

## Minutes of Emergency Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 25 September 2018 starting at 9.15am  
Present: Councillor K Hind (Chairman)

Councillors:

S Atkinson  
A Knox  
S Hirst

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Resources, Director of Community Services and Director of Economic Development and Planning.

### 301 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence from the meeting.

### 302 BUSINESS RATES POOL PILOT – A LANCASHIRE APPLICATION

The Director of Resources submitted a report asking Committee to consider a report that had been prepared for Lancashire Leaders and Chief Executives which set out the details of the proposed 75% Business Rates Pilot Pool bid for Lancashire. The report set out the potential risks and rewards if a successful bid was to be submitted and outlined the tight timetable that had to be adhered to.

The Director of Resources explained that to agree a bid which 15 out of 16 local authorities, including fire, would agree to was extremely challenging and was only achieved as a result of some degree of compromise on the various elements of the scheme.

Each of the Lancashire Councils would be considering whether to join the pilot bid through their own decision making processes and the deadline for submitting the application was Tuesday, 25 September 2018 to the MHCLG.

Therefore a meeting of the Emergency Committee had been called to determine whether Ribble Valley Borough Council joins the pilot bid for Lancashire.

The Budget Working Group had considered in some detail the proposed pilot scheme and supported the Council's participation in the bid.

The Director of Resources gave Members a verbal update on the responses from the other Lancashire authorities received so far. She also informed them that a letter would accompany the application if it was submitted requesting that the current Lancashire Business Rate Pool would continue in the event that the pilot application was to be unsuccessful.

As Lead Authority for the current pool it was agreed that Ribble Valley Borough Council would also be Lead Authority for the new pilot pool if the application was successful.

**RESOLVED:** That Committee approve Ribble Valley Borough Council joining the pilot bid for Lancashire.

The meeting closed at 9.30am.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Marshal Scott (414400).