

Appendix Full Council

1819/209 Budget

Information has been received from Bradford Council about election costs for the May elections. The relevant information is in the Bradford Council Charter, Appendix 3. The may election will be a shared election and some of the contested election costs are charged to local councils. The clerk has obtained an estimate from CBMDC should Bingley's vacancies go to contested election in May.

The Elections Officer has advised:

Further to your request for an approximate cost for the elections in May, as you are aware, Bradford Council covers the costs of polling stations and count stations. In addition, no charges will be made for the cost of poll cards for the 2nd May 2019 elections. There is no cost for any uncontested election.

If all of the Bingley Town Council wards were contested, based on current electorate and postal vote figures, the total estimated cost to Bingley Town Council would be in the range of £8000 - £10000. This would be reduced on a pro-rata basis dependent on whether any wards are contested.

Two additional budgets are attached:

Version 5- the draft budget agreed by the Town Council at its meeting in December

Version 6- the draft budget with an £10k increase in the election reserve.

The Town Council is required to agree the budget for 2018.

Delegations of expenditure to committees and the clerk are contained in the right-hand column of the budget spread sheet.

A small adjustment has been done for both draft budgets to allow for rounding. This has resulted in small reductions to the training budget.

Precept

The Town Council is required to agree the precept. This will be:

v.5 £162,533 - £18.34 per Band D equivalent

v.6. £172,540- £20 per Band D equivalent.

1819/210 Office/toilet project

The clerk, Councillors Simpson and Truelove and Richard Holmes met with Bowman Riley on 14th January.

Comments have been received from CBMDC and Wellers Hedley, the Town Council solicitor on the draft Heads of Terms. The Town Council is recommended to agree the comments that need to be sent back to both CBMDC and Wellers Hedley to move the project forward.

1819/212 Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Councillor Beckwith has resigned from this group. The council is asked to consider if it wishes to appoint another councillor member.

1819/214 Youth Council

Papers are attached for the establishment of a Youth Council for Bingley. Terms of Reference and a risk assessment will be needed for the Youth Council and establishment of any Youth Council will need to fit in with the council's current agreed priorities. There is no budget heading for a Youth Council in the budget for 2019-2020. The town council would need to consider where the funds for this potential project would come from.

1819/216 Fire Engine

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/17349995.concern-raised-over-bingley-fire-engine-used-in-ilkley-and-otley/>

The town council is asked to consider if it wishes to comment on the proposal about using the fire engine from Bingley in Wharfedale.