



Meeting Agenda

**Council Budget Meeting
Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Tuesday 3rd March 2009, 5:00pm**

Copies of the 2009/10 draft budget can be viewed on the Council Website under <http://www.fylde.gov.uk/Category.aspx?cat=1927> . A hard copy can be made available to councillors & members of the public who should contact Paul O'Donoghue in Financial Services on 01253 658566 or email paul.odonoghue@fylde.gov.uk

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COUNCIL MEETING

LOWTHER PAVILION, LYTHAM
on
TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2009 at 5:00pm

The Mayor – Councillor S. M Fazackerley
Deputy Mayor – Councillor J.C. Owen

Councillors

- B.M. Ackers
- B. Aitken
- C. E. Akeroyd
- T. Ashton
- K. Beckett
- J. B. Bennett
- K. Buckley
- G. Caldwell
- D.M. Chedd
- M. Chew
- E. Clarkson
- P. Collins
- J. L. Coombes
- M.S. Cornah
- F.C Wilson
- J.R Davies
- B. Douglas
- R. K. Eastham
- D. Eaves JP
- Dr T. J Fiddler
- P.A. Fieldhouse
- T. Ford JP
- R.A Fulford-Brown
- L. Greening
- C. Halewood
- P. Hardy

Councillors

- K. Harper
- P.J. Hayhurst
- H. Henshaw, A.D.K (Malaysia)
- K. Hopwood
- K. Hyde
- A. Jacques
- C. Little
- J.K. Mulholland
- L.J. Nulty
- E.A. Oades
- B. Pagett
- A.G. Pounder
- W.J Prestwich
- D.S. Prestwich
- S. P. Renwick
- L. Rigby
- P. Rigby
- E.M Silverwood
- J.R Singleton
- R. S. Small
- H.A Speak
- W. Thompson
- T. Threlfall

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Our Vision

To establish Fylde Borough Council as a high performing local authority

Our Corporate Objectives

To improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of our communities through:

- The promotion and enhancement of the natural built environment
- Increasing the availability and access to good quality housing for all
- Maintaining healthy and safe communities to reduce the fear of crime
- Supporting and sustaining a strong and diverse Fylde coast economy to further enhance employment prospects

We will achieve this by:

Focusing on customer requirements
Clear community and organisational leadership
Delivering high quality, cost-effective services
Partnership working

PROCEDURAL ITEMS	
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Personal interests

8.—(1) You have a personal interest in any business of your authority where either—

(a) it relates to or is likely to affect—

- (i) any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and to which you are appointed or nominated by your authority;
- (ii) any body—
 - (aa) exercising functions of a public nature;
 - (bb) directed to charitable purposes; or
 - (cc) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union),

of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management;

- (i) any employment or business carried on by you;
 - (ii) any person or body who employs or has appointed you;
 - (iii) any person or body, other than a relevant authority, who has made a payment to you in respect of your election or any expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties;
 - (iv) any person or body who has a place of business or land in your authority's area, and in whom you have a beneficial interest in a class of securities of that person or body that exceeds the nominal value of £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital (whichever is the lower);
 - (v) any contract for goods, services or works made between your authority and you or a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a person or body of the description specified in paragraph (vi);
 - (vi) the interests of any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25;
 - (vii) any land in your authority's area in which you have a beneficial interest;
 - (viii) any land where the landlord is your authority and you are, or a firm in which you are a partner, a company of which you are a remunerated director, or a person or body of the description specified in paragraph (vi) is, the tenant;
 - (xi) any land in the authority's area for which you have a licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy for 28 days or longer; or
- (b) a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting your well-being or financial position or the well-being or financial position of a relevant person to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward, as the case may be, affected by the decision;

(2) In sub-paragraph (1)(b), a relevant person is—

- (a) a member of your family or any person with whom you have a close association; or
- (b) any person or body who employs or has appointed such persons, any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are directors;
- (c) any person or body in whom such persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or
- (d) any body of a type described in sub-paragraph (1)(a)(i) or (ii).

Disclosure of personal interests

- 9.—**(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (7), where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority and you attend a meeting of your authority at which the business is considered, you must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.
- (2) Where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority which relates to or is likely to affect a person described in paragraph 8(1)(a)(i) or 8(1)(a)(ii)(aa), you need only disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of that interest when you address the meeting on that business.
- (3) Where you have a personal interest in any business of the authority of the type mentioned in paragraph 8(1)(a)(viii), you need not disclose the nature or existence of that interest to the meeting if the interest was registered more than three years before the date of the meeting.
- (4) Sub-paragraph (1) only applies where you are aware or ought reasonably to be aware of the existence of the personal interest.

- (5) Where you have a personal interest but, by virtue of paragraph 14, sensitive information relating to it is not registered in your authority's register of members' interests, you must indicate to the meeting that you have a personal interest, but need not disclose the sensitive information to the meeting.
- (6) Subject to paragraph 12(1)(b), where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority and you have made an executive decision in relation to that business, you must ensure that any written statement of that decision records the existence and nature of that interest.
- (7) In this paragraph, "executive decision" is to be construed in accordance with any regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 22 of the Local Government Act 2000(d).

Prejudicial interest generally

- 10.—**(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority you also have a prejudicial interest in that business where the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.
- (2) You do not have a prejudicial interest in any business of the authority where that business—
- (a) does not affect your financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in paragraph 8;
 - (b) does not relate to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to you or any person or body described in paragraph 8; or
 - (c) relates to the functions of your authority in respect of—
 - (i) housing, where you are a tenant of your authority provided that those functions do not relate particularly to your tenancy or lease;
 - (ii) school meals or school transport and travelling expenses, where you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or are a parent governor of a school, unless it relates particularly to the school which the child attends;
 - (iii) statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, where you are in receipt of, or are entitled to the receipt of, such pay;
 - (iv) an allowance, payment or indemnity given to members;
 - (v) any ceremonial honour given to members; and
 - (vi) setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Prejudicial interests arising in relation to overview and scrutiny committees

- 11.—** You also have a prejudicial interest in any business before an overview and scrutiny committee of your authority (or of a sub-committee of such a committee) where—
- (a) that business relates to a decision made (whether implemented or not) or action taken by your authority's executive or another of your authority's committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees; and
 - (b) at the time the decision was made or action was taken, you were a member of the executive, committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee mentioned in paragraph (a) and you were present when that decision was made or action was taken.

Effect of prejudicial interests on participation

- 12.—**(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where you have a prejudicial interest in any business of your authority—
- (a) you must withdraw from the room or chamber where a meeting considering the business is being held—
 - (i) in a case where sub-paragraph (2) applies, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence;
 - (ii) in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at that meeting;
 unless you have obtained a dispensation from your authority's standards committee;
 - (b) you must not exercise executive functions in relation to that business; and
 - (c) you must not seek improperly to influence a decision about that business.
- (2) Where you have a prejudicial interest in any business of your authority, you may attend a meeting (including a meeting of the overview and scrutiny committee of your authority or of a sub-committee of such a committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise.

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 held on 26 January 2009. (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
FINANCE	COUNCIL	3 RD MARCH 2009	7

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (INCLUDING GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT) 2008/09 TO 2012/13

Public Item

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

Summary

Report of the Director of Finance (to follow)

This report, which will be published in its full statutory format on Wednesday 25th February, will incorporate the paperwork and recommendations from the Cabinet meetings on 11th & 19th February which are available via the following web-link:-

<http://www.fylde.gov.uk/committeemeeting.aspx?id=SXD7AA-A7827287>

The report also makes reference to the following documents:

i) **Draft Budget 2009/10**, which is also available via the following web-link:-

<http://www.fylde.gov.uk/Category.aspx?cat=1927>

ii) **Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2009/10**, which is also available via the following web link:-

<http://www.fylde.gov.uk/InLineSite.aspx?id=SXBB10-A78249B1&cat=1059>

REPORT



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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE	COUNCIL	3 RD MARCH 2009	8

COMMUNITY SAFETY – DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSE CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAPACITY

Public Item

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

Summary

The Council has £44,000 in its capital budget in the current financial year together with an additional allocation of £22,000 in 2009/10 within the capital allocation. The Local Strategic Partnership has also allocated £80,000, in the current financial year, towards the development of CCTV in the Borough.

During the summer months a small working group deliberated on the best way to utilise this funding. The conclusion reached by the Group was that a monitored CCTV system was the favoured option. However, this option required an initial capital outlay together with on-going revenue costs to support it over a five-year period. The precise cost implications were presented to Cabinet in November and it agreed to consider the budgetary shortfall for CCTV in its budget deliberations.

An offer has now been received from the Community Safety Partnership to underwrite some elements of funding up to 2011/12 subject to the Borough Council agreeing to mainstream the on-going revenue maintenance costs from 2012/13. The LSP/CDRP will continue to fund the B.T. line rental costs until 2013/14. There is currently no budget provision for such ongoing revenue maintenance costs.

Recommendation

Council is recommended to:

- approve an increase to the capital programme of £25,000 in 2008/09, fully funded by a contribution from the Local Strategic Partnership;
- approve a further increase to the capital programme of £40,000 in 2008/09, fully funded by a contribution from the Safer Lancashire Board;
- accept the offer of the Community Safety Partnership to underwrite the projected shortfall in providing a monitored CCTV system in the townships of St. Annes and Kirkham; this will therefore require Council to:
- approve fully funded revenue budget increases of £37,821 in 2009/10, £38,484 in 2010/11, £39,859 in 2011/12, and £6,713 in 2011/12 and 2012/13, fully funded from the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Local Strategic Partnership, as detailed in Table 2 of the report;
- approve un-funded revenue budget increases of £33,146 in 2012/13 and 2013/14, and £39,859 from 2014/15 onwards.

Reasons for recommendation

CCTV is a cross cutting initiative that has the capability of impacting on all four of the priority actions of PSA 23 (*Reduce the most serious violence, progress on serious acquisitive crime, tackle local priorities: increase public confidence and reduce offending*) as identified in the National Community Safety Plan (2008 – 2011).

It also has the same capability of impacting on the Local Area Agreements in respect of Safer and Stronger Communities.

A monitored CCTV system would assist policing of the Borough by focusing on peak times of criminal and anti-social behaviour within the town centres of St. Annes and Kirkham. However, a monitored system has on-going revenue costs required to support it. In light of the offer from the Community Safety Partnership to underwrite some of the unfunded costs together with the offers of other external funding to install a system in St. Annes and Kirkham there now exists a unique opportunity to progress this issue.

Option

That the Council's capital allocation for CCTV be utilised to upgrade and purchase new mobile cameras and poles across the Borough and a further report be brought back to the Cabinet on what could be provided within the budgetary provision.

Cabinet Portfolio

The item falls within the following Cabinet portfolio:

Social Well Being: Councillor Patricia Fieldhouse

Report

The development of CCTV so far

1. One of the Council's Corporate Objectives is on creating healthy and safe communities.
2. Over the last six years the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) has worked in partnership with the Council and Lancashire Constabulary to implement a CCTV system that covers the main towns and villages of the district. In 2002 a small number of rapid deployment cameras were purchased by the partnership and deployed onto CCTV columns strategically located in 'hotspot' areas. The partnership has increased the number of these cameras and columns year on year and we currently have 20 cameras that can be and are moved between 34 CCTV columns located throughout the district. However the busier town centre locations tend to have a camera deployed on a more permanent basis.
3. The cameras can be programmed to automatically tour between several areas or can be operated manually using one of three portable control cases, kept at each of the three main police stations in the borough. They record images onto a self contained hard drive which is continually overwritten with new images once it is full. Initially they held little more than 24 hours worth of images but now the latest cameras can record up to one week's worth of images onto a 160GB hard drive.
4. Two CCTV vans have also been purchased by the partnership and given to the police. These vans have their own CCTV camera and recorder onboard but also have a separate capability to control, monitor and download images from the rapid deployment cameras. It is the police who interrogate the camera hard drives, using the CCTV vans, after an incident has occurred to see if it has captured any evidence. They also have the capability of pro-actively monitoring the rapid deployment cameras or altering the automated tours to focus on specific areas.
5. The CDRP has purchased the vast majority of this equipment via various funding streams. There have been numerous successes attributed to the CCTV cameras, ranging from an offender being imprisoned for 6 years for an assault to more minor infringements that have been subject of Penalty notices. It clearly has public reassurance benefits as well as proving to have been a good deterrent. One Community Beat Officer stated that a camera installed in a hotspot area on his beat cut problems with anti-social behaviour by 90%. A study in a rural village showed that crime and anti-social behaviour reduced by 50% following the installation of a camera for a 3 month period. The Parish Council and local residents were so impressed they have since raised £5000 towards a permanent camera, which has recently been installed.

Council support for CCTV

6. From May 2006 the Council has employed a CCTV manager on a part-time basis (20 hours per week) whose job is to maintain and improve the existing system as well as ensuring the system complies with the legal requirements of the CCTV codes of practice that fall out of the Data Protection Act, the Human Rights Act and the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act. The postholder also liaises with and trains the police staff that operates the system.
7. There is also currently a Council capital commitment of £44,000 available within the current year's budget to support the further enhancement of the CCTV system within the Borough with a further capital commitment of £22,000 allocated within the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2009/10.

Local Strategic Partnership Support for CCTV

8. As community safety is also a key priority of the Local Strategic Partnership it has also allocated a total of £80,000 (£40,000 for its 2007/08 budget and a similar amount in the current financial year with the 07/08 amount being rolled forward to give a total of £80,000) towards the development of CCTV. This finance can be used to support capital or revenue spending. It is proposed to use £25,000 of the £80,000 from the LSP to fund capital expenditure, with the remaining £55,000 being used in 2009/10 (£37,821) and 2010/11 (£17,179) to fund revenue running costs of the scheme. These proposals have been reflected in the costings in the tables below.

Safer Lancashire Board

9. The Safer Lancashire Board has also approved a sum of £40,000 capital funding to support the development of CCTV in an additional township to St. Annes. A site meeting identified Lytham as likely to incur extra capital costs due to the location of the proposed cameras. There are no contingencies to cover this extra cost. Crime Data further supported Kirkham as the town to have a monitored CCTV system in addition to St. Annes..

Developing the CCTV system

10. The rationale for developing a monitored CCTV system was presented in the November Cabinet report and this is attached as an appendix for reference.

Costings

11. In the previous report to Cabinet costings had been put together to run a monitored CCTV system in St. Annes. At the time the November Cabinet report was considered the Borough Council was being requested to fund part of the costs of the capital purchase plus the on-going revenue on-costs over a five year period.
12. However, an offer now exists from the Safer Lancashire Board to provide further capital funding of £40,000 to allow the expansion of a monitored CCTV system to another township. Table 1, shown below, indicates the Capital costs of a monitored CCTV system for the two townships.

Table 1.

Capital CCTV Scheme	2008/09 £
Expenditure:	
St. Annes Monitored CCTV system	91,000
Kirkham Monitored CCTV system	40,000
Total	131,000
Financing:	
Fylde Local Strategic Partnership	25,000
Fylde's existing Capital programme resources	66,000
Safer Lancashire Board	40,000
Total	131,000

Table 2 - Revenue costs of maintaining/operating the CCTV systems in each town.

Revenue Costs	2009/10 £	2010/11 £	2011/12 £	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	Ongoing
St. Annes expenditure:						
B.T. line rental	2,513	2,513	2,513	2,513	2,513	2,513
Operating revenue costs	26,508	27,171	28,546	28,546	28,546	28,546
Sub Total	29,021	29,648	31,059	31,059	31,059	31,059
Kirkham expenditure:						
BT line rental	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
Operating revenue costs	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600
Sub Total	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800
TOTALREVENUE EXPENDITURE	<u>37,821</u>	<u>38,484</u>	<u>39,859</u>	<u>39,859</u>	<u>39,859</u>	<u>39,859</u>
External Financing:						
Contribution from LSP	37,821	17,179	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Contribution from CDRP	Nil	21,305	39,859	6,713	6,713	Nil
TOTAL EXTERNAL FUNDING	<u>37,821</u>	<u>38,484</u>	<u>39,859</u>	<u>6,713</u>	<u>6,713</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Impact on Revenue Budget	Nil	Nil	Nil	33,146	33,146	39.859

Table 3 - Total funding currently available.

Capital Funding Agreed for CCTV Scheme	2008/09 £	2009/10 £	Total £
Fylde Local Strategic Partnership	25,000		25,000
Fylde's existing Capital programme	44,000	22,000	66,000
Safer Lancashire Board capital funding	40,000		40,000
Total available capital funding	109,000	22,000	131,000

14 Attached at Appendix 1 is an offer letter from the Community Safety Partnership indicating that it will underwrite the revenue on costs on providing CCTV in two townships in the years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 meaning that the Borough Council would not have to meet any of the financial commitment outlined in Table 2 until FY2012/13

15 Implicit in the CDRP's commitment to underwrite all the revenue costs until 2011/12 is the understanding that Fylde Borough Council will mainstream the revenue costs earlier should their financial position improve during this period.

Tracy Scholes	(01253) 658437	Date of report	19 th August 2008
Name of document	(01253) 868521	Date of report	12 January 2009
Rejected Quotes	Various	Community Safety Office	
Minutes of CCTV working group meetings	Various	Community Safety Office	

Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Rejected Quotes	Various	Community Safety Office
Minutes of CCTV working group meetings	Various	Community Safety Office

Finance	The Council has secured additional capital funding to support the Council's capital contribution to CCTV, as detailed in the report. The Community Safety Partnership is offering to underwrite the revenue costs of providing CCTV subject to the Borough Council agreeing to pick up the ongoing revenue costs from 2012/13 onwards. This would be dependant on the Community Safety Partnership continuing to receive the current levels of grant to carry out its activities but there is no reason to suspect that this funding will not be forthcoming. The full implications are contained within the body of the report.
Legal	Requirement to operate the system in compliance with relevant legislation. (Data Protection, Human Rights, Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act, Police and Criminal Evidence Act and Criminal Procedure and Investigation Act.
Community Safety	Addresses Community Safety issues and supports National Community Safety Plan.
Human Rights and Equalities	CCTV systems are governed by the CCTV Codes of Practice which address H.R. and equalities issues. This system ensures that it is done so robustly.
Sustainability	Sustainable provided the financial implications are met.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	Contractors will need to be managed as per the 'Control of Contractors' arrangements for F.B.C.



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Date *24 February 2009*

Dear Mr Woodward

Further to our recent conversation regarding the deployment of monitored CCTV across the borough of Fylde related to your cabinet report dated November 2008, I understand that there is some concern surrounding the ability of Fylde Borough Council, at this moment in time, to commit to the ongoing revenue costs in years 2010/11 and 2011/12. So as not to jeopardise this project or lose any of the current funding that has been obtained from various sources, the CDRP will underwrite this projected expenditure.

Since the time the cabinet report was written the partnership has now been successful in obtaining further funding, sufficient to install a further two cameras in either Lytham or Kirkham town centre. Although it will increase the revenue commitment required from the Borough (see attachment), it will be of great importance in ensuring the Council delivers it's Corporate Objectives relating to Community Safety. The Community Safety Partnership would also be prepared to pick up the costs for the 5 year B.T. rental and other ongoing revenue in 2009/10 to 2011/12. .

However, the CDRP does expect Fylde Borough Council to mainstream these ongoing revenue costs from 2012/13 onwards which will equate to a sum of approx £33,000 plus inflation as per the attached schedule. The underwriting of 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 is done in the spirit of true partnership working to achieve a key priority for the borough of Fylde.

Yours sincerely

C Cllr Bernard Whittle OBE
Chair of Fylde CDRP

Revenue costs for St. Annes and one other town

Revenue Costs	2008/09 £	2009/10 £	2010/11 £	Ongoing £
Expenditure: B.T. 5 year rental deal Ongoing revenue costs (see appendix 2)*	12,565	26,508	27,171	28,546
Financing: Contribution from LSP**	12, 565	26,508	15,927	-
Impact on Revenue Budget	Nil	Nil	11,244	28,546
2nd Town				
BT rental – 5 year deal		21,000		
Extra revenue for maintenance etc...		4,600	4,600	4,600
TOTAL		52,108	15,844	33,146

Council Meeting



Date	26 January 2009
Venue	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Members	Mayor (Councillor Susan Fazackerley) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Janine Owen) Brenda Ackers, Ben Aitken, Christine Akeroyd, Keith Beckett, John Bennett, Karen Buckley, David Chedd, Maxine Chew, Elizabeth Clarkson, Peter Collins, John Coombes, Michael Cornah, Fabian Craig-Wilson, John Davies, Barbara Douglas, Kevin Eastham, Trevor Fiddler, Patricia Fieldhouse, Tony Ford, Lyndsey Greening, Craig Halewood, Peter Hardy, Kathleen Harper, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw, Ken Hopwood, Keith Hyde, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Kiran Mulholland, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Barbara Pagett, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, John Prestwich, Simon Renwick, Louis Rigby, Paul Rigby, Elaine Silverwood, John Singleton, Roger Small, Thomas Threlfall.
Officers	Phil Woodward, Bernard Hayes, Ian Curtis, Allan Blundell, Bernard Judge, Christopher Kitchin, Andy Cain
Others	Pauline Waterhouse (Blackpool and Fylde College)

99. 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. No interests were declared.

100. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 November 2008 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

101. Mayor's announcements

- The Mayor wished all members a Happy and Prosperous New Year.
- The Mayor informed the Council that a card had been sent to Councillor Bill Thompson who was in hospital.

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- The Mayor thanked members for attending the Civic Carol Service and those who took part.
- The Mayor also thanked members for attending Fylde Follies particularly to Councillor Fabian Craig-Wilson for her months of hard work.
- The Mayor informed the Council that the final of 'Fylde's Got Talent' was on the 8th February at Lowther Pavilion.
- The Mayor informed the Council that there would be a 'Town Hall Challenge' on February 18th where mixed teams of Councillors and Officers from Fylde, Blackpool, Preston and Wyre will compete for a small trophy whilst raising money for the various Mayors' charities.
- The Mayor announced that there were limited tickets available for the Mayoral Ball which was to be held on Friday 27 March at Clifton Park Hotel. The Mayor appealed to members for raffle and tombola prizes for this event.

102. Chief Executive's Communications

The Chief Executive reported that there were no communications to bring to Members' attention at this meeting.

103. Blackpool and Fylde College - Development Proposals

Pauline Waterhouse the Principal and Chief Executive of Blackpool and Fylde College provided the council with a presentation on the development proposals for the future of the college. Ms. Waterhouse informed the Council that the proposals would have educational, economic and social benefits for the Fylde Coast.

The Council thanked Ms. Waterhouse for the detailed presentation that was provided.

104. Questions form Members of the Council

There were no questions.

105. Questions for members of the Public

There were no questions

106. Invitation to Accept Appointment as Mayor 2009/2010

It was moved by Councillor Trevor Fiddler and seconded by Councillor John Coombes and:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY - That Councillor Paul Rigby be invited to accept election by the Council at the 2009 Annual Meeting as Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

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107. Appointment of Parish Member to the Standards Committee

Ian Curtis (Monitoring Officer) presented the report that considered the appointment of a Parish Member to the Standards Committee.

Fylde's Standards Committee oversees the ethical governance of both Fylde Borough Council and its parishes. The membership of the Committee was presently eleven, comprised of four Borough Councillors, three Parish Members and four Independent Persons. There was a need to appoint another Parish Representative because of conflicts of interest and other constraints.

This could be done by simply appointing the person who had received the second largest number of votes from the parishes when the previous vacancy was filled during 2008, or by balloting the parishes again.

Councillors expressed their opinion that it would be important to consult with the Parishes again to ask whether they wished the names of any further candidates to be put forward.

Following the debate the Council RESOLVED to approve:

1. To increase the size of the Standards Committee to twelve.
2. That the Monitoring officer seeks new nominations from each Parish Council and that those nominations go forward to a vote at which each Parish Council will have a single vote at the Parish Liaison Group meeting or by post or similar mechanism.

108. Changes to Committee

Phil Woodward (Chief Executive) presented the report on proposed changes to Committees.

Mr Woodward highlighted the three main elements of the report; i.e. a vacant seat on Planning Policy Scrutiny Committee, a vacant position as Vice Chair of Development Control Committee and three vacancies on the joint overview and scrutiny committee which had been agreed as part of the governance arrangements for the Fylde Coast Multi Area Agreement.

In introducing the report the Chief Executive proposed that Members re-consider the use of the substitutes procedure on Development Control Committee following some recent confusion and representations which had arisen on this matter.

Councillor John Coombes also requested that councillor Christine Akeroyd should replace Councillor Bill Thompson on the Development Control committee.

Following the debate the Council RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor Barbara Douglas replaces Councillor Trevor Fiddler on the Planning Policy Scrutiny Committee.
2. To approve that Councillor Janine Owen takes the position of Vice Chair of the Development Control Committee.
3. To suspend temporarily, but with immediate effect, the use of substitutes at Development Control Committee meetings and to refer this matter for consideration to the Planning Policy Scrutiny Committee to make recommendations on the Planning Advisory Service report and to suggest an appropriate way forward on this matter.

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4. That the Council nominates Councillors Kiran Mulholland, Fabian Craig-Wilson and Elizabeth Oades to represent Fylde Borough Council on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Fylde Coast Multi Area Agreement.
5. To approve that Councillor Christine Akeroyd replaces Councillor Bill Thompson as a member of the Development Control Committee.

(Councillors Mulholland and Ford requested that their names be recorded as having abstained their vote in relation to substitute members at the development control committee).

During the Course of the debate the following amendment was moved and lost-

1. *That the Council allows named substitutes to sit on the Development Control Committee and that those substitutes should regularly attend the Development Control Committee to keep up to date of Planning Issues and should also be experienced members.*

109. Code of Corporate Governance

Councillor Roger Small (Corporate Resources and Finance Portfolio Holder) presented the report on the Code of Corporate Governance.

The Council's Code of Corporate Governance needed to be amended to take into account of the recent management restructure and to remove the requirement to refer the annual governance statement to the full Council.

Following consideration the Council RESOLVED to amend the Council's Code of Corporate Governance by adopting the revised version detailed in the agenda.

110. Fylde Borough Council Schedule of Meetings

Councillor Roger Small (Corporate Resources and Finance Portfolio Holder) presented the report that highlighted the proposed Committees meeting dates for the forthcoming municipal year.

Councillor John Bennett proposed an amendment, that all Development Control Committee meetings commence at 14:00 following guidance he had received from the Planning Advisory Service.

Following a full debate the Council RESOLVED:

1. To approve the Schedule of Meetings for the forthcoming Municipal Year and that all Development Control meetings should commence at 14:00 with immediate effect.
2. To approve the amendments to the 2008/09 schedule of meetings.

111. Lancashire Local Fylde - New Constitution

Councillor Albert Pounder (Customer Services and Partnerships Portfolio Holder) presented the report.

Lancashire County Council had recently adopted a revised constitution for the Lancashire Locals. Until the revised constitution had been adopted by Fylde Borough Council the

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previous version of the constitution would still apply. Lancashire County Council had requested that the constitution be adopted as soon as possible.

Councillor Pounder highlighted the main additions and changes to the constitution.

Following discussion the Council RESOLVED to adopt the revised Lancashire Local - Fylde Constitution.

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