

POLICY COMMITTEE

29th October 2019

Present – The Chairman (Foster) and Councillors, Brockbank, Heseltine, Ireton, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Noland, Place, Rose and Solloway (substitute for Barrett).

Officers – Chief Executive, Director of Services, Chief Finance Officer (S151 Officer), Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration and Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barrett, Madeley, Lis, Welch and Wheeler.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 7:26pm

The minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on 17th September 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to a minor amendment.

Exclusion of the Public –

Resolved – That in accordance with the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the press and public is excluded from the meeting during the consideration of \$POL.1023 on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose Category 3 (financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council)) exempt information.

Minutes for Report

POL.1022

FUTURE OF LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS

The Strategic Manager for Planning and Regenerations submitted a report updating Members on recent developments and the current status regarding the organisation of Local Enterprise Partnerships in Yorkshire and the Humber.

Established in 2011, Local Enterprise Partnerships were partnerships between local authorities and businesses to produce economic development priorities and act as a lead on economic growth covering functional economic areas. Craven looked towards the conurbations of West Yorkshire and also to the Yorkshire Dales resulting in it being a member of both the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP (YNYER LEP) and the Leeds City Region LEP (LCR LEP).

The Government's reorganisation of LEPs made it clear that retaining overlaps diluted the accountability and responsibility for setting strategies and that all businesses and communities should be represented by one LEP and those that did not would be subject to restricted access to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This had resulted in a decision to seek a merger between the YNYER LEP and the LCR LEP.

Part of the Government's economic policy was the devolution of budgets and powers to city regions and although all local authorities across Yorkshire agreed that there should be a one Yorkshire approach this had been consistently opposed by the Government, their view being that there should be four separate deals; Humber, York and North Yorkshire, Sheffield and West Yorkshire.

There had been no decision on the structure and geography of LEPs but it was clear that one option was for the LEPs to mirror the geography of the likely devolution deals. The Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration's report informed Members that the new devolution / LEP arrangements would not affect any existing committed programmes or proposals such as the Transforming Cities Fund.

Resolved – That, the recent developments of the reorganised Local Enterprise Partnerships covering Craven and the future plans for collaborations between Local Enterprise Partnerships in Yorkshire are noted.

\$POL.1023

SHARED OWNERSHIP HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Director of Services submitted a report seeking approval for the acquisition of a plot of land together with a supplementary estimate to develop the site for shared ownership homes.

In considering the report, Members agreed that the report should be deferred to the next meeting pending further information regarding land values, occupancy restrictions and whether the business case would change as a result thereof.

(A separate excluded full minute has been prepared for this item. It is published (on pink paper) in an Appendix to Committee Members, relevant officers and others who are entitled to all details.)

Minutes for Decision

POL.1024

CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL TAX BASE – 2020/21

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report inviting Members to approve the Council Tax Base for the 2020/21 financial year. The Committee was advised that the formula used to calculate the base was complex requiring forward projections of a number of key variables such as new builds, demolitions and Council Tax discounts and exemptions.

For every £1 of Council Tax levied, the tax base, as proposed, would enable the Authority to meet £22,617 of expenditure in 202/21 compared with £22,525 in 2019/20.

RECOMMENDED – (1) That, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 the amount calculated by Craven District Council as its tax base for the whole of the area for 1920/1921 financial year is set at 22,617.

(2) That, the amount calculated by Craven District Council as the tax base for each of its Parishes for the 2020/2021 financial year is that as set out in Appendix A appended to these minutes.

POL.1025

**CRAVEN HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY
2020 – 2025**

The Director of Services submitted a report seeking approval of the Craven Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020 -2025. The Housing Act 1996 placed a duty on local authorities to take a strategic approach to tackling and preventing homelessness by reviewing homelessness in the District and formulating and producing a homelessness strategy and that it should be reassessed and updated at least every five years. Craven's Strategy was published in July 2015 and last until 2020 but a decision was reached in January 2019 that it was no longer fit for purpose for a number of reasons identified in the report.

The Council had appointed Arc4 to undertake the review and produce a new Strategy based on a comprehensive desk-top analysis of key data and conducting interviews and surveys with partners, stakeholders and service users. Some of the key findings were:

- a) Loss of private rented was the main cause of homelessness
- b) 44% of customers did not seek help before they became homeless
- c) 73% of homeless people the Council dealt with were single
- d) Craven had the lowest percentage of social housing in Yorkshire and Humber
- e) Craven had one of the lowest supplies of private rented accommodation in Yorkshire and Humber.

The findings had helped to formulate a revised Strategy for the period 2020-2025 including prioritising a number of key areas.

During the debate, Members wanted to place on record the excellent service that officers provided to the District's homeless and rough sleepers and it was

RECOMMENDED – (1) That, the Craven Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020 – 2025 and associated Action Plan is approved and adopted.

(2) That, the Director of Services, in consultation with the Lead Member is authorised to make minor changes to the Strategy and Action Plan as and when required.

Chairman

Appendix A: Parish Summary

All discounts, exemptions and CTR costs are apportioned based on number of band D equivalent properties within each parish. The estimated Council Tax collection rate is 98.6%.

Parish	20/21 Taxbase	Parish	20/21 Taxbase	Parish	20/21 Taxbase
AIRTON	95.62	ELSLACK	36.28	LANGCLIFFE	162.38
APPLETREWICK	106.66	EMBSAY w EASTBY	793.98	LAWKLAND	125.90
ARNCLIFFE	40.09	ESHTON	41.05	LINTON	76.28
AUSTWICK	244.76	FARNHILL	215.61	LITTON	35.14
BANK NEWTON	28.29	FLASBY w WINTERBURN	56.95	LONG PRESTON	320.37
BARDEN	32.38	GARGRAVE	769.79	LOTHERSDALE	252.66
BEAMSLEY	66.47	GIGGLESWICK	550.08	MALHAM	67.62
BENTHAM	1234.73	GLUSBURN	1448.06	MALHAM MOOR	20.76
BOLTON ABBEY	46.76	GRASSINGTON	549.99	MARTONS BOTH	146.00
BORDLEY	7.33	HALTON EAST	46.38	OTTERBURN	22.48
BRADLEY	507.89	HALTON GILL	25.24	RATHMELL	138.19
BROUGHTON	36.38	HALTON WEST	27.43	RYLSTONE	72.67
BUCKDEN	101.05	HANLITH	16.86	SCOSTHROP	36.19
BURNSALL	56.86	HARTLINGTON	31.62	SETTLE	1122.74
BURTON IN LONSDALE	257.23	HAWKSWICK	35.52	SKIPTON	5423.57
CALTON	26.95	HAZLEWOOD w STORITHS	40.28	STAINFORTH	110.95
CARLETON	451.89	HEBDEN	115.71	STIRTON w THORLBY	96.57
CLAPHAM	305.99	HELLIFIELD	554.18	SUTTON	1271.69
CONISTON COLD	90.86	HETTON	73.81	THORNTON IN CRAVEN	206.57
CONISTONE w KILNSEY	67.52	HORTON IN RIBBLESDALE	180.28	THORNTON IN LONSDALE	147.33
CONONLEY	490.37	INGLETON	852.46	THORPE	23.43
COWLING	887.31	KETTLEWELL w STARBOTTON	192.85	THRESHFIELD	399.04
CRACOE	80.66	KILDWICK	102.95	WIGGLESWORTH	136.86
DRAUGHTON	130.19	KIRKBY MALHAM	50.00		