

<b>MEETING:</b>	Full Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 24 February 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

### Recommendations to Council

3. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-25 (Cab.9.2.2022/6) (Pages 7 - 11)

**Note: these recommendations replace recommendations 2.1 (a) – (d) on the original agenda**

### 2. Council Tax 2022/23

#### RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:-

(i) & (ii) see attached (replacing recommendations 2.1 (a) – (d)) together with recommendation 2.1 (e) on the original agenda

### Notice of Amendment – The Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 – 2022/23

#### Notice of Amendment submitted in accordance with Standing Order No. 8

Proposer – Councillor Kitching

Seconder – Councillor Hunt

### The Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy Budget Proposals 2022/23

The Liberal Democrat group acknowledges with thanks the hard work of the finance team in again bringing forward a balanced budget, despite the ongoing challenges brought the Covid crisis and lack of funding for local government.

As in previous years we recognise that this is a financially well managed council and that prudent decisions made by the finance team continue to allow the Council to remain in good financial shape.

Our amendments therefore do not seek to undermine the budget as a whole, but to bring focus to some key areas which we – and the communities we serve - believe require more investment and prioritisation going forward.

We seek to formalise the commitment to investing in road safety with a borough wide scheme of 20mph zones outside schools; to invest in on street electric vehicle charging points; to provide each ward with a delegated budget to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime via a Community Street Safety Fund; to begin to introduce segregated recycling litter bins in public spaces to improve recycling options away from the home.

## **1. 20 MPH zones outside schools**

We note that:

- i. Road safety remains a huge priority for residents, particularly where it concerns children.
- ii. Initiatives to lower speeds and therefore reduce accidents have been a focus area of our previous budget amendments.
- iii. We therefore welcome the pilot schemes proposed over the last 12 months, including the “Neighbourhood Road Safety Initiatives” and plans for advisory 20mph zones outside 5 schools in the borough.
- iv. We also welcome the recent proposals from the Cabinet Member for environment and transport to further roll out the 20 mph advisory limits outside schools across the borough.
- v. However, it is our view that these plans should be formalised via this budget.

We therefore propose:

- a. Using some of the £2 million set aside for capital investment in Highways improvements to commit to the borough wide scheme of advisory 20mph zones outside all schools across the borough (where the school governing body or equivalent are supportive and in agreement that such a measure would be beneficial outside their school).
- b. Noting the estimated cost based on the proposed pilot; to implement this at all primary schools would cost  $77 \times £9k = £693k$ ; the 13 secondary & special schools a further £117k, making a maximum spend of £810k in total.
- c. On P133 adding to the wording “Monies set aside for improvements on the borough’s highways” the wording “... including borough wide roll out of advisory 20mph zones outside schools...” into Appendix 1 General Fund.

## **2. On street electric vehicle charging points (EVCPs)**

We note:

- i. The opportunities and challenges posed by the Council’s zero 45 target for the borough.
- ii. The efforts made by the Council to install ECVPs in various locations across the borough – including Town Centre parking spaces and across the principal towns, using match funding from Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) and the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA).
- iii. That electric vehicles (EVs) remain prohibitively expensive for many residents.

- iv. That despite this a growing number of people – particularly young people – are keen to make the change to an EV to play their part in tackling the climate crisis and reducing their own emissions.
- v. Access to EVs however is further limited for residents who do not have off road parking. This includes people who live in terraced houses and flats and affects those in privately owned, privately rented and social housing – including Berneslai Homes. This is because they are unable to charge their EV at home without running a cable across a pavement, causing a trip hazard.
- vi. The efforts made by Portsmouth Council to tackle this, who have already installed 30 on street EVCPs and have plans for another 124 (at a cost of £226,000, or £1823 per unit) in their upcoming budget. These connect to the power supply in on street lampposts and provide a charging bay for 1 or 2 vehicles.
- vii. That installation of on street EVCPs within Barnsley borough would open up the possibility of investing in an EV for residents with no off-street parking.
- viii. Responsibility for all running and maintenance costs and revenue earned could reside with a third-party contractor at no financial risk to the council – as is already the case with the existing scheme of car park based EVCPs.

We therefore propose:

- d. Using some of the £2 million set aside for capital investment in Highways improvements to commit to a pilot scheme of 50 on street EVCPs to be installed across the borough (at an estimated cost of £2000 per unit, requiring initial capital investment of £100,000).
  - e. Seeking further match funding investment from SYCMA to support this scheme (as we have reached our threshold of funding from OZEV).
  - f. On P133 adding to the wording “Monies set aside for improvements on the borough’s highways (“... including borough wide roll out of advisory 20mph zones outside schools...”)
- the wording “... and a pilot scheme of 50 on street electric vehicle charging points” into Appendix 1 General Fund.

### **3. Community Street Safety Fund**

We note:

- ix. Following a number of tragic high-profile cases in the last year, improving safety on our streets is a priority for residents.
- x. The council is currently working to tackle crime, particularly burglary, muggings and anti-social behaviour, and to make people feel safer in areas such as Locke Park, with a £115k investment into lighting and other measures.
- xi. That residents and elected members across the borough are able to identify problem areas within their own communities that could benefit from similar, smaller scale improvements.

- xii. As Liberal Democrats, we believe in taking decision making closer to the communities we serve, and wish to more fully utilise the role of the Area Councils and specific ward members in doing so.

We therefore propose:

- g. Setting up a Community Street Safety Fund which allocates a small ring-fenced budget to each ward; to be administered via the Area Councils.
- h. That recommendations for spending that fund will be led by ward members; alongside local policing teams, safer neighbourhoods, input from local residents and the area council officer.
- i. We acknowledge that these proposals will be dependent upon efficiency savings being realised during the 2022/23 financial year through proposal PL1 Town Centre Buildings Review (P108) releasing £500k of revenue spend.
- j. An allocation of £19,000 per ward would utilise £399,000 of this money.
- k. That the budget document to be amended as necessary to formalise these plans.

#### **4. Segregated recycling litter bins**

We note:

- xiii. That an ability to recycle a wide range of waste in a wide variety of locations is a growing priority for residents.
- xiv. The welcome recent expansion of the range of plastics that can be recycled in kerbside brown bin collections.
- xv. That segregated litter bins are common practice in many locations, particularly on the continent, and that the normalcy of these bins drives habit-based recycling behaviour.
- xvi. In 2021 the Youth Council requested support with a proposal for the recently improved Sugden's recreation ground in Pogmoor to serve as a trial site for recycling litter waste, via segregated litter bins.
- xvii. That this proposal has not progressed any further, but remains a priority for Youth Council members.

We therefore propose:

- l. Spending the residual £101,000 released by bringing forward the efficiency saving detailed in point i above on a trial of segregated recycling litter bins.
- m. Working with the Service Director for Environment and Transport to determine how many bins this would cover and where best to site these.
- n. A suggestion to start with the bins in the Sugden's recreation ground in Pogmoor as proposed by the Youth Council, and the newly regenerated Town Centre.

o. That the budget document to be amended as necessary to formalise these plans.

**4 Assessment of Bus Franchising Option for South Yorkshire (Cab.23.2.2002/6)**

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

- (i) that the proposal for the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) to issue the notice of intention to prepare a formal Assessment of a proposed franchising scheme in accordance with S.123C of the Transport Act 2000 be supported;
- (ii) that the Council request to be granted formal opportunity by SYMCA to influence and shape what the assessment considers, either specifically within the prescribed requirements or have “other matters” included;
- (iii) That the Council reserves the right to formally withdraw from the process at any stage if appropriate funding solutions cannot be found; and
- (iv) that, in parallel, SYMCA be requested to carry out a detailed projected cost of the current Bus Partnership model over a three and five year period to help facilitate side-by-side comparisons with future franchise costs.



Sarah Norman  
Chief Executive

22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022

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# Item 3(2)

## COUNCIL TAX 2022/2023 - CALCULATIONS

- (i) in respect of the Council Tax 2022/23 calculations:
- (a) that the Council Tax Collection Fund surplus relating to Barnsley M.B.C. of £3.200M be used to reduce the Council Tax Requirement for 2022/23;
- (b) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley M.B.C.'s services be set at £1,641.55 which includes the cumulative special precept earmarked specifically for Adult Social Care of £189.98; and
- (c) that the Band D Council Tax for Barnsley M.B.C.'s area be set at £1942.18 including the Police and Fire precepts\* as set out in (ii)(c).

## COUNCIL TAX 2022/23 - DECLARATION

- (ii) that, in respect of the Council Tax 2022/23 declaration:
- (a) that it be noted that at its meeting of its Cabinet on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the Council made the following calculations for the year 2022/23 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 66,584.65 (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:-

TABLE 1				
Column	A	B	C	D = C / B
Parish Area	Band D equivalent chargeable properties	95% of Band D equivalent chargeable properties	Precept Issued (after Council Tax Support Grant) (£)	Band D Equivalent Charge (£)
Billingley	97.70	92.82	1,541.74	16.61
Cawthorne	606.50	576.18	22,720.00	39.43
Dunford	254.60	241.87	8,463.03	34.99
Great Houghton	651.00	618.45	25,669.00	41.51
Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth	308.80	293.36	5,933.00	20.22
High Hoyland	70.80	67.26	0.00	-
Hunshelf	169.10	160.65	5,000.00	31.12
Langsett	109.40	103.93	3,848.50	37.03
Little Houghton	182.50	173.38	4,145.52	23.91
Oxspring	467.10	443.75	19,930.00	44.91
Penistone	4,424.40	4,203.18	194,731.00	46.33
Shafton	933.80	887.11	36,309.41	40.93
Silkstone	1,217.40	1,156.53	75,580.00	65.35
Stainborough	164.80	156.56	4,941.03	31.56
Tankersley	729.60	693.12	19,205.00	27.71
Thurgoland	807.30	766.94	12,227.00	15.94
Wortley	311.00	295.45	7,996.00	27.06
Barnsley and Other Non-Parish Areas	58,583.30	55,654.14	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,089.10</b>	<b>66,584.65</b>	<b>448,240.23</b>	

(b) that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31-36 of the “the Act”:-

- (1) £211,813,240.23 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) £98,862,968 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) £3,200,000 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) £109,750,272.23 being the amount by which the amount at (ii)(b) (1) above exceeds the aggregate of amounts at (ii)(b) (2) and (ii)(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) £1,648.28 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 (ii) (a) (1) above (Item T in the formula in Section 31B (1) of the Act);
- (6) £448,240.23 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 (ii)(a) (2) above;
- (7) £1,641.55 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 (ii)(b) (5) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (ii)(b) (6) above divided by the amount at (ii)(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>TABLE 2</b>	
<b>Section 34(3) Calculation :</b>	
<b>Part of the Council's Area</b>	
<b>Parish of :-</b>	<b>£</b>
Billingley	1,658.16
Cawthorne	1,680.98
Dunford	1,676.54
Great Houghton	1,683.06
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth	1,661.77
High Hoyland	1,641.55
Hunshelf	1,672.67
Langsett	1,678.58
Little Houghton	1,665.46
Oxspring	1,686.46
Penistone	1,687.88
Shafton	1,682.48
Silkstone	1,706.90
Stainborough	1,673.11
Tankersley	1,669.26
Thurgoland	1,657.49
Wortley	1,668.61
<b>This table represents the Council Tax for Barnsley MBC plus Local Parishes for Band D only</b>	

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

(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.

**TABLE 3**

**Section 36(1) Calculation :  
Part of the Council's Area**

Parish of :-	Valuation Bands								
	A-	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Billingley	921.20	1,105.44	1,289.68	1,473.92	1,658.16	2,026.64	2,395.12	2,763.60	3,316.32
Cawthorne	933.88	1,120.66	1,307.43	1,494.21	1,680.98	2,054.53	2,428.08	2,801.64	3,361.96
Dunford	931.41	1,117.70	1,303.97	1,490.26	1,676.54	2,049.11	2,421.67	2,794.24	3,353.08
Great Houghton	935.03	1,122.04	1,309.05	1,496.06	1,683.06	2,057.07	2,431.09	2,805.10	3,366.12
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth	923.20	1,107.85	1,292.49	1,477.13	1,661.77	2,031.05	2,400.34	2,769.62	3,323.54
High Hoyland	911.97	1,094.37	1,276.76	1,459.16	1,641.55	2,006.34	2,371.13	2,735.92	3,283.10
Hunshelf	929.26	1,115.12	1,300.96	1,486.82	1,672.67	2,044.38	2,416.08	2,787.79	3,345.34
Langsett	932.54	1,119.06	1,305.56	1,492.08	1,678.58	2,051.60	2,424.62	2,797.64	3,357.16
Little Houghton	925.25	1,110.31	1,295.36	1,480.41	1,665.46	2,035.56	2,405.67	2,775.77	3,330.92
Oxspring	936.92	1,124.31	1,311.69	1,499.08	1,686.46	2,061.23	2,436.00	2,810.77	3,372.92
Penistone	937.71	1,125.26	1,312.79	1,500.34	1,687.88	2,062.97	2,438.05	2,813.14	3,375.76
Shafton	934.71	1,121.66	1,308.59	1,495.54	1,682.48	2,056.37	2,430.25	2,804.14	3,364.96
Silkstone	948.28	1,137.94	1,327.59	1,517.25	1,706.90	2,086.21	2,465.52	2,844.84	3,413.80
Stainborough	929.50	1,115.41	1,301.31	1,487.21	1,673.11	2,044.91	2,416.72	2,788.52	3,346.22
Tankersley	927.36	1,112.84	1,298.31	1,483.79	1,669.26	2,040.21	2,411.16	2,782.10	3,338.52
Thurgoland	920.83	1,105.00	1,289.16	1,473.33	1,657.49	2,025.82	2,394.15	2,762.49	3,314.98
Wortley	927.01	1,112.41	1,297.81	1,483.21	1,668.61	2,039.41	2,410.22	2,781.02	3,337.22
Barnsley and Other Non-Parish Areas	911.97	1,094.37	1,276.76	1,459.16	1,641.55	2,006.34	2,371.13	2,735.92	3,283.10
<p><b>This table shows the total Council Tax for Barnsley MBC and local parishes (excluding Police and Fire Precepts). The charge for individual valuation bands is calculated as a proportion of a Band D property, as per Section 5 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.</b></p>									

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (ii)(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 2022/23 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:-

	Total Precept	TABLE 4								
		Valuation Bands								
		A-	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
<b>Precepting Authority:</b>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
South Yorkshire Fire Authority*	5,165,637	43.10	51.72	60.34	68.96	77.58	94.82	112.06	129.30	155.16
South Yorkshire Police Authority*	14,851,040	123.91	148.69	173.48	198.26	223.04	272.60	322.17	371.73	446.08

\* subject to confirmation

(d) that having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (ii)(b) (9) and (ii)(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 2022/23 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

**Section 30(2) Calculation :**

**TABLE 5**

**Part of the Council's Area**

**Valuation Bands**

<b>Parish of :-</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Billingley	1,088.21	1,305.85	1,523.50	1,741.14	1,958.78	2,394.06	2,829.35	3,264.63	3,917.56
Cawthorne	1,100.89	1,321.07	1,541.25	1,761.43	1,981.60	2,421.95	2,862.31	3,302.67	3,963.20
Dunford	1,098.42	1,318.11	1,537.79	1,757.48	1,977.16	2,416.53	2,855.90	3,295.27	3,954.32
Great Houghton	1,102.04	1,322.45	1,542.87	1,763.8	1,983.68	2,424.49	2,865.32	3,306.13	3,967.36
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth	1,090.21	1,308.26	1,526.31	1,744.35	1,962.39	2,398.47	2,834.57	3,270.65	3,924.78
High Hoyland	1,078.98	1,294.78	1,510.58	1,726.38	1,942.17	2,373.76	2,805.36	3,236.95	3,884.34
Hunshelf	1,096.27	1,315.53	1,534.78	1,754.04	1,973.29	2,411.80	2,850.31	3,288.82	3,946.58
Langsett	1,099.55	1,319.47	1,539.38	1,759.30	1,979.20	2,419.02	2,858.85	3,298.67	3,958.40
Little Houghton	1,092.26	1,310.72	1,529.18	1,747.63	1,966.08	2,402.98	2,839.90	3,276.80	3,932.16
Oxspring	1,103.93	1,324.72	1,545.51	1,766.30	1,987.08	2,428.65	2,870.23	3,311.80	3,974.16
Penistone	1,104.72	1,325.67	1,546.61	1,767.56	1,988.50	2,430.39	2,872.28	3,314.17	3,977.00
Shafton	1,101.72	1,322.07	1,542.41	1,762.76	1,983.10	2,423.79	2,864.48	3,305.17	3,966.20
Silkstone	1,115.29	1,338.35	1,561.41	1,784.47	2,007.52	2,453.63	2,899.75	3,345.87	4,015.04
Stainborough	1,096.51	1,315.82	1,535.13	1,754.43	1,973.73	2,412.33	2,850.95	3,289.55	3,947.46
Tankersley	1,094.37	1,313.25	1,532.13	1,751.01	1,969.88	2,407.63	2,845.39	3,283.13	3,939.76
Thurgoland	1,087.84	1,305.41	1,522.98	1,740.55	1,958.11	2,393.24	2,828.38	3,263.52	3,916.22
Wortley	1,094.02	1,312.82	1,531.63	1,750.43	1,969.23	2,406.83	2,844.45	3,282.05	3,938.46
Barnsley and Other Non-Parish Areas	1,078.98	1,294.78	1,510.58	1,726.38	1,942.17	2,373.76	2,805.36	3,236.95	3,884.34

**This table shows the total Council Tax for Barnsley MBC, local parishes and the Police & Fire Precepts**

**The table is the sum of the total Council Tax for Barnsley MBC and local parishes (Table 3) and the precept amounts for the Police and Fire Authorities respectively (Table 4).**

- (e) that the Service Director (S151 Officer) 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 Service Director (S151 Officer) 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 2022/23, that Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for the year 2022/23 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.

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