

## **ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, 22 February 2022 at 6.30pm**

**Skipton Town Hall**

### **AGENDA**

**Please note the following advice in advance of the meeting:**

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Thank you,  
Democratic Services

**All Members of the Council are summoned to consider the following business**

## **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 items \$10 and \$11 on the grounds that it is likely that if Members 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 that 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 the Council meeting held on 12 October 2021.
- 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:

- a **“disclosable pecuniary interest”** under Appendix A to the Code of Conduct, in which case the Member must leave the meeting room; or
- 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.

**Exception:** Where a member of the public has a right to speak at a meeting, a Member who has a disclosable pecuniary interest or an other interest and must leave the room, has the same rights and may make representations, answer questions or give evidence, but at the conclusion of that, must then leave the room and not take part in the discussion or vote.

- 5. Chairman's Announcements** – To receive an up to date list of civic engagements attended by the Chairman.
- 6. Recommendations for Confirmation** – Minutes containing recommendations for debate and confirmation by Council arising from Policy Committee held on 1 February 2022 and Licensing Committee held on 25 January 2022.
- 7. Council Tax Levels 2022/23** – Attached. To enable the Council to calculate and approve the Council Tax requirement for 2022/23.

(In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.4 all votes relating to the setting of the budget and the Council Tax at Council meetings shall be recorded votes.)

8. **NJC Pay Award 2021-2022** - To discuss the proposal of paying staff a 1.75% pay increase in March 2022 whilst still awaiting the outcome of the results of the ballot from a Union.
9. **Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre – Broadband Connectivity** – To update Members on the provision of broadband connectivity to the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre, seek approval from Members for continued discussions with Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN) and to allocate funding to support the provision of gigabit broadband connectivity.

**Items \$10 and \$11 are Confidential Items**

- \$10. **Joint Venture Company, Craven Barnfield Regeneration Ltd.** – To deal with matters relating to the Joint Venture Company.
- \$11. **Council Owned Land in Skipton** – To consider the sale of a piece of land owned by Craven District Council.
12. **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.
13. **Statements from Lead Members, Chairmen of Committees and Council Representatives on Outside Bodies**
  - a. **Lead Members** – To receive an update from Lead Members.
  - b. **Chairman of Select Committee** – The Chairman of Select Committee to report on the Committee’s work and answer any questions from Members.
  - c. **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.
  - d. **Council Representatives on Outside Bodies** – To receive an update from Council representatives on Outside Bodies on key areas of work.
14. **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.

(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 Democratic Services 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.)

15. **Any other items** which the Chairman decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.
16. **Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday, 26 April 2022 at 6.30pm.

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**COUNCIL MEETING**

**12 October 2021**

**Present** – The Chairman (Councillor Sutcliffe) and Councillors Barrett, Brockbank, Brown, Foster, Harbron, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Metcalfe, Moorby, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Noland, Ogden, Place, Pringle, Rose, Shuttleworth, Solloway, Staveley and Whitaker.

**Officers** – Chief Executive, Director of Services, Chief Finance Officer, Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager and Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 7.45pm

**Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mercer, Handley, Wheeler and Pighills.

**Public Participation** – There were no members of the public in attendance.

CL. 1235

**MINUTES**

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 May 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

CL. 1236

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

CL.1237

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman, Councillor Sutcliffe, reported that a list of civic engagements between June 2021 and October 2021 was included within the agenda pack. He spoke about the Harrogate Mayor's Civic Luncheon at the Great Yorkshire Show, and a Civic and Community Leaders event at Memwith Hill where he learnt that Memwith Hill is very keen to support local communities and villages. They would like to work with organisations and funding is available, but take up from Craven is low.

CL.1238

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFIRMATION**

Recommendations of Policy Committee held on 14 September 2021 were submitted.

For each minute, the motion was proposed and seconded "That the recommendations in the minute are confirmed".

- POL.1147 – Outturn Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 4 2020/21

**Resolved** – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1147 are confirmed.

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- POL.1148 – Capital Programme Outturn Report -2020/21

**Resolved** – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1148 are confirmed.

- POL.1149 – Review of Council Priority Actions

**Resolved** – That the recommendations at Minute POL.1149 are confirmed.

Councillor Heseltine wished to point out that the recommendations have been fully debated at Policy Committee. As tonight's meeting was being video recorded, he did not want to give viewers the impression that decisions have been made without being fully informed.

CL.1239

### **DISPENSATION OF THE SIX MONTH RULE**

The Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer submitted a report at the request of Councillor Solloway which sought to approve a dispensation of the "Six Month Rule".

Councillor Solloway pointed out that the pandemic is still having an impact on individuals, and some Members have been unable to meet the Council's Six Month Rule of attending meetings in person. He proposed the motion and it was seconded by Councillor Barrett.

Councillor Foster regrettably opposed the motion, as this dispensation is set out in statute and not granted by the Council. He pointed out that special dispensation still continues to be available to Members. It is even more important that Members attend meetings in person as the Local Government Restructure (LGR) progresses and if the Six Month Rule Dispensation was approved, there could be a risk of meetings being non-quotate.

The Chairman asked Members to vote:

For the recommendations - 9

Against the recommendations - 14

**Resolved** – (1) That the Dispensation of the Six Month Rule is rejected. This dispensation is set out in statute and not granted by the Council.

(2) That Members are reminded about the special dispensation process that is currently in place and will be positively viewed if some Members are finding it difficult to attend meetings in person.

CL.1240

### **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Foster informed Members that the Local Government Restructure (LGR) is progressing well and workstreams are now up and running. Craven will be focussing on Localism, working with residents and parishes. New Ward arrangements are currently being designed and comments around this can still be submitted. It is too early to say how Craven residents will be affected and Councillor Foster will continue to provide updates.

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There was a concern amongst Members that decisions on planning and licensing applications may be made by committees who lack local knowledge. It was pointed out that future arrangements on this have still not been determined. Councillor Mulligan informed Members that the LGR is proposing 90 wards which will be proportionately represented, with 9 County Councillors as opposed to the current 7.

CL.1241

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

Councillor Lis provided an update on Greener Craven, which includes: installation of solar panels at Skipton Town Hall and Skipton Crematorium; additional electric vehicle charging points in Settle and Skipton, with decisions pending on a further 4 village carparks; Better Homes Yorkshire improving 10 homes in Grassington; bike parking stands in Skipton Town Centre; and improved facilities for Skipton and Settle market traders. Public Awareness Week was well attended. There are currently 4 ongoing feasibility projects, though not all of these may be approved before the new Council structure is in place. Waste Management is still slightly lower than that 50% target for recycling and an education strategy is being planned to address this. One Member expressed concern at the high levels of contaminated recycling materials and felt that an education programme may not completely solve the problem as staffing is seen to be a significant factor. Councillor Lis explained that officers are visiting problem areas to clarify what can/cannot be recycled and there is also an online campaign to inform people. He fully agreed with Councillor Solloway's comment that local volunteers play a significant part in keeping some areas tidy. Other areas of focus includes officers working with food establishments to meet requirements under Natasha's Law; reducing noise nuisance in problem areas; and designs for a new exit route from the Crematorium. A Member asked that additional parking facilities should also be considered at the Crematorium. Councillor Lis will liaise with officers on this.

Councillor Myers reported that the Planning Improvement Board (PIB) continues to meet and a working group is being set up with the Planning Committee. Additional staff are addressing the backlog and procedures are being put in place to improve processes. One Member referred to the Prime Minister's recent comment about no future homes being built on greenfields, and asked if developers who have currently submitted planning applications and are waiting on a decision will be compensated. Councillor Myers pointed out that the Prime Minister has not stipulated this as being a definite policy, and even if it does become one, there would be no retrospective compensations.

Councillor Mulligan explained he is due to meet Graham Soulsby, CDC's new Chief Finance Officer next week.

Councillor Staveley informed Members that the Select Committee is focussing on a project that addresses the impact of tourism on the Craven District, and a report of their findings will be presented to the Committee in January 2022.

Councillor Brockbank reminded Members about the Affordable Housing SPD workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> October (via Zoom).

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Councillor Myers spoke about CDC's new policy on mandatory CCTV in taxis which is being introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Taxi drivers can apply to a Discretionary Hardship Fund.

Councillor Mulligan informed Members that he is attending the Police, Fire and Crime Panel this week so he would not be taking part in any discussion tonight regarding the current PFC Commissioner. Councillor Brockbank proposed a motion that "this Council has no confidence in the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner". This was seconded by Councillor Moorby.

**Resolved** – That the motion is confirmed and adopted.

**For the Motion:** 24

**Against the Motion:** None

**Abstain:** Councillor Mulligan

(Councillor Heseltine had to leave the meeting during the consideration of this item)

CL.1242

### **GENERAL QUESTION / STATEMENT TIME**

Councillor Rose provided a statement about the activities taking place at Broughton Road Community Centre. It is a registered charity, originally set up by Councillor Madeley and is run by volunteers. The aim is to provide a safe and inclusive space for all communities. They have successfully applied for grants and provide holiday clubs and activities based around sports, health and wellbeing. They are currently setting up a youth group and are fundraising to refurbish the kitchen so that they can provide community lunches working in partnership with Age UK.

CL.1243

### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at 6.30pm.

Chairman





*The Chairman of Craven District Council*  
(Councillor Alan Sutcliffe)

**Civic Engagements**

During the period June 2021 to January 2022

**JUNE 2021**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - Service of Licensing for Revd Dr Sue McWhinney at Kirkby Malham

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Ceremony

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Armed Forces Day Flag Lowering Ceremony

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Hellifield Races at Peel Park

**JULY 2021**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Annual Harrogate's Mayors Civic Luncheon at the Great Yorkshire Show

**AUGUST 2021**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August** – Yorkshire Day 2021

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August** – Royal British Legion event – 100 years celebration

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** - The Principle Trust Children's Charity – 'Olympic cycle home' finish at Ilkley Rugby Club

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Mayor of Scarborough – Scarborough Cricket Festival County Cricket Ground

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** - RAF Menwith Hill – Civic & Community Leaders Briefing

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September** - Presentation to the Principle Trust Children's Charity of 25 computers ex CDC for children and schools in need

**OCTOBER 2021**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – North Yorkshire County Council Civic Service

**NOVEMBER 2021**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Skipton Remembrance Day Parade

**DECEMBER 2021**

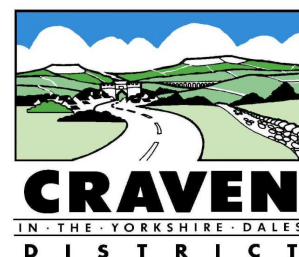
**No events.**

**JANUARY 2022**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January** – Nevilles Kitchen Luncheon in Gargrave

## COUNCIL MEETING

22 February 2022



## Recommendations for Confirmation

Report of the Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager

Ward(s) affected: All

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 Policy Committee and Licensing Committee have made recommendations which require confirmation by Council. The recommendations are contained in the minutes, which are set out within the appendices to this report.

### Policy Committee

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

1 February 2022

POL.1171	Revenue Budget 2022/23 And Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) (including the Capital Strategy)
POL.1172	Capital Programme 2022/23
POL.1173	2022/23 Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement And Annual Investment Strategy

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POL.1174	Pay Policy Statement 2022/23
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### Licensing Committee

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

#### 25 January 2022

LIC.253	Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy
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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** – Alice Fox, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager, E-mail: [afox@cravenc.gov.uk](mailto:afox@cravenc.gov.uk)
5. **Background documents** – None
6. **Appendices**

Appendix A	POL.1171	Revenue Budget 2022/23 And Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) (including the Capital Strategy)
Appendix B	POL.1172	Capital Programme 2022/23
Appendix C	POL.1173	2022/23 Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement And Annual Investment Strategy
Appendix D	POL.1174	Pay Policy Statement 2022/23
Appendix E	LIC.253	Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

POL.1171

### **REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP) (INCLUDING THE CAPITAL STRATEGY**

The Chief Finance Officer (S.151 Officer) submitted a report which identified a fully funded budget for 2022/23 together with a recommendation for a prudent level of general fund reserve balances for the financial year. The report also outlined the medium term financial plan (MTFP) to 2025/26.

As the final settlement had not been confirmed the 2022/23 budget was based on the provisional settlement announced in December 2021. Little or no change to the figures was expected. As part of that announcement, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government gave permission for councils to increase their council tax by 1.99% without triggering a referendum or £5 whichever was the greater. A £5 increase gave a council tax of £187.21 at band D.

In accordance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, the Chief Finance Officer (S.151 Officer) made a specific personal statement that the revenue budget was robust and delivered a balanced budget in 2022/23.

During the debate, Members thanked the Chief Finance Officer (S.151 Officer) and his team for all their hard work in producing a balanced budget.

**RECOMMENDED** – (1) That, the revenue budget 2022/2023 of £8.935m (as detailed at Appendix B) including the revenue growth bids of £265k (as detailed at Appendix C) is approved.

(2) That, the Medium Term Financial Plan (Annex 1) and the Capital Strategy (Annex 2) including the contributions to/from reserves, the level of general fund working balance and the assumptions used to construct the budget are approved.

(3) That, for 2022/2023, Council Tax is increased by £5 to £187.21 (band D equivalent) is approved.

**Resolved -** (4) That, the Section 25 report 'The Assessment of the Robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves as detailed at Appendix E is noted.

(5) That, the outcome of the budget consultation exercise as outlined in the report now submitted is noted.

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### Appendix B

POL.1172

### CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

The Chief Finance Officer (S.151 Officer) submitted a report seeking approval for the 2022/2023 – 2025/26 capital programme, subject to their being capital resources. The rolling capital programme was aligned to the three years' medium term financial plan.

The proposed capital programme and its funding for 2022/2023 was £6,243 were as detailed in Appendix A to the Chief Finance Officer's report including information about the continuing commitments of £60k from the 2021/22 programme, giving a total of £6,303k.

**RECOMMENDED** – (1) That, £60,000 of continuing projects from the 2021/22 programme is noted and that no slippage has been confirmed at this stage.

(2) That, the new capital programme projects of £6,242,500 are approved.

(3) That, a total capital programme for 2022/23 of £6,302,500 is approved.

(4) That, the final allocation of funding for the 2022/23 capital programme is confirmed once the outturn position of the 2021/22 revenue budget is finalised.

POL.1173

**2022/23 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY  
STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION  
STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Chief Finance Officer (S.151 Officer) submitted a report which presented for approval the proposed Treasury Management Strategy together with the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement, Prudential Indicators and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2022/2023, as required by the Department of Communities and Local Government and CIPFA.

The Council was required to operate a balanced budget and part of treasury management was to ensure that cash flow was adequately planned with cash being available when needed. Surplus monies were invested in low risk counterparties with security capital and liquidity of funds being considered before investment return. The counterparty lending limits enabled the Council to take full advantage of investment opportunities whilst maintaining a sufficient level of security of capital.

The strategy ensured that the required funding sources were available to support the Council's capital spending plans and longer term cash flow planning was necessary to ensure capital spending obligations were met.

The strategy also determined the limits of borrowing and investments that officers would apply over the next 12 months in order to ensure the Council's capital investment plans were affordable, prudent and sustainable.

Members were advised that all local authorities were required to ensure that all elected members on the Council fully understood the overall long-term policy objectives and resultant capital strategy requirements, governance procedures and risk appetite.

**RECOMMENDED** – (1) That, the operational boundary for 2022/23 is set at £15m.

(2) That, the authorised limits for 2022/23 is set at £16m.

(3) That, delegated authority is given to the Chief Finance Officer (s.151 officer) to effect movement within the agreed operational boundary and authorised limits for long-term borrowing for 2022/23 onwards.

(4) That, the Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23, incorporating the Minimum Revenue Position Policy Statement and the Annual Investment Strategy, is approved.

(5) That, the prudential indicators for 2022/23, which reflect that the capital expenditure plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable, are approved.

POL. 1174

**PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2022/23**

The Human Resources Manager submitted a report which sought approval to implement the Council's 2022/23 Pay Policy Statement in accordance with Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011. The statement outlined the Council's policy towards the pay of the workforce, particularly senior staff and the lowest paid employees.

**RECOMMENDED** – (1) That, implementation of the Council's 2022/23 Pay Policy Statement is approved.

(2) That, it is noted that the 2021/22 pay award has not yet been finalised and therefore the report may change slightly once the pay award has been agreed.



LIC.253      **Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy**

The Chair agreed for the Solicitor to the Council to present an urgent report seeking approval for a review of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy. It had come to light that there was an omission in the Policy adopted by the Council on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and it was important that this was dealt with expeditiously. The omission related to the Equality Act 2010 as the Statement of Licensing Policy should refer to that legislation and explain how the Equality Duty had been complied with.

In determining the Policy, it was a legal requirement that the Authority conducted a statutory consultation. Due to the limitations of the proposed additions to the Policy, the Committee considered that the consultation period was proportionate and, it was

**Resolved –** (1) That, the contents of the report are noted.

(2) That, the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy as now submitted in approved for consultation with the statutory consultees as stated in the report.

(3) That, the Solicitor to the Council is authorised, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to consider any consultation responses and present a revised Statement of Licensing Policy to Council.

**COUNCIL MEETING 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**COUNCIL TAX LEVELS 2022/23**



Report of Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer)

Lead Member – Finance: Councillor Mulligan

Ward(s) affected: All

1. **Purpose of Report** – The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to calculate and approve the Council Tax requirement for 2022/23.
2. **Recommendations** – Members are recommended to:
  - 2.1 It be noted that the Council has already approved the Council Tax Base for 2022/23 (as detailed below);
    - (a) for the whole Council area as 23,234.41 [Item T in the formula in Section 33 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 (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 2022/23 (excluding Parish precepts) is £4,349,714.
  - 2.3 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
    - (a) **£27,127,202** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)a of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
    - (b) **£21,292,779** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)a of the Act.
    - (c) **£5,834,423** being the amount by which the aggregate at (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 32(4) of the Act).
    - (d) **£251.11** 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 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).

- (e) **£1,484,709** 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) **£187.21** 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 2022/23 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>
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42

#### **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>
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
978.23	1,141.27	1,304.31	1,467.35	1,793.43	2,119.50	2,445.58	2,934.70

#### **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>
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
187.37	218.60	249.83	281.06	343.52	405.98	468.43	562.12

#### **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>
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
50.41	58.81	67.21	75.61	92.41	109.21	126.02	151.22

#### **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>
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,383.42	1,613.99	1,844.56	2,075.13	2,536.27	2,997.40	3,458.55	4,150.26

- 2.5 The Council 's basic amount of Council Tax for 2022/23 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:

	<b>2022/23 £</b>
Craven DC	187.21
North Yorkshire County Council	1,467.35
Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire	281.06
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service	75.61
Sub-Total	2,011.23
Town & Parish Council (average)	63.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,075.13</b>

- 2.7 To note the Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23 remains unchanged.

### 3. **Report**

- 3.1 The Localism Act 2011 that made significant changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1992. It requires the billing authority to calculate a Council Tax requirement for the year.
- 3.2 The precept levels of other precepting bodies have been received. These are detailed below:
- 3.3 **Town & Parish Councils**  
The Town & Parish Council Precepts for 2022/23 are detailed in Appendix A and total £1,484,709.43. This is a decrease in the average Band D Council Tax for Town and Parish Councils of 0.74% and results in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £63.90 for 2022/23 (£64.38 2021/22).
- 3.4 **North Yorkshire County Council**  
North Yorkshire County Council met on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and set their precept at £34,093,012. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £1,467.35 for 2022/23 (£1,411.05 2021/22).
- 3.5 **Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire**  
Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire met on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and set their precept at £6,530,263 adjusted, by a Council Tax Collection Fund contribution of £43,749. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £281.06 for 2022/23 (£271.06 2021/22).
- 3.6 **North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service**  
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service met on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and set their precept at £1,756,754 adjusted, by a Council Tax Collection Fund contribution of £11,967. This results in a Band D Council Tax of £75.61 for 2022/23 (£74.14 2021/22).

3.7 This action flows from the approval of the budget. The wording of the recommendations are largely prescribed.

#### **4. Financial and Value for Money Implications**

4.1 The District Council's element of the Council Tax has been increased by £5 compared to last year's Band D amount and applied pro rata to all other bands.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 The Council has a statutory requirement to set the Council Tax for the 2022/23 financial year by 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

5.2 This ties in with the need to agree a balanced budget. In addition, there are requirements in Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 for reports to be presented to the Council on the robustness of the estimates, and on the position on reserves and balances. These matters were covered in the report to Policy Committee on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

#### **6. Contribution to Council Priorities**

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

#### **6.2 Impact on the declared Climate Emergency**

Setting a Council Tax level to allow service provision without significant investment from the Council's own reserves, will allow for investment in future developments and projects that will contribute to a reduced Carbon Footprint.

#### **7. Risk Management**

7.1 If the Council does not set the Council Tax for 2022/23 by 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 it will be in breach of its statutory duty.

#### **7.2 Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) Statement**

The report formally sets out the calculations and elements making up the total Council Tax levels to be collected, as required by statute. The council's proposed level of Council Tax increase has been assumed in the budget calculations for 2022/23.

#### **7.3 Monitoring Officer Statement**

It is a Council function to determine the level of Council Tax and to set a balanced budget.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment** - The Council's Equality Impact Assessment Procedure **has not been** followed. Therefore neither an Initial Screening nor an Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken on the proposed policy, strategy, procedure or function to identify whether it has/does not have the potential to cause negative impact or discriminate against different groups in the community based on •age • disability •gender • race/ethnicity • religion or religious belief (faith) •sexual orientation, or • rural isolation.
  
- 9 **Consultations with Others:** Financial Services, Legal Services, Revenues & Benefits Services.
  
10. **Access to Information: Background Documents**  
Various working papers held Financial Services.
  
11. **Appendices**  
Appendix A – Basic Amount of Tax (Parish Areas),  
Appendix B – District / Parish Council Tax Rates,  
Appendix C – Major Precepting Authorities,  
Appendix D – Council Tax Rates – All Bands.
  
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*Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.*

## APPENDIX A

<b>COUNCIL TAX LOCAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL CHARGES - BAND D</b>					<b>2022/23</b>
<b>PARISH/WARD NAME</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCIL PRECEPT (1) £</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCIL TAXBASE (2) £</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCIL CHARGE (3) £</b>	<b>C.D.C. CHARGE (4) £</b>	<b>COMBINED CHARGE (5) £</b>
Airton	8,000.00	93.32	85.73	187.21	272.94
Appletreewick	-	106.03	-	187.21	187.21
Arncliffe	-	39.32	-	187.21	187.21
Austwick	13,000.00	242.12	53.69	187.21	240.90
Bank Newton	-	28.92	-	187.21	187.21
Barden	-	33.12	-	187.21	187.21
Beamsley	-	70.62	-	187.21	187.21
Bentham	114,540.04	1,297.84	88.25	187.21	275.46
Bolton Abbey	-	44.57	-	187.21	187.21
Bradleys Both	21,916.12	510.58	42.92	187.21	230.13
Broughton	-	31.78	-	187.21	187.21
Buckden	4,600.00	98.68	46.62	187.21	233.83
Burnsall	1,000.00	53.73	18.61	187.21	205.82
Burton in Lonsdale	17,500.00	260.25	67.24	187.21	254.45
Calton	-	29.01	-	187.21	187.21
Carleton in Craven	21,000.00	445.40	47.15	187.21	234.36
Clapham-cum-Newby	7,527.70	312.07	24.12	187.21	211.33
Coniston Cold	400.00	100.97	3.96	187.21	191.17
Conistone w Kilnsey	1,000.00	66.61	15.01	187.21	202.22
Cononley	23,761.00	579.01	41.04	187.21	228.25
Cowling	54,937.00	900.72	60.99	187.21	248.20
Cracoe	-	83.98	-	187.21	187.21
Draughton	7,835.00	127.41	61.50	187.21	248.71
Elslack	-	38.17	-	187.21	187.21
Embsay w Eastby	30,632.00	796.70	38.45	187.21	225.66
Eshton	-	36.93	-	187.21	187.21
Farnhill	12,955.00	219.98	58.89	187.21	246.10
Flasby w Winterburn	-	55.83	-	187.21	187.21
Gargrave	46,000.00	798.08	57.64	187.21	244.85
Giggleswick	22,000.00	563.26	39.06	187.21	226.27
Glusburn	84,335.00	1,525.83	55.27	187.21	242.48
Grassington	32,022.90	557.92	57.40	187.21	244.61
Halton East	975.00	48.58	20.07	187.21	207.28
Halton Gill	-	27.77	-	187.21	187.21
Hartlington	-	35.79	-	187.21	187.21
Hawkswick	-	36.07	-	187.21	187.21
Hazlewood w Storiths	-	40.66	-	187.21	187.21

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<b>PARISH/WARD NAME</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCIL PRECEPT (1) £</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCIL TAXBASE (2) £</b>	<b>LOCAL COUNCIL CHARGE (3) £</b>	<b>C.D.C. CHARGE (4) £</b>	<b>COMBINED CHARGE (5) £</b>
Hebden	-	113.38	-	187.21	187.21
Hellifield	25,000.00	555.82	44.98	187.21	232.19
Hetton-cum-Bordley	-	79.31	-	187.21	187.21
Horton in Ribblesdale	12,500.00	179.99	69.45	187.21	256.66
Ingleton	98,500.00	860.54	114.46	187.21	301.67
Kettlewell w Starbotton	7,000.00	191.63	36.53	187.21	223.74
Kildwick	1,684.40	123.49	13.64	187.21	200.85
Kirkby Malhamdale	-	155.37	-	187.21	187.21
Langcliffe	8,500.00	166.63	51.01	187.21	238.22
Lawkland	-	129.32	-	187.21	187.21
Linton	5,900.00	78.93	74.75	187.21	261.96
Litton	-	35.22	-	187.21	187.21
Long Preston	26,000.00	333.36	77.99	187.21	265.20
Lothersdale	17,639.93	259.49	67.98	187.21	255.19
Martons Both	2,500.00	146.78	17.03	187.21	204.24
Otterburn	-	22.52	-	187.21	187.21
Ribble Banks	8,000.00	315.80	25.33	187.21	212.54
Rylstone	-	74.73	-	187.21	187.21
Scosthop	310.00	35.12	8.83	187.21	196.04
Settle	114,298.00	1,134.54	100.74	187.21	287.95
Skipton	519,491.00	5,626.29	92.33	187.21	279.54
Stainforth	8,550.00	113.76	75.16	187.21	262.37
Stirton w Thorlby	-	97.44	-	187.21	187.21
Sutton in Craven	79,000.00	1,286.38	61.41	187.21	248.62
Thornton in Craven	14,649.34	207.57	70.57	187.21	257.78
Thornton in Lonsdale	-	151.55	-	187.21	187.21
Thorpe	-	24.24	-	187.21	187.21
Threshfield	9,250.00	397.59	23.27	187.21	210.48
<b>Total Precepts</b>	<b>1,484,709.43</b>				
Tax Base		23,234.41			



**COUNCIL TAX LOCAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL CHARGES - ALL BANDS****2022/23**

<b><u>PARISH/WARD NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BAND A</u></b>	<b><u>BAND B</u></b>	<b><u>BAND C</u></b>	<b><u>BAND D</u></b>	<b><u>BAND E</u></b>	<b><u>BAND F</u></b>	<b><u>BAND G</u></b>	<b><u>BAND H</u></b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Airton	181.96	212.29	242.61	272.94	333.59	394.24	454.90	545.88
Appletreewick	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Arncliffe	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Austwick	160.60	187.37	214.13	240.90	294.43	347.96	401.50	481.80
Bank Newton	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Barden	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Beamsley	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Bentham	183.64	214.25	244.85	275.46	336.67	397.88	459.10	550.92
Bolton Abbey	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Bradleys Both	153.42	178.99	204.56	230.13	281.27	332.41	383.55	460.26
Broughton	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Buckden	155.89	181.87	207.85	233.83	285.79	337.75	389.72	467.66
Burnsall	137.22	160.08	182.95	205.82	251.56	297.29	343.04	411.64
Burton in Lonsdale	169.64	197.91	226.18	254.45	310.99	367.53	424.09	508.90
Calton	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Carleton in Craven	156.24	182.28	208.32	234.36	286.44	338.52	390.60	468.72
Clapham	140.89	164.37	187.85	211.33	258.29	305.25	352.22	422.66
Coniston Cold	127.45	148.69	169.93	191.17	233.65	276.13	318.62	382.34
Conistone w Kilnsey	134.82	157.28	179.75	202.22	247.16	292.09	337.04	404.44
Cononley	152.17	177.53	202.89	228.25	278.97	329.69	380.42	456.50
Cowling	165.47	193.05	220.62	248.20	303.35	358.51	413.67	496.40
Cracoe	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42

**COUNCIL TAX LOCAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL CHARGES - ALL BANDS****2022/23**

<b><u>PARISH/WARD NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BAND A</u></b>	<b><u>BAND B</u></b>	<b><u>BAND C</u></b>	<b><u>BAND D</u></b>	<b><u>BAND E</u></b>	<b><u>BAND F</u></b>	<b><u>BAND G</u></b>	<b><u>BAND H</u></b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Draughton	165.81	193.44	221.08	248.71	303.98	359.24	414.52	497.42
Elslack	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Embsay w Eastby	150.44	175.52	200.59	225.66	275.80	325.95	376.10	451.32
Eshton	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Farnhill	164.07	191.41	218.76	246.10	300.79	355.47	410.17	492.20
Flasby w Winterburn	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Gargrave	163.24	190.44	217.65	244.85	299.26	353.67	408.09	489.70
Giggleswick	150.85	175.99	201.13	226.27	276.55	326.83	377.12	452.54
Glusburn	161.66	188.60	215.54	242.48	296.36	350.24	404.14	484.96
Grassington	163.08	190.25	217.43	244.61	298.97	353.32	407.69	489.22
Halton East	138.19	161.22	184.25	207.28	253.34	299.40	345.47	414.56
Halton Gill	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Hartlington	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Hawkswick	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Hazlewood w Storiths	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Hebden	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Hellifield	154.80	180.59	206.39	232.19	283.79	335.38	386.99	464.38
Hetton-cum-Bordley	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Horton in Ribblesdale	171.11	199.63	228.14	256.66	313.69	370.73	427.77	513.32
Ingleton	201.12	234.63	268.15	301.67	368.71	435.74	502.79	603.34
Kettlewell w Starbotton	149.16	174.02	198.88	223.74	273.46	323.18	372.90	447.48
Kildwick	133.90	156.22	178.53	200.85	245.48	290.11	334.75	401.70

**COUNCIL TAX LOCAL COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL CHARGES - ALL BANDS****2022/23**

<b><u>PARISH/WARD NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BAND A</u></b>	<b><u>BAND B</u></b>	<b><u>BAND C</u></b>	<b><u>BAND D</u></b>	<b><u>BAND E</u></b>	<b><u>BAND F</u></b>	<b><u>BAND G</u></b>	<b><u>BAND H</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Kirkby Malhamdale	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Langcliffe	158.82	185.28	211.75	238.22	291.16	344.09	397.04	476.44
Lawkland	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Linton	174.64	203.75	232.85	261.96	320.17	378.38	436.60	523.92
Litton	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Long Preston	176.80	206.27	235.73	265.20	324.13	383.06	442.00	530.40
Lothersdale	170.13	198.48	226.84	255.19	311.90	368.60	425.32	510.38
Martons Both	136.16	158.86	181.55	204.24	249.62	295.01	340.40	408.48
Otterburn	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Ribble Banks	141.70	165.31	188.93	212.54	259.77	307.00	354.24	425.08
Rylstone	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Scosthrop	130.70	152.48	174.26	196.04	239.60	283.16	326.74	392.08
Settle	191.97	223.96	255.96	287.95	351.94	415.92	479.92	575.90
Skipton	186.36	217.42	248.48	279.54	341.66	403.78	465.90	559.08
Stainforth	174.92	204.07	233.22	262.37	320.67	378.97	437.29	524.74
Stirton w Thorlby	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Sutton in Craven	165.75	193.37	221.00	248.62	303.87	359.11	414.37	497.24
Thornton in Craven	171.86	200.50	229.14	257.78	315.06	372.34	429.64	515.56
Thornton in Lonsdale	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Thorpe	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Threshfield	140.32	163.71	187.09	210.48	257.25	304.02	350.80	420.96

**MAJOR PRECEPTING AUTHORITIES COUNCIL TAX CHARGES - ALL BANDS****2022/23**

<b><u>AUTHORITY</u></b>	<b><u>BAND A</u></b>	<b><u>BAND B</u></b>	<b><u>BAND C</u></b>	<b><u>BAND D</u></b>	<b><u>BAND E</u></b>	<b><u>BAND F</u></b>	<b><u>BAND G</u></b>	<b><u>BAND H</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
North Yorkshire County Council	978.23	1,141.27	1,304.31	1,467.35	1,793.43	2,119.50	2,445.58	2,934.70
Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire	187.37	218.60	249.83	281.06	343.52	405.98	468.43	562.12
North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	50.41	58.81	67.21	75.61	92.41	109.21	126.02	151.22
	<b>1,216.01</b>	<b>1,418.68</b>	<b>1,621.35</b>	<b>1,824.02</b>	<b>2,229.36</b>	<b>2,634.69</b>	<b>3,040.03</b>	<b>3,648.04</b>
Craven District Council	124.81	145.61	166.41	187.21	228.81	270.41	312.02	374.42
Parish	42.60	49.70	56.80	63.90	78.10	92.30	106.50	127.80
	167.41	195.31	223.21	251.11	306.91	362.71	418.52	502.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,383.42</b>	<b>1,613.99</b>	<b>1,844.56</b>	<b>2,075.13</b>	<b>2,536.27</b>	<b>2,997.40</b>	<b>3,458.55</b>	<b>4,150.26</b>

**COUNCIL TAX LOCAL COUNCIL, DISTRICT COUNCIL, COUNTY COUNCIL AND POLICE AND FIRE AUTHORITY CHARGES - ALL BANDS 2022/23**

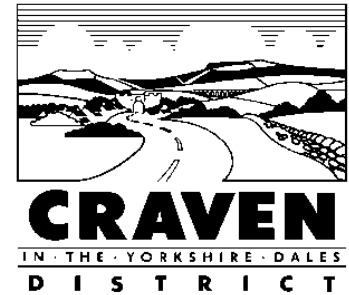
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	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Airton	1,397.97	1,630.97	1,863.96	2,096.96	2,562.95	3,028.93	3,494.93	4,193.92
Appletreewick	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Arncliffe	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Austwick	1,376.61	1,606.05	1,835.48	2,064.92	2,523.79	2,982.65	3,441.53	4,129.84
Bank Newton	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Barden	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Beamsley	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Bentham	1,399.65	1,632.93	1,866.20	2,099.48	2,566.03	3,032.57	3,499.13	4,198.96
Bolton Abbey	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Bradleys Both	1,369.43	1,597.67	1,825.91	2,054.15	2,510.63	2,967.10	3,423.58	4,108.30
Broughton	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Buckden	1,371.90	1,600.55	1,829.20	2,057.85	2,515.15	2,972.44	3,429.75	4,115.70
Burnsall	1,353.23	1,578.76	1,804.30	2,029.84	2,480.92	2,931.98	3,383.07	4,059.68
Burton in Lonsdale	1,385.65	1,616.59	1,847.53	2,078.47	2,540.35	3,002.22	3,464.12	4,156.94
Calton	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Carleton in Craven	1,372.25	1,600.96	1,829.67	2,058.38	2,515.80	2,973.21	3,430.63	4,116.76
Clapham	1,356.90	1,583.05	1,809.20	2,035.35	2,487.65	2,939.94	3,392.25	4,070.70
Coniston Cold	1,343.46	1,567.37	1,791.28	2,015.19	2,463.01	2,910.82	3,358.65	4,030.38
Conistone w Kilnsey	1,350.83	1,575.96	1,801.10	2,026.24	2,476.52	2,926.78	3,377.07	4,052.48
Cononley	1,368.18	1,596.21	1,824.24	2,052.27	2,508.33	2,964.38	3,420.45	4,104.54
Cowling	1,381.48	1,611.73	1,841.97	2,072.22	2,532.71	2,993.20	3,453.70	4,144.44
Cracoe	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46

**COUNCIL TAX LOCAL COUNCIL, DISTRICT COUNCIL, COUNTY COUNCIL AND POLICE AND FIRE AUTHORITY CHARGES - ALL BANDS 2022/23**

<b><u>PARISH/WARD NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BAND A</u></b>	<b><u>BAND B</u></b>	<b><u>BAND C</u></b>	<b><u>BAND D</u></b>	<b><u>BAND E</u></b>	<b><u>BAND F</u></b>	<b><u>BAND G</u></b>	<b><u>BAND H</u></b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Draughton	1,381.82	1,612.12	1,842.43	2,072.73	2,533.34	2,993.93	3,454.55	4,145.46
Elslack	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Embsay w Eastby	1,366.45	1,594.20	1,821.94	2,049.68	2,505.16	2,960.64	3,416.13	4,099.36
Eshton	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Farnhill	1,380.08	1,610.09	1,840.11	2,070.12	2,530.15	2,990.16	3,450.20	4,140.24
Flasby w Winterburn	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Gargrave	1,379.25	1,609.12	1,839.00	2,068.87	2,528.62	2,988.36	3,448.12	4,137.74
Giggleswick	1,366.86	1,594.67	1,822.48	2,050.29	2,505.91	2,961.52	3,417.15	4,100.58
Glusburn	1,377.67	1,607.28	1,836.89	2,066.50	2,525.72	2,984.93	3,444.17	4,133.00
Grassington	1,379.09	1,608.93	1,838.78	2,068.63	2,528.33	2,988.01	3,447.72	4,137.26
Halton East	1,354.20	1,579.90	1,805.60	2,031.30	2,482.70	2,934.09	3,385.50	4,062.60
Halton Gill	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Hartlington	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Hawkswick	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Hazlewood w Storiths	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Hebden	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Hellifield	1,370.81	1,599.27	1,827.74	2,056.21	2,513.15	2,970.07	3,427.02	4,112.42
Hetton-cum-Bordley	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Horton in Ribblesdale	1,387.12	1,618.31	1,849.49	2,080.68	2,543.05	3,005.42	3,467.80	4,161.36
Ingleton	1,417.13	1,653.31	1,889.50	2,125.69	2,598.07	3,070.43	3,542.82	4,251.38
Kettlewell w Starbotton	1,365.17	1,592.70	1,820.23	2,047.76	2,502.82	2,957.87	3,412.93	4,095.52
Kildwick	1,349.91	1,574.90	1,799.88	2,024.87	2,474.84	2,924.80	3,374.78	4,049.74

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	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Kirkby Malhamdale	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Langcliffe	1,374.83	1,603.96	1,833.10	2,062.24	2,520.52	2,978.78	3,437.07	4,124.48
Lawkland	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Linton	1,390.65	1,622.43	1,854.20	2,085.98	2,549.53	3,013.07	3,476.63	4,171.96
Litton	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Long Preston	1,392.81	1,624.95	1,857.08	2,089.22	2,553.49	3,017.75	3,482.03	4,178.44
Lothersdale	1,386.14	1,617.16	1,848.19	2,079.21	2,541.26	3,003.29	3,465.35	4,158.42
Martons Both	1,352.17	1,577.54	1,802.90	2,028.26	2,478.98	2,929.70	3,380.43	4,056.52
Otterburn	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Ribble Banks	1,357.71	1,583.99	1,810.28	2,036.56	2,489.13	2,941.69	3,394.27	4,073.12
Rylstone	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Scosthrop	1,346.71	1,571.16	1,795.61	2,020.06	2,468.96	2,917.85	3,366.77	4,040.12
Settle	1,407.98	1,642.64	1,877.31	2,111.97	2,581.30	3,050.61	3,519.95	4,223.94
Skipton	1,402.37	1,636.10	1,869.83	2,103.56	2,571.02	3,038.47	3,505.93	4,207.12
Stainforth	1,390.93	1,622.75	1,854.57	2,086.39	2,550.03	3,013.66	3,477.32	4,172.78
Stirton w Thorlby	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Sutton in Craven	1,381.76	1,612.05	1,842.35	2,072.64	2,533.23	2,993.80	3,454.40	4,145.28
Thornton in Craven	1,387.87	1,619.18	1,850.49	2,081.80	2,544.42	3,007.03	3,469.67	4,163.60
Thornton in Lonsdale	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Thorpe	1,340.82	1,564.29	1,787.76	2,011.23	2,458.17	2,905.10	3,352.05	4,022.46
Threshfield	1,356.33	1,582.39	1,808.44	2,034.50	2,486.61	2,938.71	3,390.83	4,069.00

**Council Meeting****22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022****NJC Pay Award****Report of the Chief Executive****Lead Member – Leader of the Council****Ward(s) affected: None****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Member approval to implement the [proposed] pay award for the period April 2021 to March 2022 in advance of agreement with the Trade Unions.

**2. Recommendations – Members are recommended to:**

- 2.1 Approve implementation of the Pay Award (including payment of the accrued back pay) to all staff in March 2022.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Pay awards are not normally presented to Council for decision. Agreements are negotiated nationally between employers, representatives and the trade unions, and as the council is represented by the employer's side, agreements are implemented accordingly.
- 3.2 Unfortunately, this year no agreement has been reached, the employers negotiating team being adamant that there will be no increase in their final offer of 1.75%, for all staff excluding Chief Officers and Chief Executives. The Employers' offer is a pay increase of 1.75% for all staff from Spinal Point 2 to upwards, with a 2.75% increase for Spinal Point 1. This offer was rejected by the Trade Unions.
- 3.2 As this was rejected by the Trade Unions, their members were balloted for strike action.
- 3.3 UNISON commenced their ballot in December; however, the turnout was very low, 14% and well below the necessary 50% needed for strike action.
- 3.4 GMB commenced their ballot in January, and we still await the outcome from this although the indications are that they will be in a similar position to UNISON.



#### **4. Justification**

- 4.1 It has become apparent that with the rising cost of living and the rise in National Insurance due in April 2023, that, if there is an agreement after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, staff will not gain any benefit from the pay award as this will be “swallowed” up with the various increases but principally the increase in National Insurance contributions. Implementing the proposed agreement as it stands before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, will correctly avoid the impact of the in National Insurance rise, which will be introduced from April 2022.
- 4.2 A meeting was held with local UNISON and GMB representatives and both unions agreed that the delay was unfair on staff, but any local agreement would be outside of the existing collective agreement.
- 4.3 A number of other authorities have a similar approach.

#### **4. Risks**

- 5.1 The implications for CDC to “impose” the employers offer in the absence of a formal agreement and pay circulars having been agreed could result in industrial relation issues. CDC would have to deal with the unions’ potential reaction.
- 5.2 The other issue with ‘imposition’ is ensuring CDC has a lawful basis for incurring the expenditure when there is not a collective agreement that legally requires payment to be made.

#### **6. Agreement**

- 6.1 UNISON and GMB reached an agreement with the Chief Executive and the HR Manager that the increase of 2.75% for spinal point 1, and 1.75% for staff above spinal point 1, this would be paid to staff in March 2022 along with the back pay. Appendix 1 and 2 relates to this, subject to a full Council decision.
- 6.2 It was also agreed that if there was an increase in the pay award, then staff would receive the additional increase in full, backdated as appropriate.
- 6.3 The Chief Executive and Chief Officers pay award has been agreed nationally and a 1.5% pay increase will be implemented, backdated to April 2022.

#### **7. Financial and Value for Money Implications**

- 7.1 The budget for 2021/22 includes financial provision to implement the award.

#### **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 None.

#### **9. Contribution to Council Priorities**

9.1 To ensure that CDC complies with the NJC pay awards for staff

**9.2 Impact on the declared Climate Emergency**

None from this report

**10. Risk Management**

10.1 None from this report

10.2 **Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) Statement** – None from this report

10.3 **Monitoring Officer Statement** – None from this report

**11. Equality Impact Analysis**

11.1 N/a

**12. Consultations with other**

The Trade Unions will be informed if this is to be approved

**13. Appendices**

**Appendix 1**

**Appendix 2**

**14 Author of the Report**

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Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

**Amendment to collective agreement between GMB and Craven District Council to allow the early interim implementation of the NJC employers' pay offer for 2021-22**

GMB and CDC recognise:

- the current pressures on the cost of living for staff and hence the importance of getting the overdue pay award to CDC staff and GMB members as soon as possible
- the aspirations of GMB members to receive more than 1.75% and that GMB members voted by a large margin to reject the offer but did not have a sufficient turnout for industrial action
- In the event that national negotiations recommence and an improved offer is made, anything above 1.75% (2.75% on SCP1) will be implemented in accordance with the terms of that improved offer eg back dated to 1 April 2021 if that is the revised offer
- The very tight and competitive labour market locally, with low unemployment, and pay being increased in other employers and sectors in response, which is making recruitment for CDC very difficult
- Increasing retention problems and pay often cited as a factor

As an exceptional measure and in response to the points noted above it is jointly agreed that the NJC Employers' pay offer for 2021-22 can be applied locally, prior to any final national agreement, to ensure employees receive at least the minimum offer made without further delay. The terms of the employers' offer are summarised below. If there is a final national agreement, which is more favourable than this employers' offer, any additional sums owing will be applied at the earliest opportunity.

- With effect from 1 April 2021, an increase of 2.75 per cent on NJC pay point 1
- With effect from 1 April 2021, an increase of 1.75 per cent on all NJC pay points 2 and above
- With effect from 1 April 2021, an increase of 1.5 per cent on the local pay points covered by Chief Officer and Chief Executive JNCs

For the avoidance of doubt, this local agreement is in contemplation of a final national agreement and to either wholly or partially implement those anticipated nationally agreed terms at this time. This agreement is not to further supplement any pay increase which may be given by the national agreement. Accordingly, any percentage increase to pay awarded by the final national agreement will be calculated on using an employee's rate of pay before this local agreement was implemented and the percentage increase of pay applied.

If, as anticipated, the final national agreement agrees to backdate the pay increase then any backdated pay due to the employee will be reduced by the increased pay afforded and paid to them by this local agreement.

Signed for CDC



Date 15/2/2022

Signed for GMB



Date 14/2/2022

**Amendment to collective agreement between Unison and Craven District Council to allow the early interim implementation of the NJC employers' pay offer for 2021-22**

UNISON and CDC recognise:

- the current pressures on the cost of living for staff and hence the importance of getting the overdue pay award to CDC staff and UNISON members as soon as possible
- the aspirations of UNISON members to receive more than 1.75% and that UNISON members voted by a large margin to reject the offer but did not have a sufficient turnout for industrial action
- In the event that national negotiations recommence and an improved offer is made, anything above 1.75% (2.75% on SCP1) will be implemented in accordance with the terms of that improved offer eg back dated to 1 April 2021 if that is the revised offer
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If, as anticipated, the final national agreement agrees to backdate the pay increase then any backdated pay due to the employee will be reduced by the increased pay afforded and paid to them by this local agreement.

Signed for CDC



Date

8.2.22

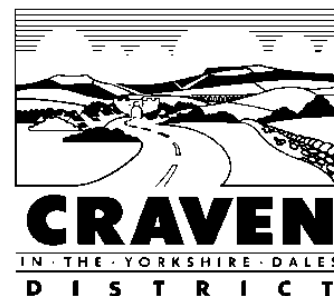
Signed for Unison



N. BRAHAM

Date

8.2.22

**Council Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022****LANGCLIFFE QUARRY ENTERPRISE CENTRE – BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY****Report of the Strategic Manager (Planning & Regeneration)****Lead Member – Enterprising Craven (Councillor Myers)**

Ward(s) affected: Penyghent, Settle and Ribblesbanks

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the provision of broadband connectivity to the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre, seek approval from Members for continued discussions with Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN) and to allocate funding to support the provision of gigabit broadband connectivity.

**2. Recommendations**

Members are recommended to:

- 2.1 Approve that the District Council continues discussions with Broadband for the Rural North to make available their broadband service to the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre.
- 2.2 That, subject to approval of recommendation 2.1 above, the Council includes a supplementary capital budget of £50,000 in its capital programme for the financial year 2021/22 to fund the infrastructure required to supply a gigabit fibre broadband connection to each business unit at the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre and associated costs.
- 2.3 That, subject to approval of recommendation 2.2 above, give delegated authority to the Director of Services in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council and the Strategic Manager (Financial Services) to agree terms and enter into all agreements required with Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN) for delivery and implementation of their infrastructure to the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre.

**3. Provision of Broadband Connectivity to the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre**

- 3.1 The former Waste Management Depot at Langcliffe Quarry is being redeveloped to create a purpose-built rural enterprise facility that will accommodate a cross-section of new, early stage and growing businesses

including co-working space and shared facilities such as training and meeting rooms.

- 3.2 In addition to the provision of workspace a key objective of the project is to ensure tenants have access to high quality broadband connectivity to adopt and use technology to improve their productivity.
- 3.3 The business case for the Enterprise Centre references the provision of 'hyperfast broadband (speeds of at least 1,000 mbps)' with businesses being proactively encouraged to make use of the technology. In addition, through the Rural Business Development Officer recently employed by the District Council, access to training and a workshop programme is being made available to businesses to highlight the potential of gigabit broadband connectivity and how it can be used to make them more competitive and widen their market reach.
- 3.4 As part of the construction of the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre broadband connectivity is being progressed through two discreet and physically separate approaches; Openreach infrastructure and Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN).
- 3.5 The advantage of this approach is that, subject to the successful implementation of both networks, the Enterprise Centre will be an attractive proposition for tenants with a choice of connectivity providers based on their individual needs.

#### **4. Openreach Connectivity**

- 4.1 As a new commercial development, the District Council, in August 2021 registered Phase 1 of the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre with Openreach to seek an assessment of the connectivity options available.
- 4.2 Following registration Openreach has confirmed that their full fibre, gigabit, network can be made available to the Enterprise Centre. Openreach has supplied the required documentation and fee proposal to the Council to facilitate connectivity by the anticipated first occupation date.
- 4.3 The fibre to the premise connectivity from Openreach will offer ultrafast speeds with the ability for tenants to choose from several Internet Service Providers through their open access network. Implementation of this connectivity is anticipated to be complete by April 2022 and is being progressed directly by the Langcliffe Quarry project team and the Principal Contractor.

#### **5. Broadband for the Rural North Connectivity**

##### Introduction to Broadband for the Rural North

- 5.1 Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN) is a non-profit Community Benefit Society that owns and operates a fibre optic broadband network across areas

of Lancashire, Cumbria, and North Yorkshire. The network, established in 2011, is predominantly built by volunteer effort, private investment, local community fundraising and the provision of wayleaves over land at no cost to the Society. B4RN is managed by a team of volunteer and paid staff based at Melling in the Lune Valley.

- 5.2 The B4RN network offers a standard 1,000Mbps fibre to the premise connection for a monthly charge starting at £30 (inc VAT) for micro businesses with 1 to 5 site staff; increasing in cost based on the number of employees. The network notes itself as being future proof with the option to increase connection speeds as required with a 10Gbps (10,000Mbps) service also currently available.
- 5.3 Within Craven, existing B4RN coverage extends across areas of North Craven including the northern and eastern fringes of the Forest of Bowland, Ingleton, Chapel-le-Dale, Clapham, Austwick and areas of Ribblesdale.
- 5.4 The growth of the B4RN network is organic based on demand by residents and businesses who come together to create 'sub projects' to connect their area. This approach primarily dictates the direction and expansion of the network.
- 5.5 Since B4RN extended into Craven, the District Council has supported B4RN and its projects including facilitating expansion of the West Yorkshire 'Superconnected Cities' voucher scheme into the district, helping facilitate initial discussions in new areas of the district and providing wayleaves for infrastructure on Council assets.
- 5.6 With regard to Langcliffe Quarry, informal discussions have been held with representatives of B4RN to understand the potential for connectivity. Initially B4RN suggested connectivity was considered originating from the south with capacity available in their fibre cabinet at Giggleswick School. A further review by B4RN of their network has identified that, subject to the necessary infrastructure upgrades, a service could be provided from the north via Austwick, Feizor, Wharfe and Little Stainforth.
- 5.7 This approach from the north would be significantly lower in cost due to the reduced need for laying of a duct along the highway through the centre of Giggleswick. There would though be an ambition from B4RN to create a link to the south in the future to provide resilience in their network. In either route there would be a need for the fibre to cross both the river Ribble and Settle to Carlisle railway line to reach Langcliffe Quarry.
- 5.8 Delivery of this extension to the B4RN network could also facilitate the opportunity to extend the core B4RN network further across the district if there was the appetite from local communities.
- 5.9 In anticipation of a subsequent connection and, to minimise future disruption, B4RN has supplied, at no cost, the Langcliffe Quarry project, with materials to

install the required ducting and chambers during the groundworks phase of the development, terminating at the boundary of the Enterprise Centre site.

Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre – B4RN Connectivity

- 5.10 As with Openreach, interest has been registered with B4RN in providing a service to the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre. As such B4RN has submitted an outline proposal to the District Council on how they could provide connectivity to Langcliffe Quarry including a potential route alignment and fee proposal. In delivering the connectivity B4RN would be responsible for all aspects of securing consents and permissions, undertaking all civils work including laying ducting, installing chambers and blowing the fibre to the business units along with the continued provision of broadband services.
- 5.11 The proposal by B4RN will require engagement with landowners and statutory bodies dependent on the final route selected but will include approximately 2.5km of fibre installation, a crossing of the river Ribble and crossing under the Settle to Carlisle railway.
- 5.12 B4RN has noted the timescales required to facilitate this connection so their connectivity could be available from when units start to be occupied in spring 2022. The key risk to provision of a service relates to ensuring the necessary wayleaves and consents are in place. To mitigate this, and as part of their previous work B4RN has noted they are progressing discussions with relevant organisations and individuals.
- 5.13 In light of the technical feasibility of providing a connection to Langcliffe Quarry, it is recommended that that Members approve the continued discussion between the District Council and Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN) to make available a B4RN gigabit broadband service to each of the business units at the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre.
- 5.14 In addition, subject to approval to continue discussions with B4RN, it is recommended the Council includes a supplementary capital budget of £50,000 in its capital programme for the financial year 2021/22 to fund the approximate £35,000 infrastructure costs required to supply a B4RN gigabit fibre broadband connection to each business unit at the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre and up to £15,000 to address contingency and additional, unknown connectivity infrastructure that may be required.
- 5.15 Finally, to provide a B4RN connection of the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre, it is recommended that Members give delegated authority to the Director of Services in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council and the Strategic Manager (Financial Services) to agree terms and enter into all agreements required with Broadband for the Rural North for delivery and implementation of their infrastructure to the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre.



## **6. Additional B4RN Connectivity in Ribblesdale**

- 6.1 Concurrent to the Council's approach to connect Langcliffe Quarry, a locally-led sub project of B4RN has been progressing a scheme to provide connectivity along Stackhouse Lane to the north of Giggleswick with the intention to connect to the Giggleswick School cabinet noted previously. This group has worked for several years to aggregate community interest, identified a potential route, secured in principle landowner permissions and some of the wayleaves required – some of which would be required to connect Langcliffe Quarry.
- 6.2 The Stackhouse Lane project group, via B4RN, proposed a scheme that would partly benefit from the UK Gigabit voucher scheme which targets areas with low broadband speeds to help fund the connectivity of individual residential and business premises. Due to the high costs of civils work required along the highway in Giggleswick, even with the vouchers, this extension continued to see a funding gap in their proposal.
- 6.3 In November 2021 and, following the announcement that the Settle and Giggleswick area has been included within a proposed rollout of ultrafast connectivity by a commercial broadband operator before 2026 these premises no longer meet the eligibility criteria to access gigabit vouchers.
- 6.4 As noted in paragraph 5.8 and as a result of the potential route required to connect Langcliffe Quarry, B4RN could potentially provide added value by enabling further connectivity in the surrounding area, subject to the necessary private sector investment.
- 6.5 B4RN has noted the technical feasibility of this approach which could be progressed directly between individual premises and B4RN, separate to any works for the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre and agreement with the District Council. In noting this, the District Council would support the Stackhouse Lane project group, and any other locally-led groups with local knowledge and advice where possible to enable greater connectivity.
- 6.6 As a result, B4RN has discussed directly with a number of residents and businesses interested in benefiting from a B4RN service, the purchase of shares in the Community Benefit Society to fund connectivity; this is a similar approach to the original funding model of B4RN when it was first established in 2011.

## **7. Financial and Value for Money Implications**

- 7.1 It is recommended that this scheme is included within the Council's capital programme for 2021/22 with a budget value of £50,000 and funded from the New Homes Bonus Reserve.
- 7.2 As at POL.384/11-12 it was resolved that a proportion of the Council's New Homes Bonus receipts would be used to fund infrastructure projects that supported the Council's Economic Development Strategy.

- 7.3 A later resolution as at POL.408/11-12 identified the overarching themes for this investment, including rural broadband. A further report as at POL.488/12-13 confirmed the priorities with each theme and made suggestions on the type of activity that may be funded, including, upgrading Next Generation Access (NGA) infrastructure to rural industrial estates or business parks.
- 7.4 Within the above resolutions it was confirmed that individual requests for investment would be subject to further reports presented to future committee as required.
- 7.5 Further to the previous resolutions two schemes have been funded as a result of this theme including funding three Openreach fibre cabinets in the Skipton area and a contribution to the Digital Enterprise business support programme led by Leeds City Council on behalf of the wider Leeds City Region partners.
- 7.6 The proposed investment in this report contributes to the original priorities and will increase the attractiveness of the units to tenants and the ultimate sustainability of the development.

## **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 If the recommendations of this report were approved the District Council would continue discussions with B4RN regarding a deliverable connection to the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre.
- 8.2 Acceptance of any quotations to fund delivery of this service would be formalised through a written agreement between B4RN and the District Council. This agreement would include detail on the scope of work, payment arrangements, timescales and responsibilities.
- 8.3 With regard to land access consents and permissions, except for any wayleaves that directly affect the District Council and its assets, B4RN will be responsible for negotiating all access and resulting wayleaves to enable installation of infrastructure to Langcliffe Quarry.
- 8.4 Wayleaves over District Council land will be managed by the Langcliffe Quarry Construction Project Team with the support of Legal Services.

## **9. Contribution to Council Priorities**

- 9.1 The scheme presented in this report contributes to the 'Carbon Neutral Craven' priority of the Council Plan 2020 and beyond (2021 update) by ensuring all businesses and residents in Craven have access to a high-quality broadband and telecommunications connection by 2022.

### Impact on the declared Climate Emergency

- 9.2 The provision of gigabit broadband connectivity to the Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre contributes to the District Council's Climate Emergency

Strategic Plan 2020 – 2030 by ensuring that the infrastructure is in place to ensure effective internet connectivity with resulting outcomes of remote working, reduction in the need for travel and greater productivity and innovation.

**10. Risk Management**

10.1 There are no significant risks to the Council as a result of the content of this report.

10.2 Potential risks with regard to delivery by B4RN can be mitigated through the written agreement with B4RN and appropriate conditions relating to payment for the services ordered.

10.3 Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) Statement

The financial and budgetary implications are as set out in the report.

10.4 Monitoring Officer Statement

The legal implications are as set out in the report.

**11. Equality Impact Analysis**

11.1 The Council's Equality Impact Assessment Procedure has been followed. An Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed on the proposals as completion of Stage 1- Initial Screening of the Procedure identified that the proposed policy, strategy, procedure or function does not have the potential to cause negative impact or discriminate against different groups in the community based on •age • disability •gender • race/ethnicity • religion or religious belief (faith) •sexual orientation, or • rural isolation.

**12. Consultations with Others**

Assets and Commercial Services  
Financial Services  
Legal Services

**13. Background Documents**

None

**14. Appendices**

None

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