

# **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

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting  
to be held on Date Not Specified