



Meeting Agenda

Council Meeting
Fylde Rugby Club, Blackpool Road
1 March 2007, 7:00pm

Members of the Council

The Mayor - Councillor H. Butler
Deputy Mayor – Councillor A. W Jealous N.P.

Councillors	C. E. Akeroyd T. Ashton E. G. Bamber J. B. Bennett R.J. Wilson G. Caldwell S. Carpenter M. Chew E. D. Clarke E. Clarkson P. Collins J. L. Coombes J. A. Dolan R. K. Eastham S. M Fazackerley Dr T. J Fiddler P.A. Fieldhouse R. A Fulford- Brown P. Hardy P.J. Hayhurst H. Henshaw, A.D.K (Malaysia) K.M Henshaw J.P. K. Hyde P. Hardy D. E Lancaster J. G. Longstaff	Councillors	S. L. Mason J.K. Mulholland R. J. Norsworthy L.J. Nulty E.A. Oades J.C. Owen B. Pagett A.G. Pounder D.S. Prestwich W.J. Prestwich S. P. Renwick L. Rigby P. Rigby R. S. Small H.A Speak M. K. Taylor W. Thompson T. Threlfall S.M. Wall C. Walton A.M. Whittaker F.C Wilson H .M. Wilson R.J. Wilson K Wright
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CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

The Council's investment and activities are focused on achieving our five key objectives which aim to :

- Conserve, protect and enhance the quality of the Fylde natural and built environment
- Work with partners to help maintain safe communities in which individuals and businesses can thrive
- Stimulate strong economic prosperity and regeneration within a diverse and vibrant economic environment
- Improve access to good quality local housing and promote the health and wellbeing and equality of opportunity of all people in the Borough
- Ensure we are an efficient and effective council.

CORE VALUES

In striving to achieve these objectives we have adopted a number of key values which underpin everything we do :

- Provide equal access to services whether you live in town, village or countryside,
- Provide effective leadership for the community,
- Value our staff and create a 'can do' culture,
- Work effectively through partnerships,
- Strive to achieve 'more with less'.



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PART I - MATTERS DELEGATED TO COUNCIL

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting on 29 January 2007.
(Appended at the back of the agenda)

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chief Executive to report receipt of any relevant communications that have been received subsequent to sending out this agenda.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

REPORT



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND MEMBER SUPPORT	COUNCIL	1 MARCH 2007	7

INVITATION TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY MAYOR 2007/2008

Public item

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

Summary

To invite a member of the Borough Council to accept election by the Council at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Borough of Fylde as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

Recommendation

1. That Members invite councillor Richard Fulford-Brown to accept election by the Council at the 2006 Annual Meeting as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

Portfolio Holder

The item falls within the following Cabinet Portfolio
Corporate Performance and Development

(Councillor Sue Fazackerley)

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	As prescribed within the council budget
Legal	There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.
Community Safety	There are no direct community safety implications arising from this report.
Human Rights and Equalities	There are no direct human rights and equalities implications arising from this report.
Sustainability	There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no direct health & safety and/or risk management implications arising from this report.

REPORT AUTHOR	TEL	DATE	DOC ID
Peter Welsh	(01253) 685502	February 2006	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
NAME OF DOCUMENT	DATE	WHERE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION
Document name	None	

Attached documents

None

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
EXECUTIVE MANAGER - FINANCE	COUNCIL	1 ST MARCH 2007	8

REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2007/08

Public item

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting/

Summary

This report recommends to Council, revenue and capital budgets for 2007/08 and beyond, together with the recommended band D council tax level in 2007/08 for Fylde Borough Council.

Recommendations

1. That members agree the net budget requirement of £10,246,600 in 2007/08.
2. That members agree a Borough band D council tax level of £160.98 for 2007/08. (An increase of 4.95% on 2006/07).
3. That members approve the 5-year capital programme as outlined in Appendix 2, to be reviewed and rolled forward on an annual basis.

Cabinet Portfolio

The item falls within the following Cabinet Portfolio:

Leader of the Council

Councillor John Coombes

Report

1 Revenue Budget

1.1 For a number of years it has been increasingly difficult to balance the budget and deliver improving services to the residents of Fylde. This has been due to a number of

reasons including a historically low council tax level (currently second lowest in Lancashire), poor government grant settlements and increasing demands on Council services and resources.

1.2 The budget process effectively started early in the year with continuing work around the “equitable taxation” issue arising from the Corporate Plan. This involved further consultation with parish and town councils resulting in the refinement of the “equitable taxation” model. At its meeting on the 15th February the Cabinet decided not to recommend the implementation of the equitable taxation model in 2007/08.

1.3 In November the medium term financial strategy highlighted a growing budget gap in future years arising from unavoidable revenue growth pressures. In the medium term this is being addressed through the prudent use of reserves to allow the efficiency and value for money programme to deliver sufficient savings to balance the budget. The main pressures on the 2007/08 budget are as follows:

- Job Evaluation
- Concessionary Travel
- Capitalisation of salaries from the 2006/07 budget
- Employers pension contributions
- Loss of Benefits administration grant
- Debt costs to fund capital program
- Safer Sands – Beach safety

Job Evaluation

This scheme is being implemented as part of a national agreement between the Local Government Employers Organisation and the Unions.

Concessionary Travel

In 2006/07 the government introduced a new statutory scheme which required free off-peak travel within the boundaries of Fylde. However the Lancashire Authorities, working together, introduced a more generous scheme involving both free fares within borough boundaries and a 50p fare for cross-boundary travel at off-peak periods. The budget for this was based on a consultants report commissioned by Lancashire County Council that greatly underestimated demand which has resulted in hugely increased costs not only in Fylde but across Lancashire.

Capitalisation of Salaries

This relates largely to the charging of a large portion of the salary costs of staff working on regeneration initiatives which are likely to draw to a close in 2007 if external capital funding streams are not confirmed.

Employers Pension Contributions

The increase in costs is in line with the recommendations of the independent actuaries who review the pension scheme every 3 years.

Loss of Benefits Administration Grant

This grant is designed to help Authorities bear the costs of administering the statutory benefits scheme and is currently almost £570,000. The Government has indicated that it will cut this grant by £57,000 next year, a further £12,000 the year after and will look to continue cutting in future years in line with the “Gershon” efficiency savings that the government expect of the local authority sector.

Debt Costs

Capital reserves previously held by the Council have now been fully utilised in capital programmes during the last six years with the result that the Council has to fund an element of the capital programme through borrowing with associated debt costs which are charged to the revenue account.

Safer Sands

Following on from the report to Cabinet in January there is a desire to invest further resources in beach safety.

1.4 Following the review of the medium term financial strategy in November 2006 draft budgets were drawn up for 2007/08 and in January a working group from the Performance Improvement Scrutiny Committee measured and ranked all the revenue and capital growth bids against the Council’s corporate priorities. Ranked bids were then considered by the Cabinet on 15th February in drawing up the proposed budget to be recommended to Council.

1.5 Appendix 1 details the recommended 2007/08 budget with a total budget requirement of £10,246,600. It is estimated that at the 31st March 2008 general fund balances will be £759,050 which is above the required level of £530,000 as outlined in the medium term financial strategy.

Fees and charges incorporated in the budget are included at appendix 3.

2 Capital Schemes

2.1 The pressures on capital spending arise from a number of areas but most notably from implementing the Council’s housing strategy, where the council has recognised the need to invest further, and the poor condition of many council buildings and assets. Significant investment is proposed in these areas to reflect their significance in the council’s future plans. The Corporate Plan also identifies a number of areas requiring capital investment in the future including improved facilities for younger people and a commitment to investing in economic promotion initiatives across the Borough.

2.2 After scrutiny by the Cabinet on February 15th the proposed capital program at Appendix 2 is recommended to Council. This contains funding for all those schemes ranked the highest in meeting corporate priorities. This includes work to progress the classic resort scheme in St Annes and investment in business in Kirkham, with both these schemes leveraging in substantial external investment into Fylde. In addition there is almost £900,000 to be invested in housing during the year.

2.3 The ‘Chimes’ scheme is to replace secure perimeter fencing bordering the A583 at Kirkham which has deteriorated significantly in recent times. It is recommended that this be funded from the parks reserve built up from previous contributions from developers

2.4 Essential works on the crematorium programmed for 2009/10, with a value of £800,000 will be financed by a leasing arrangement, rather than being reliant on the use of capital receipts or borrowing. Fees will be increased at that time to cover the repayment of the leasing charges. The effect of this investment is not expected to fall on the revenue budget until 2010/11 financial year.

2.5 The proposed funding of the capital programme is detailed below :

	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Capital Programme	1,885	1,750	2,450	973	973
Funding:					
Right to Buy Receipts	100	50	50	0	0
Target Asset Sales	100	100	100	100	100
Invest to Save	15	10	0	0	0
Reserves	20	20	20	0	0
Leasing		800			
Govt Grant					
- Ashton Gardens grant	645	645	645	0	0
- Disabled Facilities Grants	299	299	299	299	299
- Housing Grant	395	395	395	395	395
- Borrowing	311	231	141	179	179

2.6 The funding shows that there is a requirement to borrow year on year which could be reduced further if asset sales are increased. The cost of the capital programme is the cost of borrowing which falls on the revenue account which is effectively funded by council tax. There is also the opportunity cost of the interest foregone on investing the right to buy, and asset sale proceeds.

Cost of the Capital Programme

Year	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
Funding:	£	£	£	£	£
Cumulative Borrowing Costs	29,550	51,500	64,900	81,900	98,900
Annual Interest foregone	6,460	17,870	27,500	34,900	40,400

3 Robustness of the Estimates and Reserves for 2007/2008

3.1 The Local Government Act 2003 requires that the chief finance officer reports on the robustness of the estimates included in the annual budget proposals and the adequacy of the reserves for which the budget provides.

3.2 The Finance Managers opinion throughout the budget preparation process has been that all practical steps have been taken to identify and make provision for the commitments to which the Council will be exposed in 2007/08. As a result of this proposed budget the general fund balance will remain in excess of the recommended minimum level of £530,000 and the level of specific reserves are assessed as satisfactory at their current levels.

3.3 Although the aim is to get to a position where the maximum year-on-year council tax increase is in line with inflation, this position has not yet been achieved because of the historically low government grant settlements and the low council tax rate at Fylde. Therefore it is currently envisaged that in the short term council tax and budget increases will remain close to 5%.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	Included in body of the report.
Legal	The Council's legal obligations relating to budget setting have been taken account of in the preparation of the report.
Community Safety	These matters have been considered during the preparation of this report.
Human Rights and Equalities	These matters have been considered during the preparation of this report.
Sustainability	These matters have been considered during the preparation of this report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	These matters have been considered during the preparation of this report.

REPORT AUTHOR	TEL	DATE	DOC ID
Brian White	(01253) 658566	February 2007	Budget Report 07/08

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
NAME OF DOCUMENT	DATE	WHERE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION
Attached as Appendices	February 2007	Town hall, Finance section.

Attached documents

- Appendix 1 - Proposed Revenue Budget
- Appendix 2 - Proposed Capital Budget
- Appendix 3 - Fees and charges

Appendix 1

SUMMARY	2006/07 Original £	2006/07 Revised £	2007/08 Budget £
Community and Cultural Services	2,191,895	2,428,012	2,319,573
Consumer Wellbeing and Protection	977,730	933,883	972,080
Corporate Policy and Performance	1,055,315	1,135,097	1,317,934
Democratic Services and Member Support	897,366	820,247	877,500
Finance	923,896	930,625	963,980
Legal Services	78,852	73,087	76,124
Streetscene	2,916,454	2,960,380	3,045,300
Strategic Planning and Development	862,027	1,027,947	990,715
Executive Board	342,991	249,740	251,674
Savings to be achieved	-80,510	-20,000	-100,000
	10,166,016	10,539,018	10,714,880
Capital Financing Charges	-407,626	-446,980	-318,280
Use of Reserves			-150,000
Total Budget	9,758,390	10,092,038	10,246,600
RSG	5,206,390	5,206,390	5,456,000
Council Tax	4,552,000	4,552,000	4,790,600
Other Government Grant			
Total Funding/ Net Budget Requirement	9,758,390	9,758,390	10,246,600

Appendix 2

Capital Programme 2007-2012

Finance Ref.		2007 /08	2008 /09	2009 /10	2010 /11	2011 /12
		£	£	£	£	£
56	DFG's	498,000	498,000	498,000	498,000	498,000
55	Housing Renewal grants.	295,000	295,000	295,000	295,000	295,000
44	Housing Renewal Loans	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
30	Kirkham Business Refurb	50,000	50,000	0	0	0
31	Classic Resort - CARS	25,000	25,000	25,000	50,000	50,000
53	Chimes	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	0
	Total of Rank A Capital bids	988,000	988,000	938,000	943,000	943,000
32	Promenade Lighting - St Annes	12,000	0	0	0	0
33	Rapid Deploy CCTV	22,000	22,000	22,000	0	0
34	Youth Facilities	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0
35	Lytham Cenotaph Refurbishment	55,000	0	0	0	0
43	New Memorial walls & Niches - Crematorium.	15,000	10,000	0	0	0
Parish Bid	Newton-fencing to enclose play equipment	8,000	0	0	0	0
Parish Bid	Newton recreational equipment	5,000	0	0	0	0
Parish Bid	Newton with Clifton - William Pickles Park	5,000	0	0	0	0
Parish Bid	Refurish Warton Sports Pavilion	25,000	0	0	0	0
	Total Recommended New Capital Schemes	1,150,000	1,035,000	975,000	943,000	943,000
	Current Commitments					
	Kirkham Memorial Gardens - Repairs	60,000	40,000	0	0	0
	Improvements to Cemetary and Cremetorium	0	0	800,000	0	0
	Car Park Improvements	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	Heritage Restoration of Ashton Gardens	645,100	645,100	645,100	0	0
	Total Current Commitments	735,100	715,100	1,475,100	30,000	30,000
	Total Recommended Capital Programme	1,885,100	1,750,100	2,450,100	973,000	973,000

St. Annes Swimming Pool	Charge from 1 April 2007 (including V.A.T.)
	£
Adult Swim	2.80
Junior Swim	1.45
Senior Citizen Swim	1.50
Adult/Senior Citizen Spectator	0.65
Junior Spectator	0.20
Infant (Under 3 Years)	Free
Responsible adult spectator accompanying under 8 for swimming lessons	Free
Admission Scholars 18 years and under in supervised classes	0.90
Admission Scholars 19 years and over in supervised classes	1.20
Family Ticket (2 Adults 2 Children)	7.20
Upto 2 additional children accompanying a family (Each)	0.30
Family Contract (2 Adults 2 Children)	250.00 *
Annual Contract Adult	134.40 *
Annual Contract Junior	40.00 *
Annual Contract Senior Citizen	72.00 *
Annual Contract Joint Admission Agreement Adult	72.00 *
Annual Contract Joint Admission Agreement Junior	36.00 *
Annual Contract Joint Admission Agreement Senior Citizen	36.00 *
Hire of Costume	1.00
Hire of Towel	1.00
Hire of Armbands	0.50
Deposit on Cap, Costume, Towel (Returnable)	5.00
Deposit of Valuables	0.50
Swimming Instruction Classes per 30 minute lesson (including admission for swimmer)	
Adults	5.10 +
Junior	4.40 +
Junior including one spectator	4.60 +
One responsible adult in charge of a child under 8 years of age during a child's swimming lesson where the pool is open to the public	Free
Hire of pool per hour	60.00
Hire of pool per hour by local clubs	30.00
Concession Admission	
Adult	2.30
Junior	1.30
Senior Citizen	1.35
Hire of FBC lifeguards per hour per lifeguard	12.50

* Denotes Sliding Monthly Scale

+ VAT not applicable

Kirkham Baths	Charge from 1 April 2007 (including V.A.T.)
	£
Adult Swim	2.40
Junior Swim	1.20
Senior Citizen Swim	1.25
Adult/Senior Citizen Spectator	0.65
Junior Spectator	0.20
Infant (Under 3 Years)	Free
Responsible adult spectator accompanying under 8 for swimming lessons	Free
Admission Scholars 18 years and under in supervised classes	0.90
Admission Scholars 19 years and over in supervised classes	1.20
Family Ticket (2 Adults 2 Children)	6.20
Upto 2 additional children accompanying a family (Each)	0.30
Family Contract (2 Adults 2 Children)	250.00 *
Annual Contract Adult	134.40 *
Annual Contract Junior	40.00 *
Annual Contract Senior Citizen	72.00 *
Annual Contract Adult - Kirkham Baths only	115.20 *
Annual Contract Junior - Kirkham Baths only	40.00 *
Annual Contract Senior Citizen - Kirkham Baths only	60.00 *
Hire of Costume	1.00
Hire of Towel	1.00
Hire of Armbands	0.50
Deposit on Cap, Costume, Towel (Returnable)	5.00
Deposit of Valuables	0.50
Swimming Instruction Classes per 30 minute lesson (including admission for swimmer)	
Adults	5.10 +
Junior	4.40 +
Junior including one spectator	4.60 +
5 lessons given in the pool not open to the public, classes may be up to 12	
Adults	20.50 +
Junior	17.00 +
Junior including one spectator	18.00 +
One responsible adult in charge of a child under 8 years of age during a child's swimming lesson where the pool is open to the public	Free
Hire of pool per hour	60.00
Hire of pool per hour by local clubs	30.00
Hire of FBC lifeguards per hour per lifeguard	12.50
Hire of inflatable:	
- Less than 20 people	70.00
- More than 20 people	85.00

* Denotes Sliding Monthly Scale

+ VAT not applicable

Fairhaven Lake	Charge from 1 April 2007 (including V.A.T.)
	£
Motor Boat Hire	
Passengers 1 / 2	4.00
Passengers 3 / 4	5.00
Rowing Boat Hire	
Passengers 1 / 2	2.70
Passengers 3 / 4	3.70
Pedalo Hire	
Passengers 1 / 2	2.70
Passengers 3 / 4	3.70
Canoe Hire	
Passengers 1 / 2	2.70
Passengers 3 / 4	3.70
Motor Launch	
- Adult 16+	2.20
- Senior Citizen/Junior	1.10
- Child 5 - 15	1.10
- Under 5 years	Free
Private Use:	
Windsurfing/Dinghy/Canoe	
- 2hr period	5.50
- Day	11.00
- season	55.00

APPENDIX 3

Games Sites	Charge from 1 April 2007 (including V.A.T.)
	£
Bowling (Crown & Flat)	
Adult Bowls	2.50
Senior Citizen/Junior Bowls	2.00
Hire of Bowls	1.50
Adult Contract	60.00
Senior Citizen/Junior Contract	45.00
Green Reservation per hour	16.00
Tennis	
Adult per hour	2.60
Junior per hour	1.60
Hire of Rackets	1.50
Club Reservation April - September	
(1 Court for one 3hr session per week)	
- Adult	95.00 *
- Junior	55.00 *
Club Reservation October - March	
(1 Court for one 3hr session both Sat. & Sun.)	60.00 *
Golf	
Adult Mini Golf	3.50
Junior Mini Golf	2.50
Adult 9 Hole	2.00
Junior 9 hole	1.00
Lost Ball	1.00
Adult Putting	3.00
Junior Putting	1.50
Adult Crazy Golf	3.00
Junior Crazy Golf	1.50
Seasonal Contract (New) Adult	98.00 Monthly sliding rate
Junior	£70.00 Monthly sliding rate

* VAT not applicable

Sports Facilities	Charge from 1 April 2007 (including V.A.T.)	Charge from 1 April 2007 (V.A.T. Not Applicable)
	£	£
Park View Rd, Blackpool Rd, Segar Hodgson Playing Field		
Football		
Occasional Match (approx. 2 hours)	30.00	
Additional pitch maintenance schedule (annual single payment)	1350.00	
Season Booking		
One match each week of the season		
- Adult		280.00
- Junior		140.00
One match every other week		
- Adult	150.00	
- Junior	75.00	
Use of changing facilities & showers when hired separately from pitch use		
- weekly per season		
Adult		180.00
Junior		90.00
- fortnightly per season		
Adult		90.00
Junior		45.00
Casual		
Adult	15.00	
Junior	7.50	
Barnfield - All Weather Sports Area		
Reservation of pitch for one hour		
- adult	15.00	
- junior	7.50	

William Segar Hodgson Pavilion	Charge from 1 April 2007 (V.A.T. not Applicable)
	£
Non-Commercial Charges	
Hire of main hall per hour	8.00
Hire of complete building per hour	15.00
Commercial Hire	
Hire of main hall per hour	15.00

	Charge from 1 April 2007 (VAT not Applicable)					
Lowther Pavilion	Monday to Friday inclusive		Saturdays & Sundays		Bank Holidays	
	£				£	
Commercial Charges						
First day - per hour	109.00	*	109.00	*	109.00	*
Second day per hour	94.50	*	94.50	*	94.50	*
Third & subsequent days per hour	83.00	*	83.00	*	83.00	*
Commercial Theatre per Hour	66.00	*	66.00	*	77.00	*
Non - Commercial Charges						
<i>Concerts/Stage Shows per hour (½ hr periods)</i>						
09:00 to 23:00	34.00	*	41.00		53.00	*
23:00 to 02:00 - (24:00 Sundays)	46.50	*	67.50	*	77.00	*
<i>Other than Concerts/Stage Shows per hour (½ hour periods)</i>						
09:00 to 23:00	24.00	*	28.00		53.00	*
23:00 to 02:00 - (24:00 Sundays)	46.50	*	67.50	*	77.00	*
Green Room 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.	20.00		26.00		N/A	
Studio only per hour or part thereof 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 p.m.	20.00		26.00		N/A	
Furniture Hire						
Tables	2.00 each per day					
Chairs	55p each day					

The above charges include electricity, gas and the use of the piano.

APPENDIX 3

Billpostings	Charge from 1 April 2007 (Not including VAT)
	£
Double Crown per board	4.50
Streamers	6.50
Corner Boards	6.50

Allotments	Charge from 1 Feb 2007 (no V.A.T.)
	£
Allotment Rent Per 0.025 Hectares	35.00
Water Charges	3.00
Returnable indemnity due from all ingoing tenants	

Lecture Rooms	Charge from 1 April 2007 (V.A.T. not Applicable)
	£
Hewitt Lecture Room	
Per hour or part thereof	
Monday to Friday	12.50
Saturday & Bank Holidays	17.00
Commerical Hire	35.00

* A 50% discount on room hire will be given to organised Youth Groups based in Fylde Borough during existing opening hours.

Car Parks	Charge from 1 April 2007 (including V.A.T.) £
St. Annes	
St. Annes Square	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Cars etc - up to 1 hour	1.00
Cars etc - 1 to 2 hours	1.70
Car etc - 2 to 3 hours	3.00
At other times	Free
St. Annes Swimming Pool	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Cars etc - up to 2 hours	1.20
Cars etc - 2 to 3 hours	1.80
Car etc - 3 to 4 hours	2.40
Cars etc - over 4 hours	3.00
At other times	Free
Wood Street	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Cars etc - Up to 1 hour	1.00
Cars etc - 1 to 2 hours	1.70
Cars etc - 2 to 3 hours	3.00
At other times	Free
North Promenade	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Cars etc - up to 2 hours	1.20
Cars etc - 2 to 3 hours	1.80
Cars etc - 3 to 4 hours	2.40
Cars etc - over 4 hours	3.00
At other times	Free
North Beach	
08.00am to 08.00pm (ALL DAYS)	
Cars etc - up to 2 hours	1.20
Cars etc - 2-3 hours	1.80
Cars etc - 3-4 hours	2.40
Cars etc over four hours	3.00
Fairhaven Road	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Up to 2 hours	1.20
2 - 3 Hours	1.80
3 - 4 Hours	2.40
Over 4 hours	3.00
At other times	Free
Cooches	Free
St. Albans Road	Free at present
Fairhaven	
St. Pauls Avenue	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Up to 2 hours	1.20
2 - 3 Hours	1.80
3 - 4 Hours	2.40
Over 4 hours	3.00
At other times	Free
Fairhaven Lake	Free at present
Stanner Bank	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Up to 2 hours	1.20
2 - 3 Hours	1.80
3 - 4 Hours	2.40
Over 4 hours	3.00
At other times	Free
Lytham	
Pleasant Street	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Up to 1 hour	1.00
1 - 2 Hours	1.70
2 - 3 Hours	3.00
At other times	Free
Annual Permits (ALL)	260.00
Station	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Cars etc - up to 2 hours	1.20
Cars etc - 2 to 4 hours	1.80
Cars etc - Over 4 hours	2.40
At other times	Free
Annual Permits (ALL)	150.00
Lowther Gardens	Free at present
Lytham Green (Bath Street & Dicconson Terrace)	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Cars etc - up to 2 hours	1.20
Cars etc - 2 to 3 hours	1.80
Cars etc - 3 to 4 hours	2.40
Over 4 hours	3.00
At other times	Free
Kirkham	
Mill Street	Free at present
Eagles Court	Free at present
Ordres Lane	Free at present
Kirkham Baths	Free at present
Segar Hodgson Playing Fields	Free at present
Freckleton	
Toms Croft	Free at present
Administrative Buildings	
Town Hall	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Cars etc - up to 2 hours	1.20
Cars etc - 2 to 3 hours	1.80
Cars etc - 3 to 4 hours	2.40
Cars etc - Over 4 hours	3.00
Public Offices	
8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. (ALL DAYS)	
Cars etc - up to 2 hours	1.20
Cars etc - 2 to 3 hours	1.80
Cars etc - 3 to 4 hours	2.40
Cars etc - Over 4 hours	3.00

Environmental Health Department charges	Charges from 1 April 2007
	(VAT included unless otherwise stated)
	£
Rodent & Pest Control Charges	
Domestic Premises	
Rodents and insects which present a risk to public health: (mice, rats, cockroaches and bed bugs). (The fee includes up to 2 visits if needed)	25.75
Pests which do not present a risk to public health: (The fee is per treatment although includes revisit within 1 month if this is needed)	46.35
Non-Domestic Premises	
All pests:	
Call out and treatment minimum charge	56.65
Subsequent visits	28.84
Contract Work:	Price individually to account for time and materials etc.
Removal of nests / contaminated food - first hour	51.50
- each subsequent hour thereafter	25.75
Disposal Charge (to be charged in addition to the above costs)	Variable
Dog Control Charges	
Fine for permitting dog to stray	41.20
Cost of collection and handling - per day	13.30
Fine for permitting dog to find (Statutory Fee)	50.00
Removal of Illegal Traveller Encampments	
Work associated with illegal encampments up to removal order stage	255.44
Should the encampment remain, then work associated with execution of removal order - per hour	84.98
Legal Costs and removal costs to be charged in addition to the above	Variable...
Air pollution Control (Environment Protection Act 1990)	
Fees are set by Statute, 2006/07 fees set to be confirmed. The proposed fees reflect the introduction of a "risk-based" subsistence charging scheme and are given as a guide.	
Application Fees:	
Standard Process	1444.00
Service Station	135.00
Waste Oil Burners under 0.4MW	135.00
Mobile Screening & Crushing Plants	1444.00
for 3rd to 7th applications	864.00
for 8th and subsequent applications	437.00
Annual Subsistence Charge:	
Standard Process LOW risk	675.00
Standard Process LOW risk (including fee for payment by installments)	705.00
Standard Process MEDIUM risk	1012.00
Standard Process MEDIUM risk (including fee for payment by installments)	1042.00
Standard Process HIGH risk	1498.00
Standard Process HIGH risk (including fee for payment by installments)	1528.00
Service Station - Dry Cleaners	137.00
Waste Oil Burners under 0.4MW	137.00
Ordering of Natural Gas	332.00
Mobile Screening & Crushing Plants	901.00
for 3rd to 7th authorizations	537.00
for 8th and subsequent authorizations	272.00
Transfer & Surrender	
Transfer	146.00
Partial Transfer	436.00
Surrender	0.00
Transfer: Service Station, Dry Cleaners & Waste Oil Burners < 0.4MW	14.00
Partial Transfer: Service Station & Waste Oil Burners < 0.4MW	41.00
Annual Subsistence Charge (Transfer to LA-APPC)	
Standard Process	Not yet advised
Standard Process (including £30 fee for payment by installments)	Not yet advised
Substantial Changes (s10 & s11)	
Standard Process	521.00
Service Station	90.00
Waste oil burner under 0.4MW	90.00
Change due to implement an upgrading plan	135.00
LA-APPC Charges:	Environment Agency Local Authority
Environment Agency - fee for discharge to controlled waters (where relevant)	Agency Element
Application	TBC 2653.00
Annual Subsistence	TBC 1170.00
Subsistence Variation	TBC 1197.00
Transfer	TBC 207.00
Partial Transfer	TBC 612.00
Surrender	TBC 612.00
Additional Charge for payment by Quarterly Installments	TBC 30.00
List of Authorized Processes	
Commercial Interest	46.35
Fyke Residents / Students (Academic Research)	0.00
Public Register Entries	
Commercial Interest - per hour	84.98
Fyke Residents / Students (Academic Research)	0.00
Contaminated Land Enquiries: Desk top study - records / search and basic written response where no more than one site identified - per hour.	84.98
Contaminated Land Enquiries: Where, in addition to the above, basic written response detailed landfill gas or chemical data is requested or the enquiry covers more than one site	Costs to be negotiated with potential clients (usually private consultants acting for developers)
Other Environmental Information	
Commercial Interest - per hour	84.98
Fyke Residents / Students (Academic Research)	0.00
Street Trading Consents	
Class 1: Commercial: Annual	418.18
Class 1: Commercial: Quarterly	147.29
Class 2: Charitable Organisations (no more than one day duration)	0.00
Class 3: Commercial: (Per Day)	51.50
Food Hygiene Training	
Foundation Certificate in Food Hygiene (Exam Fee is Extra)	36.05
Voluntary Surrender of Food	
Documentation / Certification (per hour - minimum 1 hour)	84.98
Export Certificates	
Export Certificates	46.35
Food Premises Register	
Full Register (Initial Fee - plus per sheet as below)	175.10
Per classification (Initial Fee - plus per sheet as below)	36.05
Single entry / page (Initial Fee - plus per sheet as below)	5.47
Charge per Sheet	0.23
Water Sampling	
Swimming baths etc. per hour)	66.95
Analysis Costs	To be billed separately
General Fees & Charges	
Professional Fee - per hour	84.98
Work carried out in default of a notice (Initial Costs)	84.98
Plus cost per premises / site visit	36.05

Licences	Charge from 1 April 2007
	£
Public Entertainment Licences	
Grant for PEL (up to 2 inspections)	N/A
Renewal for PEL (up to 2 inspections)	N/A
Further inspections (per inspection)	N/A
Transfer / Variation of Licence	N/A
Occasional Licence (up to & inc 7 days)	N/A
<i>Note: Charges are based on a sliding scale based on occupancy. In certain situations such as church and community halls etc, a fee cannot be levied.</i>	
Theatres Act Licences	
Grant for Theatres Act Licence	N/A
Renewal	N/A
Transfer / Variation	N/A
Occasional Licence (up to & inc 7 days)	N/A
Late Night Refreshment	
Grant	N/A
Street Café	
Grant	237.93
Renewal	119.48
Sex Shop Licence	
Grant / Renewal	3263.04
Public / Private Hire	
Vehicle	141.63
Plate Charges	
Full Set	21.63
Rear Plate & Mount	12.36
Rear Plate Only	6.90
Rear Mount Only	5.61
Front Plate & Mount	8.09
Front Plate Only	5.61
Front Mount Only	2.47
Pouch	1.24
Drivers	
- New	63.35
Private Hire Operators	139.05
Replacement Driver Badges	11.12
	Proportion of year remaining plus any adjustment for pre-booked tests + admin charge of £30
(Transfer) or Refund of vehicle licences	
Fare Cards	0.88
Cinemas (Set by Statute)	
Grant / Renewal	N/A
Gaming Permits (Section 34 - Set by Statute)	
Grant / Renewal	32.00
Lotteries (Set by Statute)	
Statutory fee for application	35.00
Renewal	17.50
Licensing and Registrations	
Animal Boarding Establishment Licence	83.43
Dog Breeding Establishment Licence	74.16
Dangerous Wild Animal Licence	167.89
Pet Shop Licence	74.16
Riding Establishment Licence	85.49
Motor Salvage Operators Registration	72.10
Second Hand Goods Dealer Registration	67.98
Skin Piercing Registration - Premises	67.98
Skin Piercing Registration - Persons	50.47
<i>Note: Skin piercers include acupuncturists, tattooists, ear piercers and electrolysis. Both skin piercers and their premises have to be registered with the Authority. Normally there is one registered proprietor for each premise, although there may be a number of practitioners. Each and every additional practitioner will be required to be registered.</i>	
Butchers Shop Licence	
Butchers Shop Licence (Set by Statute)	N/A
General	
Alterations or additions to the above licences, registrations and consents, which result in the need to visit premises and issue documentation will be charged at half the standard fee.	
Many of the licences are issued from the 1st January of each year. Where application is made part way through a year, 1/12 of the standard fee will be charged for each full calendar month remaining, plus an administration fee of £30.00	
Where a licence is surrendered part way through a year a 1/12 refund of the standard fee will be charged for each full calendar month remaining, less an administration fee of £30.00	
General Fees and Charges	
Professional fee - per hour	84.98

Planning	1 Copy	Additional Copy
	£	£
Charges for Photocopying and Decision Notices		
A4 Document (May relate to various applications / matters purchased together)	1.00	0.30
A4 Plans (May relate to various applications / matters purchased together)	2.00	0.60
A3 Plans (May relate to various applications / matters purchased together)	3.00	1.50
A1 Plans (May relate to various applications / matters purchased together)	6.00	4.50
Planning and Building regulation decision notices and Building Regulation Completion Certificates (Inclusive of appeal decisions and legal agreements as applicable)	10.00	

Licensing Act 2007 - New Charges	Application / Initial Fee	Annual / Renewal Charge
	£	£
Licensed Premises Fees		
Non-Domestic Rateable Value		
Band A: 0-4300	100.00	70.00
Band B: 4301 - 33000	190.00	180.00
Band C: 33001 - 87000	315.00	295.00
Band D: 87001 - 125000	450.00	320.00
Band E: 125001 and over	635.00	350.00
Where the premises are in Band D or Band E, and where the primary or exclusive function is to supply alcohol for consumption on the premises, the fees will be as follows.		
Band D: 87001 - 125000	900.00	640.00
Band E: 125001 and over	1905.00	1050.00
During Transition period: Additional variation fee.		
Band A: 0-4300	20.00	N/A
Band B: 4301 - 33000	60.00	N/A
Band C: 33001 - 87000	80.00	N/A
Band D: 87001 - 125000	100.00	N/A
Band E: 125001 and over	120.00	N/A
Personal License: Renewable after 10 years	37.00	N/A
Other Fees and Charges:		
Supply of copies of information contained within the registered	165.00	N/A
Plus charge per sheet	0.20	
Application for copy of license or summary on theft, loss etc. of premises licence or summary	10.50	N/A
Notification of Change of name or address (holder of premises licence)	10.50	N/A
Application to vary to specify individual as premises supervisor	23.00	N/A
Application to transfer premises licence	23.00	N/A
Interim authority notice	23.00	N/A
Application for making a provisional statement	315.00	N/A
Application for a copy certificate or summary on theft, loss or certificate or summary	10.50	N/A
Notification of change of name or alteration of club rules	10.50	N/A
Change of relevant registered address of club	10.50	N/A
Temporary event notices	21.00	N/A
Application of copy of notice on theft, loss etc. of temporary event notice	10.50	N/A
Application for copy of license on theft, loss etc. of personal licence	10.50	N/A
Notification of change of name or address (Personal licence)	10.50	N/A
Notice of interest in any premises	21.00	N/A

APPENDIX 3

Land Charges	Charge from 1 April 2007
	£
Land Charge Fees	
Full Search: (Comprised of CON29 and LLC1)	85.00
Extra Parcel: (Comprised of CON29 and LLC1)	12.70
CON29 part II	
optional enquiries	8.50
Solicitors' own enquiries	12.00

Park Cemetery Crematorium & Mortuary Charges	Charge from 1 April 2007
	£
<p>Note:</p> <p>The fees and charges set out below apply where the person immediately before their death was an inhabitant of the Borough of Fylde or a parishioner of any Parish comprised therein, or in the case of a stillborn child, where the parents (or one of them) are, or at the time of the interment were, such inhabitants or parishioners.</p> <p>In all other cases the fees will be doubled.</p> <p>Cemetery</p> <p>Interments</p> <p>For the interment of:-</p> <p>The body of a stillborn child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed 7 years. 86.00</p> <p>The body of a person whose age exceeded 7 years at the time of death 309.00</p> <p>For interment in a vault (exclusive of charges for brickwork) 309.00</p> <p>Construction of a vault Cost + 10%</p> <p>For the interment of cremated remains in a grave. 66.00</p> <p>For the Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial in:</p> <p>An earth grave, for 100 years. 430.00</p> <p>A vault space for 100 years 615.00</p> <p>Removal & Refixing of Memorials</p> <p>For removal & re-fixing of memorials Cost + 10%</p> <p>Memorials</p> <p>For the right to erect:-</p> <p>A headstone not exceeding 3ft. 61.00</p> <p>A headstone on Foundation 95.00</p> <p>Kerbings on permitted graves. 51.50</p> <p>For each extra inscription (inc. VAT). 24.50</p> <p>Maintenance of Graves</p> <p>1 year period of maintenance:-</p> <p>Planting and maintenance single grave space. 59.00</p> <p>Crematorium</p> <p>Cremations</p> <p>For the Cremation:</p> <p>of the body of a stillborn child or of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed 10 years. 32.00</p> <p>of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 10 years. 309.00</p> <p>Saturday morning services 463.50</p> <p>Memorial Wall Plaques</p> <p>Single Wall Plaque including inscription to 70 characters 175.00</p> <p>Double Wall Plaque including 2 inscription to 140 characters 350.00</p> <p>Double Wall Plaque including reserved section to 70 characters 265.00</p> <p>Second inscription on existing plaque 90.00</p> <p>Memorial Niche</p> <p>For a purchase of a new niche to include interment of first casket 290.00</p> <p>For the interment of a second casket in an existing niche 38.00</p> <p>Single inscription on niche cover 60.00</p> <p>Extra Letters on Existing Memorial Stones</p> <p>Extra lettering on existing kerbstones 90.00</p> <p>For cleaning and re-blackening original inscription (per section) 35.00</p> <p>Book of Remembrance</p> <p>For a two line entry 35.00</p> <p>For an entry up to five lines 70.00</p> <p>For an entry up to eight lines 105.00</p> <p>For an entry up to eight lines to include a floral emblem, badge, crest or other design 124.00</p> <p>For an entry up to five lines to include a floral emblem, badge, crest or other design 160.00</p> <p>Copies of Book Entries on Folded Memorial Cards</p> <p>For a two line entry 22.00</p> <p>For an entry up to five lines 33.00</p> <p>For an entry up to eight lines 55.00</p> <p>For an entry up to eight lines to include a floral emblem, badge, crest or other design 90.00</p> <p>For an entry up to five lines to include a floral emblem, badge, crest or other design 110.00</p>	

Note: Related Memorial fees will be increased by the same % rounded to nearest 50p

Council Meeting



Date	22 January 2007
Venue	Lowther Pavilion
Committee members	<p>Mayor (Councillor Harold Butler)</p> <p>Deputy Mayor (Councillor Alfred Jealous NP,)</p> <p>Christine Akeroyd, Timothy Ashton, Eric Bamber, John Bennett, Stephen Carpenter, Maxine Chew, Peter Collins, John Coombes, Susan Fazackerley, Patricia Fieldhouse, Richard Fulford-Brown, Peter Hardy, Howard Henshaw, Karen Henshaw, Keith Hyde, Derek Lancaster, Kiran Mulholland, Raymond Norsworthy, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Janine Owen, Barbara Pagett, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, Simon Renwick, Louis Rigby, Paul Rigby, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Martin Taylor, Thomas Threlfall, Colin Walton, Andrea Whittaker, Fabian Wilson, Hilda Wilson, Ronald Wilson, Keith Wright</p>
Officers	Phil Woodward, Dave Joy, Ian Curtis, Allan Oldfield, Brian White, Peter Welsh, Andrew Cain, Hazel Wood, Paula Foder
Others	Chief Inspector Neil Chessell and Inspector Derek Darwen (Lancashire constabulary). Geoff Hiscox (Head of Policy Development - Directorate for Children and Young People L.C.C.)

77. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

78. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 November 2006 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

79. Mayor's announcements

1. The Mayor informed Councillors that the Fylde collection of paintings was now on exhibition at the Grundy Art Gallery, Blackpool.
2. Fylde Follies – The Mayor had attended this event which had been a huge success and made £800 towards the mayoral charities. The Mayor thanked councillor Fabian Wilson for her assistance with this event.

3. An evening of Fylde Nostalgia would be taking place on 16 January and was already oversubscribed.
4. A further evening of Fylde Nostalgia would be taking place on 27 February and had already sold out.
5. Lunch at the Lindum Hotel would take place on 28 January. (Tickets £15.00)
6. The Councillors and Officers Dinner would be held on Friday 9 February at the Clifton Arms Hotel.
7. Mayoral Ball – The Mayor confirmed that the Ball would be taking place on 16 March at Ribby Hall and tickets were £30 each and were available from the Mayors secretary.

80. Chief Executives Communications

The Chief Executive reported that there were no communications.

81. Questions From Members of the Council

There were no questions

82. Questions From the Members of Public

There were no questions

83. Presentation on Policing Proposals For Fylde 2007

Chief Inspector Neil Chessell and Inspector Derek Darwen from Lancashire constabulary made a presentation on neighbourhood policing proposals for Fylde in 2007.

The proposals would see an additional £300,000 per annum funding which would result in no reduction in the number of police constables in Fylde, eleven new Police Community Support Officers who service and support communities, use of police offices at Singleton and Freckleton, the introduction of a team ethos and increased flexibility with recruitment of volunteers and specials which would result in dedicated neighbourhood supervision.

The structure would comprise of five neighbourhood teams consisting of-

- St Annes Town centre
- St Annes - Urban areas
- Lytham and Freckleton
- Kirkham Town centre
- Rural Fylde

At the close of the presentation the Mayor thanked Chief Inspector Neil Chessell and Inspector Derek Darwen for attending and informing members on the neighbourhood policing proposals.

84. Invitation to Accept Appointment As Mayor 2007/2008

It was moved by Councillor Patricia Fieldhouse and seconded by Councillor Roger Small and:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY - That Councillor Colin Walton be invited to accept election by the Council at the 2007 Annual Meeting as Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

85. Local Government White Paper - Enhanced Two Tier Working

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Coombes and the Chief Executive, Phillip Woodward informed members of the latest position on the draft submission being prepared by Lancashire District Councils and Lancashire County Council to work as a pathfinder area for enhanced two-tier working.

Mr Woodward informed members that numerous meetings had taken place across Lancashire since November to consider unitary proposals and what might be involved in enhanced two-tier working and that the latest information indicated that unitary bids would be submitted by Preston City Council, Lancaster City Council and jointly by Burnley and Pendle Borough Councils.

The submission was a working / in-principle document and during the next 12 months work would progress with the County Council and any detailed arrangements would be circulated to all members of the council as soon as they became available.

Following a full debate the Council RESOLVED-

To note the current position relating to the proposed pathfinder submission for enhanced two-tier working in Lancashire and continue to support to the proposal and for a further progress report to be presented to Council in due course.

86. Council Taxbase 2007/08

Councillor Paul Rigby (portfolio holder for Finance and Efficiency) presented the report which informed members of the taxbase for each of the parished areas and the Council as a whole for 2007/08. The taxbase was the number of equivalent band D properties in the borough.

Under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council had to calculate its council taxbase for 2007/08, and notify it to the County Council and the County Police and Fire Authorities during the period 1st December to 31st January 2007.

The Council RESOLVED:

1. That the Council confirm its wish to keep the current discount on second homes at 10% in 2007/08 having been reduced from the previous level of 50% in 2004/05.
2. That pursuant to the Executive Finance Managers report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Taxbase) Regulations 1992 (as amended), the amount calculated by Fylde Borough Council as its council taxbase for the year 2007/2008 shall be 29,759.37 and that the amounts for each part of the area shall be as follows:

ST ANNES	10,508.20
LYTHAM	7,547.94
BRYNING-WITH-WARTON	1,278.09
ELSWICK	437.99
FRECKLETON	2,126.63
GREENHALGH-WITH-THISTLETON	182.27
LITTLE ECCLESTON-WITH-LARBRECK	213.01
MEDLAR-WITH-WESHAM	1,049.08
NEWTON-WITH CLIFTON	1,045.29
RIBBY-WITH-WREA	764.75
SINGLETON	437.96
STAINING	852.10
TREALES, ROSEACRE AND WHARLES	210.71
WEETON-WITH-PREESE	277.99
WESTBY-WITH-PLUMPTONS	539.19
KIRKHAM	2,288.17

87. Fylde Borough Council Schedule of Meetings

Councillor Susan Fazackerley (portfolio holder for Corporate Performance and Development) presented proposals for the 2007/2008 schedule of meetings together with amendments to the 2006/07 schedule. Councillor Fazackerley informed members of a number of amendments to the original draft:-

Policy and Service Review Scrutiny Committee

Additional meeting on 4 June 2007

Meeting change from Monday 22 October to Thursday 25 October 2007

Scrutiny Management Board

Delete meeting scheduled for Thursday 14 June

The Council RESOLVED:

To approve the schedule of meetings for 2007/08 together with amendments of the 2006/07 schedule (as amended).

88. Election Fees

Councillor Paul Rigby (portfolio holder for Finance and Efficiency) presented the report which proposed changes to the scale of fees and charges associated with the running of local elections.

The basic scale of fees and charges for running local elections was agreed by the Council in 1992. Since this time the fees had been uplifted annually in line with the rate of inflation.

From 2nd January 2007 new regulations had come into effect which made significant changes to arrangements which needed to be put in place to prepare for and run local elections and it was appropriate to review the scale of fees in relation to the new requirements.

The impact of the new legislation applied equally to Borough and Parish elections. In the past the Council had resolved not to recharge parish or town councils for expenses incurred on their behalf on parish elections (apart from by-elections). However, in light of the more onerous new legislative provisions and the additional work associated with the running of elections since the last local elections it was appropriate that this position be reviewed.

The Chief Executive, Phillip Woodward informed members that if all parish and town council elections were contested the base cost would be £35,000.00. The Electoral Commission had recommended that the cost of local democracy needed to be reflected at the level where decisions were made. It was also reported that parishes could be re-charged any costs incurred at the end of the year in order that precepts could be set to cover such costs.

Following consideration the Council RESOLVED:

1. That scale of fees and charges associated with the running of elections, detailed in the report is adopted and that the scale of fees and charges is revised annually on 1st April in line with local government pay awards.
2. That parish and town councils be re-charged for costs incurred in running their elections.

89. Members Choice Debate

At a previous council meeting, Councillor Linda Nulty was selected to lead the members' choice debate.

Councillor Nulty had chosen the subject of 'Every Child Matters' and opened the debate.

The Every Child Matters vision had been about since 2003 and the Children's Act 2004 made this a statutory duty. Councillor Nulty sought clarification on the role Fylde Borough Council was taking on the Every Child Matters agenda and what was happening in the communities across Fylde. There was a need for every council department to become

involved in the Every Child Matters vision and for the council to aim for the provision of suitable facilities for children and young people.

Councillor Nulty went on to introduce Geoff Hiscox, Head of Policy Development, Directorate for Children and Young People at Lancashire County Council. Mr Hiscox provided Members details on the background of Every Child matters and how it had evolved following the murder of Victoria Climbié in 2000.

The vision of Every Child Matters involved the radical improvement in opportunities and outcomes for children, driven by whole system reform of the delivery of children's services. Every Child Matters was about safeguarding children from risk of failure through universal services. Mr Hiscox made reference to the key element of Children's Trusts Arrangements and the key outcomes identified by children, namely, be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic wellbeing. The County Council were already working with District Authorities by way of delivering positive outcomes, joint working, Local Area Agreements and identifying gaps and agreeing priorities.

Following the presentation a questions and answers session took place at which Members raised a number of issues including the provision of warning lights outside schools; progress on agencies actively sharing information and adequate financial budgets and staffing levels to operate effectively. In particular Members supported the need for the introduction of a dedicated telephone number which could be used by the public to report concerns over the safety of children and young people.

Councillor Renwick informed members that the comments from the debate would be used to help formulate the response by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny committee to the County Council's consultation document and also stated that there was a need for an Every Child Matters member Champion and asked for councillors who were interested in becoming the Member Champion to contact the Chief Executive.

At the close of the debate the Mayor thanked councillor Nulty for raising the profile of the Every Child Matters agenda and also thanked Mr Hiscox for his presentation.

90. Selection for the next Members choice debate

Councillor Colin Walton was selected to lead the member's choice debate at the next ordinary meeting of the council.

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