and M. Sheard                  |
| North East Ward     | - Councillors Ennis, Higginbottom and North                       |
| Old Town Ward       | - Councillors Cherryholme, Davies and Grundy                      |
| Penistone East Ward | - Councillors Barnard, Hand-Davis and Wilson                      |
| Penistone West Ward | - Councillors Griffin and Unsworth                                |
| Rockingham Ward     | - Councillors Andrews BEM, Dures and Lamb                         |
| Royston Ward        | - Councillors T. Cheetham and Makinson                            |
| St. Helen's Ward    | - Councillors Leech, Platts and Tattersall                        |
| Stairfoot Ward      | - Councillors K. Dyson, Johnson and Mathers                       |
| Wombwell Ward       | - Councillors Frost, Morgan and R. Wraith                         |
| Worsbrough Ward     | - Councillors Barlow, G. Carr and Clarke                          |

**146. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

**147. Suspension of Standing Orders**

Moved by Councillor Sir Steve Houghton CBE – Seconded by Councillor Gardiner; and

**RESOLVED** that Standing Order 13(5) of the Council be suspended in respect of the consideration of the Budget insofar as it relates to restrictions on Members speaking more than once.

**148. Cabinet Recommendations to Council**

11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

Minutes 148(a) and (b) were moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

(a) Budget Proposals 2015/16 and 2016/17

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the budget proposals for all services in 2015/16 and 2016/17, as detailed in Sections 4 and 5 of the report of the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the following specific items incorporated within Section 2i (Medium Term Financial Forecast) including for 2015/16 be noted:-
  - (a) Provision for a 2.2% pay award in 2015/16 (covering 2014/15 and 2015/16);
  - (b) Provision for inflation in relation to external providers;
  - (c) An adjustment of £500,000 to reflect the provision required for the anticipated revenue costs of existing and new borrowing.
- (iii) that the 2015/16 and 2016/17 base budget adjustments and Phase 1-3 savings proposals outlined at Section 4 and Section 5 be approved for implementation along with any full year effects;
- (iv) that appropriate action be taken by the Senior Management Team in consultation with the Director HR, Performance and Communications in relation to all the Phase 1-3 savings agreed above;
- (v) that the total additional funded capital investment of £11.436M as outlined at Section 7 be included within the Capital Programme and funding be released subject to further detailed reports on the proposals for its use;

- (vi) that the detailed proposals for increases in fees and charges, as set out in Section 8 and included within the budget proposals at Section 4 and Section 5, be agreed;
- (vii) that Section 10 (Position on Reserves, Provisions and Balances) be noted;
- (viii) that the report of the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 at Section 1 be noted and that the 2015/16 budget proposals be agreed on the basis that the Chief Executive, in liaison with the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services and in consultation with the Senior Management Team, submits for early consideration detailed proposals from the ongoing activity in order that the potential budget gaps in 2016/17, 2017/18 and the longer term be closed;
- (ix) that the cash limited budgets for each service with overall net expenditure for 2015/16 of £174.686M (see Section 4i) be approved;
- (x) that the potential cash limited budgets for each service for 2016/17 as set out in Section 4ii and covered in Section 5 with the overall net expenditure for 2016/17 of £164.819M be noted;
- (xi) that the Budget Overview report and forecast budget positions for 2015/16 to 2017/18 contained in Section 2i (Medium Term Financial Forecast) be noted and monitored as part of the arrangements for the delivery of the Future Council;
- (xii) that the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services, in liaison with the Chief Executive and SMT as appropriate, be required to submit reports into Cabinet, as a matter of urgency, in relation to the detailed General Fund Revenue Budget for 2015/16, including recommendations on any action further to that set out above required to achieve an appropriately balanced budget for that financial year;
- (xiii) that the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services and SMT be responsible for managing their respective budgets including ensuring the implementation of Phase 1-3 savings;
- (xiv) that the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services and SMT be required to submit regular reports as necessary on the implementation of proposals into Cabinet as a matter of urgency to resolve any outstanding issues in relation to their budgets and deal with any consequential effects;
- (xv) that the Authority's Senior Management Team be charged with ensuring that the budget remains in balance and report regularly into Cabinet on budget/savings monitoring including any action required;
- (xvi) that the Cabinet be authorised to make any necessary technical adjustments to form the 2015/16 budget;
- (xvii) that appropriate consultation on the agreed budget proposals takes place with the Trade Unions and representatives of Non Domestic Ratepayers and that the views of consultees be considered by Cabinet and the Council; and

(xviii) that the budget papers be submitted for the consideration of the whole Council.

(b) Council Tax 2015/16

**RESOLVED:-**

(i) that the contents of Section 9 (2015/16 Council Tax calculation) of the report of the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services now submitted, be noted;

(ii) in respect of the Council Tax 2015/16 calculations:

(a) that the Council Tax Collection Fund surplus relating to Barnsley M.B.C. of £1.615M be used to reduce the Council Tax Requirement for 2015/16;

(b) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley M.B.C.'s services be set at £1,246.63; and

(c) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley M.B.C.'s area be set at £1,461.11 including the Police and Fire precepts as set out in (iii)(c).

(iii) that, in respect of the Council Tax 2015/16 declaration:

(a) that it be noted that at its meeting of its Cabinet on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 the Council made the following calculations for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Regulations made under Section 31(B) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the "Act"):-

(1) in accordance with Section 31B (3) of the Local Government Act 1992, as amended, the number of adjusted Band D equivalent properties calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year shall be 60,257.746 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B (1) of the Act);

(2) that the number of adjusted Band D equivalent properties calculated by the Council, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate shall be as follows:-

<i>Column</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>
<b>Parish Area</b>	<b>Band D equivalent chargeable properties</b>	<b>95% of Band D equivalent chargeable properties</b>	<b>Precept (£)</b>	<b>Band D Equivalent Charge (£)</b>
Billingley	101.393	96.323	1,492	15.49
Brierley	1,691.555	1,606.977	156,471	97.37
Cawthorne	606.918	576.572	20,144	34.94
Dunford	235.776	223.987	8,346	37.26
Great Houghton	645.671	613.387	21,425	34.93
Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth	269.793	256.303	5,461	21.31
High Hoyland	69.701	66.216	-	-

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<b>Parish Area</b>	<b>Band D equivalent chargeable properties</b>	<b>95% of Band D equivalent chargeable properties</b>	<b>Precept (£)</b>	<b>Band D Equivalent Charge (£)</b>
Hunshelf	162.608	154.477	3,800	24.60
Langsett	106.519	101.193	3,327	32.88
Little Houghton	177.789	168.900	2,865	16.96
Oxspring	456.134	433.327	17,836	41.16
Penistone	4,026.124	3,824.818	153,850	40.22
Shafton	940.171	893.163	34,056	38.13
Silkstone	1,188.220	1,128.809	65,365	57.91
Stainborough	165.631	157.350	4,459	28.34
Tankersley	567.211	538.851	12,209	22.66
Thurgoland	736.089	699.285	10,262	14.67
Wortley	285.738	271.452	6,796	25.04
Barnsley and Other Non-Parish Areas	50,996.164	48,446.356	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,429.205</b>	<b>60,257.746</b>	<b>528,164</b>	

- (b) that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31-36 of the “the Act”:-
- (1) £175,653,282 being the net aggregate amount the Council estimates for items set out in Section 31A (2) and 31A (3) of the Act taking into account all Precepts issued to it by Parish Councils;
  - (2) £98,391,000 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of the Business Rate Retention Scheme and other specific grants;
  - (3) £1,615,000 being the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with Section 97 (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus);
  - (4) £75,647,282 being the amount by which the amount at (iii)(b) (1) above exceeds the aggregate of amounts at (iii)(b) (2) and (iii)(b) (3) 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 (1) of the Act);
  - (5) £1,255.40 calculated by the Council as being the amount at (ii)(b) (4) above (Item R in the formula in Section 31B (3)); all divided by the Council Tax base as highlighted in (iii) (a) (1) above (Item T in the formula in Section 31B (1) of the Act);
  - (6) £528,164 being the aggregate amount of all special amounts (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 31A (2) of the Act; as per column C in the table in (iii)(a) (2) above
  - (7) £1,246.63 calculated by the Council as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relate being the amount at (iii)(b) (5) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (iii)(b) (6) above divided by the

amount at (iii)(a) (1) (Item T in the formula in Section 31B (1) of the Act) above in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act;

- (8) the following amounts calculated by the Council as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate:-

<b><u>Section 34(3) Calculation :</u></b>	
<b><u>Part of the Council's Area</u></b>	
<b>Parish of :-</b>	<b>£</b>
Billingley	1,262.12
Brierley	1,344.00
Cawthorne	1,281.57
Dunford	1,283.89
Great Houghton	1,281.56
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth	1,267.94
High Hoyland	1,246.63
Hunshelf	1,271.23
Langsett	1,279.51
Little Houghton	1,263.59
Oxspring	1,287.79
Penistone	1,286.85
Shafton	1,284.76
Silkstone	1,304.54
Stainborough	1,274.97
Tankersley	1,269.29
Thurgoland	1,261.30
Wortley	1,271.67

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (iii)(b) (7) above the amount of the special items in (iii)(a) (2) Col D in accordance with Section 34 (3) of the Act; and

- (9) the amounts calculated by the Council as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands are shown below.

<b>Section 36(1) Calculation : Part of the Council's Area</b>									
	<b>Valuation Bands</b>								
<b>Parish of :-</b>	A-	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Billingley	701.18	841.41	981.65	1,121.88	1,262.12	1,542.59	1,823.06	2,103.53	2,524.24
Brierley	746.67	896.00	1,045.33	1,194.67	1,344.00	1,642.67	1,941.33	2,240.00	2,688.00
Cawthorne	711.98	854.38	996.78	1,139.17	1,281.57	1,566.36	1,851.16	2,135.95	2,563.14
Dunford	713.27	855.93	998.58	1,141.24	1,283.89	1,569.20	1,854.51	2,139.82	2,567.78
Great Houghton	711.98	854.37	996.77	1,139.16	1,281.56	1,566.35	1,851.14	2,135.93	2,563.12
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth	704.41	845.29	986.18	1,127.06	1,267.94	1,549.70	1,831.47	2,113.23	2,535.88
High Hoyland	692.57	831.09	969.60	1,108.12	1,246.63	1,523.66	1,800.69	2,077.72	2,493.26
Hunshelf	706.24	847.49	988.73	1,129.98	1,271.23	1,553.73	1,836.22	2,118.72	2,542.46
Langsett	710.84	853.01	995.17	1,137.34	1,279.51	1,563.85	1,848.18	2,132.52	2,559.02
Little Houghton	701.99	842.39	982.79	1,123.19	1,263.59	1,544.39	1,825.19	2,105.98	2,527.18
Oxspring	715.44	858.53	1,001.61	1,144.70	1,287.79	1,573.97	1,860.14	2,146.32	2,575.58
Penistone	714.92	857.90	1,000.88	1,143.87	1,286.85	1,572.82	1,858.78	2,144.75	2,573.70
Shafton	713.76	856.51	999.26	1,142.01	1,284.76	1,570.26	1,855.76	2,141.27	2,569.52
Silkstone	724.74	869.69	1,014.64	1,159.59	1,304.54	1,594.44	1,884.34	2,174.23	2,609.08
Stainborough	708.32	849.98	991.64	1,133.31	1,274.97	1,558.30	1,841.62	2,124.95	2,549.94
Tankersley	705.16	846.19	987.23	1,128.26	1,269.29	1,551.35	1,833.42	2,115.48	2,538.58
Thurgoland	700.72	840.87	981.01	1,121.16	1,261.30	1,541.59	1,821.88	2,102.17	2,522.60
Wortley	706.48	847.78	989.08	1,130.37	1,271.67	1,554.26	1,836.86	2,119.45	2,543.34
All other parts of the Council's Area	692.57	831.09	969.60	1,108.12	1,246.63	1,523.66	1,800.69	2,077.72	2,493.26

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (iii)(b) (8) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D in accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Act;

- (c) that it be noted that for the year 2015/16 the under-mentioned precepting Authorities have stated the following draft amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 42A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

	A-	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
South Yorkshire Fire Authority	36.84	44.21	51.58	58.95	66.32	81.06	95.80	110.53	132.64
South Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner	82.31	98.77	115.24	131.70	148.16	181.08	214.01	246.93	296.32

- (d) that having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (iii)(b) (9) and (iii)(c) above, the Council in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown below as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2015/16 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

<b>Section 30(2) Calculation : Part of the Council's Area</b>									
	<b><u>Valuation Bands</u></b>								
<b>Parish of :-</b>	A-	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Billingley	820.33	984.39	1,148.47	1,312.53	1,476.60	1,804.73	2,132.87	2,460.99	2,953.20
Brierley	865.82	1,038.98	1,212.15	1,385.32	1,558.48	1,904.81	2,251.14	2,597.46	3,116.96
Cawthorne	831.13	997.36	1,163.60	1,329.82	1,496.05	1,828.50	2,160.97	2,493.41	2,992.10
Dunford	832.42	998.91	1,165.40	1,331.89	1,498.37	1,831.34	2,164.32	2,497.28	2,996.74
Great Houghton	831.13	997.35	1,163.59	1,329.81	1,496.04	1,828.49	2,160.95	2,493.39	2,992.08
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth	823.56	988.27	1,153.00	1,317.71	1,482.42	1,811.84	2,141.28	2,470.69	2,964.84
High Hoyland	811.72	974.07	1,136.42	1,298.77	1,461.11	1,785.80	2,110.50	2,435.18	2,922.22
Hunshelf	825.39	990.47	1,155.55	1,320.63	1,485.71	1,815.87	2,146.03	2,476.18	2,971.42
Langsett	829.99	995.99	1,161.99	1,327.99	1,493.99	1,825.99	2,157.99	2,489.98	2,987.98
Little Houghton	821.14	985.37	1,149.61	1,313.84	1,478.07	1,806.53	2,135.00	2,463.44	2,956.14
Oxspring	834.59	1,001.51	1,168.43	1,335.35	1,502.27	1,836.11	2,169.95	2,503.78	3,004.54
Penistone	834.07	1,000.88	1,167.70	1,334.52	1,501.33	1,834.96	2,168.59	2,502.21	3,002.66
Shafton	832.91	999.49	1,166.08	1,332.66	1,499.24	1,832.40	2,165.57	2,498.73	2,998.48
Silkstone	843.89	1,012.67	1,181.46	1,350.24	1,519.02	1,856.58	2,194.15	2,531.69	3,038.04
Stainborough	827.47	992.96	1,158.46	1,323.96	1,489.45	1,820.44	2,151.43	2,482.41	2,978.90
Tankersley	824.31	989.17	1,154.05	1,318.91	1,483.77	1,813.49	2,143.23	2,472.94	2,967.54
Thurgoland	819.87	983.85	1,147.83	1,311.81	1,475.78	1,803.73	2,131.69	2,459.63	2,951.56
Wortley	825.63	990.76	1,155.90	1,321.02	1,486.15	1,816.40	2,146.67	2,476.91	2,972.30
All other parts of the Council's Area	811.72	974.07	1,136.42	1,298.77	1,461.11	1,785.80	2,110.50	2,435.18	2,922.22

- (e) that the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services be authorised to serve notices, enter into agreements, give receipts, make adjustments, initiate proceedings and take any action available to the Council to collect or enforce the collection of non-domestic rates and the Council Tax from those persons liable in accordance with the Council's agreed policy; and
- (f) that the Director of Finance, Property and Information Services determines in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State and set out in the Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2015/16, that Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax



for the year 2015/16 as defined by Section 41 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 is not excessive.

- (g) that the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to publish the Council Tax Notice in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote was taken on the above items (Minute 148 (a) and (b) refers).

In favour of the motions:

The Mayor (Councillor Shepherd) and Councillors Andrews BEM, Barlow, Barnard, D. Birkinshaw, P. Birkinshaw, Bruff, Burgess, G. Carr, J. Carr, Cave, T. Cheetham, Cherryholme, Clarke, Duerden, Dures, K. Dyson, M. Dyson, Ennis, Franklin, Frost, Gardiner, D. Green, S. Green, Griffin, Grundy, Hand-Davis, Hayward, Higginbottom, Sir Houghton CBE, Howard, Johnson, Key, Lamb, Leech, Makinson, Mathers, Miller, Morgan, Noble, North, Perrin, Platts, Richardson, Saunders, M. Sheard, T. Sheard, Sim, Sixsmith MBE, Spence, Stowe, Tattersall, Unsworth, Wilson, Worton, C. Wraith MBE and R. Wraith.

No Councillors voted against the motion or abstained

All Councillors present at the time of the vote, actually voted.

- (c) Redundancy Compensation and Procedures 2015/16

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that for the purpose of the 2015/2016 budgetary procedures, payments in accordance with the Discretionary Compensation Regulations 2006 be up to a maximum of 30 weeks actual pay based on the Statutory Redundancy Scheme; and
- (ii) that any employee (excluding Teachers) declared redundant be afforded the maximum of 12 weeks notice of termination of employment.

- (d) Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement 2015/16

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the main treasury management policies, as outlined in the Treasury Policy Statement, attached as Annex A of the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (ii) that the Treasury Strategy Statement for 2015/16 (Annex B), be approved, including:-

- (a) the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement at Appendix E; and
- (b) the Annual Investment Strategy for 2015/16.
  
- (e) Prudential Framework and Indicators 2015/16

Moved by Councillor Gardiner – Seconded by Councillor Franklin; and

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the Prudential Indicators, as detailed in Appendix B to the report now submitted, be approved for the financial year 2015/16 to 2017/18; and
- (ii) that further monitoring reports be submitted on the indicators during the year as necessary.

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Chairman