



POLICY COMMITTEE

6.30pm on Tuesday 3rd November 2015
Belle Vue Suite, Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton

Committee Members: Councillors

Barrett	Brockbank	Dawson	English
Foster	Heseltine	Hull	Ireton
Kerwin-Davey	Lis	Mulligan	Myers
Place	G Quinn	Sutcliffe	

Substitutes: Conservatives – Clark and Thompson; Independents – Morrell and Solloway;
Liberal Democrats –Jaquin

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 Item numbered \$15 below on the grounds that it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (financial or business affairs of any particular person including the Council) of those Rules and Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

1. **Apologies for absence and substitutes**
2. **Confirmation of Minutes** – 15th September 2015 attached.
3. **Public Participation** - In the event that any questions/statements are received or members of the public attend, the public participation session will proceed for a period of up to fifteen minutes.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in 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:

- a “**disclosable pecuniary interest**” under Appendix A to the (new) Code of Conduct, in which case the Member must leave the meeting room; or
- an “**other interest**” under Appendix B of the (new) 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 of Council who has a disclosable pecuniary interest 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. **Council Tax Base** – Report of the Corporate Head of Business Support. Attached
Purpose of Report – To approve the Council Tax Base for the 2016/17 financial year.
6. **Council Tax Liability Discretionary Powers** – Report of the Corporate Head of Business Support. Attached.
Purpose of Report – To introduce a discretionary scheme to reduce the amount of Council Tax a person is liable to pay if the qualifying criteria of the scheme are met.
7. **Craven Objectively Assessed Need for Housing and the Housing Distribution Strategy** – Recommendation of the Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee together with the report of the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration. Attached.
Purpose of Item – To present and seek approval for a housing target and a housing distribution strategy for the emerging Local Plan based on an objectively assessed need for new dwellings in response to updated economic and housing evidence underpinning the plan and advancements in Government guidance.
8. **Fees and Charges Policy** – Report of the Strategic Manager for Financial Services. Attached.
Purpose of Item – To present the updated Fees and Charges Policy for approval.
9. **Treasury Management Mid-Year** – Report of the Strategic Manager for Financial Services. Attached.
Purpose of Item – To update Members on the treasury activity undertaken in the first six months of the year in the context of current and forecast economic climates.
10. **Craven Community Core Funding Grants Update** – Report of the Chief Executive. Attached.
Purpose of Report - To update members on the work of the 8 Community Organisations core funded for 2014/15 and 2015/16 and the progress they have made towards securing their longer term sustainability.
11. **Skipton Town Hall : Arts Council Bid to Restore Main Hall** – Report of the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration. Attached.
Purpose of Item – To present the scope of a bid for funding to the Arts Council to improve the facilities and equipment of the Main Hall and seek confirmation for the application to continue.
12. **Strategic Partnership** – Report of the Corporate Head of Business Support attached.
Purpose of Report – To update Members on the progress of establishing a strategic partnership for the delivery of Revenue, Benefit and IT services.
13. **Granville Street Allotments – Land for Water Supply** – Report of the Director of Services. Attached.
Purpose of Report – To seek Members approval to acquire, for nil consideration, a small piece of land on Granville Street, for the purposes of siting a new water supply and meter for the Granville Street allotments.

14. Minutes of Sub-Committees – Attached as follows:

Community Grants Sub-Committee – 29th June 2015 and 5th October 2015
Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee – 1st October 2015 and 19th October 2015.

ITEM CONSIDERED FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

\$15. Shared Ownership Housing – Report of the Director of Services. Attached.

Purpose of Report – To approve the delivery of a pilot scheme to develop shared ownership housing.

16. Items for Confirmation – The Committee is asked to indicate whether any of the above items should be referred to Council for confirmation.

17. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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