

A meeting of the City Council will be held in the Council Chamber at the Civic Hall on Wednesday 21st February 2007 at 2.00 p.m.

Members of the Council are invited to attend and transact the following business:

- 1 **TO** confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17th January 2007

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- 2 **TO** receive any declarations of interest from Members
- 3 **TO** receive such communications as the Lord Mayor, the Leader, Members of the Executive Board or the Chief Executive consider appropriate
- 4 **TO** receive deputations in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.
- 5 (i) **Revenue Budget**

That the Revenue Estimates for 2007/08 totalling £505.223m, as detailed and explained in the submitted report and accompanying papers be approved, including a 4.5% increase in the Leeds' element of the Council Tax.

(ii) **Council Tax**

- 1 That it be noted that at the meeting on 17th January 2007, Council agreed the following amounts for the year 2007/08, in accordance with regulations made under Sections 33(5) and 34(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
 - a) 230,113 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) as its Council Tax base for the year.

b)

PARISH	TAXBASE
Aberford and District	771
Allerton Bywater	1,238
Arthington	290
Austhorpe	26
Bardsey cum Rigton	1,135
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	1,987
Boston Spa	1,833
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	708
Bramhope and Carlton	1,795
Clifford	732
Collingham with Linton	1,646
Drighlington	1,876
Gildersome	1,940
Great and Little Preston	473
Harewood	1,803
Horsforth	6,823
East Keswick	577
Kippax	3,056
Ledsham	93
Ledston	162
Micklefield	546
Morley	9,616
Otley	4,844
Pool in Wharfedale	967
Scarcroft	664
Shadwell	941
Swillington	1,064
Thorner	742
Thorp Arch	352
Walton	124
Wetherby	4,557
Wothersome	7

being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

2. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2007/08 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

a) **£2,357,617,222.50** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.

b) **£1,851,122,000** being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.

- c) **£506,495,222.50** being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- d) **£271,390,671** being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates and Revenue Support Grant, increased by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund into its General Fund under Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and reduced by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) (England) Directions 1994.
- e) **£1,021.691741** being the amount at 2.(c) above, less the amount at 2.(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1.(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- f) **£1,272,222.50** being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- g) **£1,016.16** being the amount at 2.(e) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.(f) above by the amount at 1.(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

h)

Parish	Band D
	£ p
Aberford and District	1,026.54
Allerton Bywater	1,028.28
Arthington	1,023.06
Bardsey cum Rigton	1,037.31
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	1,036.79
Boston Spa	1,033.34
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	1,041.58
Bramhope and Carlton	1,045.97
Clifford	1,042.80
Collingham with Linton	1,046.54
Drighlington	1,025.77
Gildersome	1,026.19
Great and Little Preston	1,029.90
Harewood	1,016.71
Horsforth	1,030.26
East Keswick	1,041.29
Kippax	1,030.49
Ledsham	1,040.35
Ledston	1,032.83
Micklefield	1,074.22
Morley	1,034.01
Otley	1,072.25
Pool in Wharfedale	1,044.55
Scarcroft	1,032.73
Shadwell	1,042.73
Swillington	1,032.45
Thorner	1,047.16
Thorp Arch	1,036.37
Walton	1,048.42
Wetherby	1,063.42

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1.(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

i)

	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
LEEDS EXCEPT PARTS BELOW:	677.44	790.35	903.25	1,016.16	1,241.97	1,467.79	1,693.60	2,032.32
Parish of:								
Aberford and District	684.36	798.42	912.48	1,026.54	1,254.66	1,482.78	1,710.90	2,053.08
Allerton Bywater	685.52	799.77	914.03	1,028.28	1,256.79	1,485.29	1,713.80	2,056.56
Arthington	682.04	795.71	909.39	1,023.06	1,250.41	1,477.75	1,705.10	2,046.12
Bardsey cum Rigton	691.54	806.80	922.05	1,037.31	1,267.82	1,498.34	1,728.85	2,074.62
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	691.19	806.39	921.59	1,036.79	1,267.19	1,497.59	1,727.98	2,073.58
Boston Spa	688.89	803.71	918.52	1,033.34	1,262.97	1,492.60	1,722.23	2,066.68
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	694.39	810.12	925.85	1,041.58	1,273.04	1,504.50	1,735.97	2,083.16
Bramhope and Carlton	697.31	813.53	929.75	1,045.97	1,278.41	1,510.85	1,743.28	2,091.94
Clifford	695.20	811.07	926.93	1,042.80	1,274.53	1,506.27	1,738.00	2,085.60
Collingham with Linton	697.69	813.98	930.26	1,046.54	1,279.10	1,511.67	1,744.23	2,093.08
Drighlington	683.85	797.82	911.80	1,025.77	1,253.72	1,481.67	1,709.62	2,051.54
Gildersome	684.13	798.15	912.17	1,026.19	1,254.23	1,482.27	1,710.32	2,052.38
Great and Little Preston	686.60	801.03	915.47	1,029.90	1,258.77	1,487.63	1,716.50	2,059.80
Harewood	677.81	790.77	903.74	1,016.71	1,242.65	1,468.58	1,694.52	2,033.42
Horsforth	686.84	801.31	915.79	1,030.26	1,259.21	1,488.15	1,717.10	2,060.52
East Keswick	694.19	809.89	925.59	1,041.29	1,272.69	1,504.09	1,735.48	2,082.58
Kippax	686.99	801.49	915.99	1,030.49	1,259.49	1,488.49	1,717.48	2,060.98
Ledsham	693.57	809.16	924.76	1,040.35	1,271.54	1,502.73	1,733.92	2,080.70
Ledston	688.55	803.31	918.07	1,032.83	1,262.35	1,491.87	1,721.38	2,065.66
Micklefield	716.15	835.50	954.86	1,074.22	1,312.94	1,551.65	1,790.37	2,148.44
Morley	689.34	804.23	919.12	1,034.01	1,263.79	1,493.57	1,723.35	2,068.02
Otley	714.83	833.97	953.11	1,072.25	1,310.53	1,548.81	1,787.08	2,144.50
Pool in Wharfedale	696.37	812.43	928.49	1,044.55	1,276.67	1,508.79	1,740.92	2,089.10
Scarcroft	688.49	803.23	917.98	1,032.73	1,262.23	1,491.72	1,721.22	2,065.46
Shadwell	695.15	811.01	926.87	1,042.73	1,274.45	1,506.17	1,737.88	2,085.46
Swillington	688.30	803.02	917.73	1,032.45	1,261.88	1,491.32	1,720.75	2,064.90
Thorner	698.11	814.46	930.81	1,047.16	1,279.86	1,512.56	1,745.27	2,094.32
Thorp Arch	690.91	806.07	921.22	1,036.37	1,266.67	1,496.98	1,727.28	2,072.74
Walton	698.95	815.44	931.93	1,048.42	1,281.40	1,514.38	1,747.37	2,096.84
Wetherby	708.95	827.10	945.26	1,063.42	1,299.74	1,536.05	1,772.37	2,126.84

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(g) and 2(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 3** That it be noted for the year 2007/08 that the West Yorkshire Police and West Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authorities **are expected to issue** the following precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below. **Both authorities meet to finalise their budgets and Council Taxes on 16th February 2007.**

Precepting Authority	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
West Yorkshire Police Authority	78.6783	91.7914	104.9044	118.0175	144.2436	170.4697	196.6958	236.0350
West Yorkshire Fire and Civil Defence Authority	32.010871	37.346016	42.681162	48.016307	58.686597	69.356888	80.027178	96.032614

- 4 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.(i) and 3, above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2007/08 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	Band A £ p	Band B £ p	Band C £ p	Band D £ p	Band E £ p	Band F £ p	Band G £ p	Band H £ p
LEEDS EXCEPT PARTS BELOW:	788.13	919.49	1,050.83	1,182.20	1,444.90	1,707.62	1,970.33	2,364.39
Parish of:								
Aberford and District	795.05	927.56	1,060.06	1,192.58	1,457.59	1,722.61	1,987.63	2,385.15
Allerton Bywater	796.21	928.91	1,061.61	1,194.32	1,459.72	1,725.12	1,990.53	2,388.63
Arthington	792.73	924.85	1,056.97	1,189.10	1,453.34	1,717.58	1,981.83	2,378.19
Bardsey cum Rigton	802.23	935.94	1,069.63	1,203.35	1,470.75	1,738.17	2,005.58	2,406.69
Barwick in Elmet and Scholes	801.88	935.53	1,069.17	1,202.83	1,470.12	1,737.42	2,004.71	2,405.65
Boston Spa	799.58	932.85	1,066.10	1,199.38	1,465.90	1,732.43	1,998.96	2,398.75
Bramham cum Oglethorpe	805.08	939.26	1,073.43	1,207.62	1,475.97	1,744.33	2,012.70	2,415.23
Bramhope and Carlton	808.00	942.67	1,077.33	1,212.01	1,481.34	1,750.68	2,020.01	2,424.01
Clifford	805.89	940.21	1,074.51	1,208.84	1,477.46	1,746.10	2,014.73	2,417.67
Collingham with Linton	808.38	943.12	1,077.84	1,212.58	1,482.03	1,751.50	2,020.96	2,425.15
Drighlington	794.54	926.96	1,059.38	1,191.81	1,456.65	1,721.50	1,986.35	2,383.61
Gildersome	794.82	927.29	1,059.75	1,192.23	1,457.16	1,722.10	1,987.05	2,384.45
Great and Little Preston	797.29	930.17	1,063.05	1,195.94	1,461.70	1,727.46	1,993.23	2,391.87
Harewood	788.50	919.91	1,051.32	1,182.75	1,445.58	1,708.41	1,971.25	2,365.49
Horsforth	797.53	930.45	1,063.37	1,196.30	1,462.14	1,727.98	1,993.83	2,392.59
East Keswick	804.88	939.03	1,073.17	1,207.33	1,475.62	1,743.92	2,012.21	2,414.65
Kippax	797.68	930.63	1,063.57	1,196.53	1,462.42	1,728.32	1,994.21	2,393.05
Ledsham	804.26	938.30	1,072.34	1,206.39	1,474.47	1,742.56	2,010.65	2,412.77
Ledston	799.24	932.45	1,065.65	1,198.87	1,465.28	1,731.70	1,998.11	2,397.73
Micklefield	826.84	964.64	1,102.44	1,240.26	1,515.87	1,791.48	2,067.10	2,480.51
Morley	800.03	933.37	1,066.70	1,200.05	1,466.72	1,733.40	2,000.08	2,400.09
Otley	825.52	963.11	1,100.69	1,238.29	1,513.46	1,788.64	2,063.81	2,476.57
Pool in Wharfedale	807.06	941.57	1,076.07	1,210.59	1,479.60	1,748.62	2,017.65	2,421.17
Scarcroft	799.18	932.37	1,065.56	1,198.77	1,465.16	1,731.55	1,997.95	2,397.53
Shadwell	805.84	940.15	1,074.45	1,208.77	1,477.38	1,746.00	2,014.61	2,417.53
Swillington	798.99	932.16	1,065.31	1,198.49	1,464.81	1,731.15	1,997.48	2,396.97
Thorner	808.80	943.60	1,078.39	1,213.20	1,482.79	1,752.39	2,022.00	2,426.39
Thorp Arch	801.60	935.21	1,068.80	1,202.41	1,469.60	1,736.81	2,004.01	2,404.81
Walton	809.64	944.58	1,079.51	1,214.46	1,484.33	1,754.21	2,024.10	2,428.91
Wetherby	819.64	956.24	1,092.84	1,229.46	1,502.67	1,775.88	2,049.10	2,458.91

- 5 That the schedule of instalments for 2007/08 for payments to the principal authorities out of the Collection Fund be determined as set out in Appendix II of the submitted report

(iii) Housing Revenue Account Budget 2007/08

- (a) That the budget be approved and to meet the Department for Communities and Local Government's requirements to keep average rent increases to 5% pro rata reductions in all tenants rents be applied to the rent restructuring figure of 7.3%.

- (b) That service charges be increased in line with the average rent rises
- (c) That the charges for garage rents be increased to £5.25 per week
- (d) That the reserve of £2m established to cover the risk of not meeting the subsidy trigger be released and a virement of £1.369m be actioned to reflect the increase in MRA as detailed in paragraph 3.2.3 of the report

(iv) Capital Programme 2005 to 2009

That the capital programme as attached to the submitted report be approved

(v) Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statements

- (a) That the setting of borrowing limits for 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10 as set out in Section 3.3 of the submitted report be approved
- (b) That the setting of treasury management indicators for 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10 as set out in Section 3.4 of the report be approved
- (c) That the setting of investment limits for 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10 as set out in Section 3.5 of the report be approved.
- (d) That the Treasury Management Policy Statement be reaffirmed, noting the amendments to Section 7 thereof

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- 6 TO** consider the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on recommendations of the Executive Board

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- 7 TO** consider the report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services on recommendations of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

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- 8 TO** receive the minutes in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2(m)

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9 White Paper Motion – Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages

THAT this Council notes that recent reports from the Audit Commission and statements by the Prime Minister have highlighted the role that teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages has in ensuring both migrant workers and immigrants are able to play a full role in British society.

Council therefore condemns the recent decision of the Learning and Skills Council at a national level to reduce funding for ESOL teaching, in particular to reduce access to such courses by removing automatic fee remission and restricting free tuition to priority groups, primarily those who are unemployed or receiving income based benefits.

Council therefore supports the call of the 'Leeds Learning Partnership Skills for Life Sub Group' for the LSC to reverse this change in policy.

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10 White Paper Motion – Governance Arrangements

THAT this Council expresses its concern regarding the governance arrangements of its assets and services including its democratic processes.

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11 White Paper Motion – Funding of Care for the Elderly

THAT this Council supports the campaign by Help the Aged, Age Concern England, The Association of Directors of Social Services, Carers UK, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and other organisations for the government to provide substantial extra funds to care for the elderly.

Current funding arrangements are a financial burden on Leeds's social services. The number of older people in Leeds, and those needing support for more complex disabilities, is growing yet the government ignores mounting demand for social care and annually fails to give Leeds the increased settlement it needs.

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