

## HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

### MEETING of the STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE held Wednesday, 14 January 2026

#### MINUTES

**PRESENT** Councillors: Woodhead (Chair), Fraser, Guilfoyle, Hedges, Turner  
Town Clerk: E Green

**399. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.**  
Apologies were received from Cllrs Butterick & Morse,

**400. To receive members' interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.**  
There were no members interests reported at this meeting.

**401. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 26 NOVEMBER 2025**  
There were no matters arising.

**402. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
In respect of item 4, Councillors considered the exclusion of members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 during consideration of items of a confidential nature.  
**RESOLVED:** To exclude members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the matters to be discussed.

**403. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION MATTERS**  
The committee received an update in respect to ongoing matters the First Teir Tribunal.  
**RESOLVED:** To note the information and endorse the actions of the clerk in the ongoing administration of the matter.

**404. STRATEGY & BUDGET SETTING 2026-27**  
The budget for 2026-27 was considered and the following principles applied:

- That the increase to the precept should be not greater than 5% in line with CMBC
- Commitment should be shown to the Picture House Project as a major asset of the council.
- Committees were asked to reduce budget to ensure a balance was met

**RESOLVED:**

- To recommend approval of the budget as amended
- To recommend a precept of £542,013 and increase of 4%
- The Council Tax Base has reduced from 3432 to 3399.
- The increase in cost to a band D property of 5.01% (£146.79 - £154.14)
- To recommend any underspend from the 2025-26 budget be moved to the Picture House Ear Marked Reserves as per minute 316.

Meeting finished at 9pm.