



POLICY COMMITTEE

6.30pm on Tuesday 13th September 2016
Belle Vue Suite, Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton

Committee Members: Councillors

Barrett	Brockbank	Dawson	Foster
Heseltine	Hull	Ireton	Jaquin
Lis	Madeley	Morrell	Mulligan
Myers	Place	Welch	

Substitutes: Conservatives – Graham, Thompson and Whitaker; Independents – Pighills, Solloway and Shuttleworth; Labour – Mercer and Rose.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence and substitutes**
2. **Confirmation of Minutes** – 19th July 2016 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. **Select Committee Reports** – Reports of the Select Committee and Select Committee Waste Management Working Group. To follow
 - a. Waste Management Working Group : Collection Points Policy.
 - b. Revenues and Benefits Performance.

Note : The above reports are to be presented to the Select Committee 7th September 2016 for approval and reference to this Committee and should be available for circulation in their final form on 8th September 2016

Purpose of Reports – To present the outcome of reviews carried out in respect of the implementation of the waste management collection point policy and the processing of housing benefits applications during the course 2015-16.

6. **Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter 1 2016/2017** – Report of the Strategic Manager for Financial Services (S.151 Officer). Attached

Purpose of Report – To advise Members of the revenue budget position of the Council, based on the quarter 1 review of income and expenditure to the end of June 2016.

7. **Capital Programme Monitoring Quarter 1 2016/2017** – Report of the Strategic Manager for Financial Services (S.151 Officer). Attached.

Purpose of Report – To advise Members of the capital programme position of the Council, based on the Quarter 1 review of income and expenditure to the end of June 2016.

8. **Performance Monitoring Quarter 1 2016/2017** - Report of the Strategic Manager for Financial Services (S.151 Officer). Attached.

Purpose of Report – To present the Council's performance monitoring report for quarter 1 2016/2017 in accordance with arrangements set out in the Council's performance management framework.

9. **Bad Debt Write Offs 2015/16** – Report of the Strategic Manager for Financial Services (S.151 Officer). Attached.

Purpose of Report – In accordance with financial procedure rules, to report to Members details of total bad debts written off during the 2015/16 financial year.

10. **Efficiency Plan for Acceptance of the Governments Four Year Settlement Offer** – Report of the Strategic Manager for Financial Services (S.151 Officer). Attached.

Purpose of Report – To consider the government's offer of a four year funding settlement to 2019/20 to any council that wishes to take it up and approve a draft submission accepting the offer. The submission also includes a flexible use of capital receipts strategy for 2016/17 to 2018/19 which the government offer also allows.

11. **Longer Term Financial Strategy (LTFS) 2017/18 to 2023/24** – Report of the Strategic Manager for Financial Services (S.151 Officer). Attached.

Purpose of Report – To provide Members with an update on the forecast financial position for the seven year period to 2023/24.

12. **Skipton Town Hall** – Report of the Director of Services. Attached.

Purpose of Report – To inform Members of findings from the feasibility study commissioned on the restoration of the Concert Hall and agree the next steps in Skipton Town Hall's development.

13. **Strategic Review of Recycling Bring-Sites** – Report of the Director of Services. Attached.

Purpose of Report – To seek approval for the removal of all existing 'bring sites' across the District other than those identified to be retained in the recommendations.

14. **Council Tax Exemption for Empty and Unoccupied Properties in 2017/18 and Beyond**– Report of the Corporate Head – Business Support. Attached.

Purpose of Report – To review options regarding the current council tax exemption for empty and unfurnished properties.

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

16. **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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