

NORTH AND WEST YORKSHIRE BUSINESS RATES JOINT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

Present: Councillors: T Swift (Calderdale MBC), S Hinchcliffe (City of Bradford MDC), R Cooper (Harrogate BC), P McBride (Kirklees MC), J Blake (Leeds City Council), S Siddons (Scarborough Borough Council), C Les (North Yorkshire CC) and K Aspen (City of York)

In Attendance: T Riordan (LCC), V Bradshaw (LCC), C Jolley (LCC), D Mitchell (City of York), A Taylor (WYCA), N Edwards (Scarborough Borough Council) and J Grieve (LCC)

1 Election of Chair

RESOLVED – That Councillor T Swift be elected as Chair for the 2020/21 period.

2 APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

3 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business identified.

4 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items identified where it was considered necessary to exclude the press or public due to the confidential nature of the business to be considered.

5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: S Pandor (Kirklees MC) and D Jeffery (City of Wakefield MDC)

Councillor P McBride (Kirklees MC) was in attendance as a substitute Member.

6 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest made at the meeting.

7 NORTH AND WEST YORKSHIRE BUSINESS RATES POOL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chief Officer Financial Services, Leeds City Council submitted a report which sets out:

- a) The context in which the 2020/21 North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool has been set up;
- b) The governance arrangements and memorandum of understanding for the North and West Yorkshire Pool;
- c) The current position of the North and West Yorkshire Pool, including the estimated 2020/21 financial position and the latest income projections;
- d) The proposed allocation of funding for 2020/21

In the discussion that followed Members were supportive of the proposal for the Joint Committee to consist of 9 Members, commenting on Table 2 of the report, "safety net threshold" Members were of the view that the risk for this year was minimal

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the context and structure of the 2020/21 North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the submitted report
- b) To agree that the Joint Committee shall be made up of nine Members
- c) To approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference set out in Paragraph 3 and Appendices A and B of the submitted report
- d) To note the projected Pool income for 2020/21 as shown in Paragraph 4 of the submitted report
- e) To note the risks of breaching safety net as described in Paragraph 5 of the submitted report
- f) To approve the proposed allocation of projected income to member authorities at Paragraph 6.

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – That the date and time of the next meeting be determined at a future date

Minutes approved at the meeting
held on 25th March 2021.