



MINUTES

Council

Date:	Thursday, 2 March 2023
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Mayor Councillor Ben Aitken Deputy Mayor Councillor Alan Clayton Councillors Frank Andrews, Peter Anthony, Tim Armit, Karen Buckley, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, Chris Dixon, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Trevor Fiddler, Ellie Gaunt, Brian Gill, Shirley Green, Will Harris, Gavin Harrison, Paul Hayhurst, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, Angela Jacques, John Kirkham, Matthew Lee, Ed Nash, Jayne Nixon, Linda Nulty, David O'Rourke, Richard Redcliffe, Michael Sayward, Vince Settle, John Singleton JP, Elaine Silverwood, Roger Small, Ray Thomas, Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Ian Curtis, Sharon Wadsworth, Paul O'Donoghue, Paul Harrison, Christine Wood, Howie Dawson, Kassie Navarasi, Lucie Warburton.
Other Attendees:	Councillor Mark Bamforth (via remote access) One member of the public was in attendance

Prayers

Prayers were offered by the Mayor's Chaplain, Father Philip Newbold

1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

Councillor Peter Anthony declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 8 – MTFS Update, Including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management for 2022/23 to 2026/27 and left the room during the discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Sue Fazackerley MBE declared a personal interest in Item 8 – MTFS Update, Including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management for 2022/23 to 2026/27 insofar as she was a volunteer at Lytham Hall.

Councillor Shirley Green declared a personal interest in Item 8 – MTFS Update, Including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management for 2022/23 to 2026/27 insofar as she was Council representative on Lytham Hall Partnership.

Councillor Tim Armit declared a personal and prejudicial interest on the amendment to Item 8 – MTFS Update, Including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management for 2022/23 to 2026/27 and left the room during the discussion and voting on the amendment to the item.

2. Budget Procedure Rules

The Mayor reminded members that the procedure rules for budget council differed to those of ordinary meetings. As such he referred them to the procedure rules contained within their agenda papers

3. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 February 2023 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

4. Mayor's Announcements

On-going support would be welcomed for the following upcoming Mayoral events; a Tropic Skincare evening on Monday 20th March at the Town Hall from 7-8.30pm; afternoon tea at Wesham Community Centre on Saturday 1st April between 10.30-12.30; and the Mayors Ball at Ribby Hall, Wrea Green on Saturday 15th April 2023. Please contact the Mayors secretary, joanne.collins@fylde.gov.uk, for tickets.

5. Chief Executive's Communications

The Chief Executive had no announcements.

6. Questions from Members of the Council

No questions had been received from Members of the Council.

7. Questions from Members of the Public

No questions had been received from members of the public.

Decision Items

8. Medium Term Financial Strategy Update, Including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management for 2022/23 to 2026/27

Councillor Anthony left the room having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item.

Councillor Karen Buckley, Leader of the Council, introduced the budget for 2023/24 stating that it was a privilege to be able to freeze the council tax bills for 2023/24. Councillor Buckley referred to the great deal of investment to the borough that included the Kirkham Futures Scheme, the St Annes Sea Defence scheme, development of water sports at Fairhaven Lake and the investment in the M55 Link Road.

Councillor Buckley referred to the difficult financial backdrop faced by many residents with the rising cost of living, in particular energy and food. Due to the increasing pressures and the robust financial position of the Council it was proposed not to raise the Council Tax for 2023/24.

The Leader of the Council went on to thank the Chief Financial Officer and his team for their hard work and diligence in maintaining the Council finances and to the Chief Executive for the handling of the Covid recovery and facing challenges head on.

The proposal was moved by Councillor Buckley and seconded by Councillor Vince Settle.

Councillors Small, Sayward, Dixon, Green and Redcliffe spoke in support of the proposed budget with Councillor Silverwood thanking the Finance Team for their dedication and commitment to the finances all year round.

Councillor Buckley briefly summed up and thanked all colleagues that had spoken.

Councillor Matthew Lee, having indicated earlier that he had an amendment, proposed;

"I propose that the remaining budget of £338,000 allocated for the Fairhaven Kiosk / Ice Cream Bar Project be excluded from the Updated Five Year Capital Programme and moved to General Reserves until such a time that a new scheme can be created and costed"

In moving his amendment Councillor Lee stressed that he did not want to debate the merits of the project but that the proposed amendment was simply a prudent financial decision as a result of the unprecedented rises in the costs of materials and labour.

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The amendment was seconded by Councillor Gill.

Before the debate on the amendment, Councillor Armit declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room.

During the debate Councillor Sayward confirmed that the aspiration remained to deliver the project and if a new revised scheme was deemed not viable then the funds would be returned to reserves.

Following a brief debate, Councillor Buckley summed up and a recorded vote was taken where the amendment was LOST.

Votes for the amendment (9) – Councillors Clayton, P Collins, Gill, Hayhurst, Henshaw, Hodgson, Lee, Nulty, Silverwood.

Votes against the amendment (24) – Councillors Aitken, Andrews, Buckley, D Collins, Dixon, Fazackerley MBE, Fiddler, Gaunt, Green, Harris, Harrison, Jacques, Kirkham, Nash, Nixon, O'Rourke, Redcliffe, Sayward, Settle, Singleton, Small, Thomas, Trudgill, Willder.

Abstentions (0)

Councillor Armit returned to the meeting.

There were no further amendments and therefore a vote was taken on the substantive motion and as required by law, a recorded vote was held.

Votes for the proposal (32) – Councillors Aitken, Andrews, Armit, Buckley, Clayton, D Collins, Dixon, Fazackerley MBE, Fiddler, Gaunt, Green, Harris, Harrison, Hayhurst, Henshaw, Hodgson, Jacques, Kirkham, Lee, Nash, Nixon, Nulty, O'Rourke, Redcliffe, Sayward, Settle, Silverwood, Singleton, Small, Thomas, Trudgill, Willder.

Votes against the proposal (0)

Abstentions (2) – Councillors P Collins, Gill.

The proposal was CARRIED, and it was therefore RESOLVED:

That the Council note the recommendations of the Finance and Democracy Committee meeting of 20th February 2023 and the decisions approved at the Council meeting of 6th February 2023, and approves as follows:

- (a) The revised estimates for 2022/23 and the revenue budget for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix E, which includes recommended transfers to the Capital Investment Reserve in 2022/23 and 2023/24 equivalent to the balance of the revenue surplus for those years, currently estimated at £0.400m in 2022/23 and £0.186m in 2023/24;
- (b) The budget proposals and changes to Reserves and Balances as set out in Appendices F & H, to include approval that the Council will act as the accountable body for any of the new capital schemes (as indicated) in Appendix F;
- (c) The Capital Strategy 2023-27, including Prudential Indicators and Limits, set out in Appendix G; which incorporates the Treasury Management Policy, the Capital Programme, the Treasury Management Strategy, the Investment Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement;
- (d) The updated Useable Reserves & Balances Policy as detailed in Appendix H;
- (e) An average Band D Council Tax of £218.89 for 2023/24 (excluding Town and Parish precepts), which is a 0.14% decrease from the 2022/23 average Band D charge;
- (f) The Special Expenses policy as set out in Appendix I; which includes that:
 - for the purposes of charging special expenses, both the special expense costs and the tax bases relating to the areas of Lytham and St Annes will each be aggregated and the Council Tax charge per property at each band level will be the same across the whole area; and
 - the annual special expense charge per property will be set for 2023/24 with a 0.0% increase on the 2022/23 level, that being £80.92 per band D property; and

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- the annual borough wide charge per property will be set for 2023/24 with a 0.0% increase on the 2022/23 level, that being £172.47 per band D property; and
- the budget resource to be allocated to delivering concurrent services and chargeable as special expenses for 2023/24 will be set at a sum equivalent to the annual special expense charge per property (band D equivalent) multiplied by the tax base for the special expense area; and

(g) The schedule of fees and charges for 2023/24 as detailed in Appendix J.

(h) That the Council note the response to the Budget Consultation at Appendix K.

Council Tax Resolution

(i) The Council is recommended to approve the Council Tax Resolution as follows:

Council Tax Resolution

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

2. It be noted that the Section 151 Officer, under delegated authority, has on 15th December 2022 calculated:

- the Council Tax Base 2023/24 for the whole Council area as 31,989 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
- a Council Tax Base, for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish/Neighbourhood precept relates, as indicated below:

Non-Parished Areas:	Number of Band D Equivalent Properties
- Lytham	7,694
Parished Areas:	
- Bryning-with-Warton	1,744
- Elswick	473
- Freckleton	2,038
- Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	202
- Kirkham	2,455
- Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	257
- Medlar-with-Wesham	1,445
- Newton-with-Clifton	1,183
- Ribby-with Wrea	1,044
- Singleton	470
- Staining	897
- St. Annes	10,656
- Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	240
- Weeton-with-Preese	325
- Westby-with-Plumpton	866
All Areas:	31,989

3. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2023/24 (excluding Parish precepts) is £7,002,072.

4. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2023/24 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-

- a. **£45,036,808** Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- b. **£36,830,333** Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- c. **£8,206,475** Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- d. **£256.54** Being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R) all divided by Item T (Para 2(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- e. **£2,689,285** Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Special Expenses and Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act and as shown below:

	Parish Amount £	Special Expenses £
Bryning-with-Warton	151,129	
Elswick	35,609	
Freckleton	107,932	
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	9,622	
Kirkham	234,797	
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	18,268	
Medlar-with-Wesham	71,508	
Newton-with-Clifton	77,640	
Ribby-with Wrea	70,611	
Singleton	24,265	
Staining	81,167	
St.Annes	263,570	862,284
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	13,222	
Weeton-with-Preese	27,198	
Westby-with-Plumpton	17,865	
Unparished Areas - Lytham		622,598
Total	1,204,403	1,484,882

- f. **£172.47** Being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by the amount at Item T (Para 2(a) above) calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relate.

g. Part of the Council's area:

	£
Bryning-with-Warton	259.13
Elswick	247.75
Freckleton	225.43
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	220.10
Kirkham	268.11
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	243.55
Medlar-with-Wesham	221.96
Newton-with-Clifton	238.10
Ribby-with Wrea	240.11
Singleton	224.10
Staining	262.96
St.Annes	278.12
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	227.56
Weeton-with-Preese	256.16
Westby-with-Plumpton	193.10
Unparished Areas - Lytham	253.39

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount of 4(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area 4(e) above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

h. The amounts set out in the table below being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

Council Tax for Each Part of the Council's area (Fylde Borough Council and Special Items only):

Valuation Bands

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Bryning-with-Warton	172.75	201.55	230.34	259.13	316.71	374.30	431.88	518.26
Elswick	165.17	192.69	220.22	247.75	302.81	357.86	412.92	495.50
Freckleton	150.29	175.33	200.38	225.43	275.53	325.62	375.72	450.86
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	146.73	171.19	195.64	220.10	269.01	317.92	366.83	440.20
Kirkham	178.74	208.53	238.32	268.11	327.69	387.27	446.85	536.22
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	162.37	189.43	216.49	243.55	297.67	351.79	405.92	487.10
Medlar-with-Wesham	147.97	172.64	197.30	221.96	271.28	320.61	369.93	443.92
Newton-with-Clifton	158.73	185.19	211.64	238.10	291.01	343.92	396.83	476.20
Ribby-with Wrea	160.07	186.75	213.43	240.11	293.47	346.83	400.18	480.22
Singleton	149.40	174.30	199.20	224.10	273.90	323.70	373.50	448.20
Staining	175.31	204.52	233.74	262.96	321.40	379.83	438.27	525.92
St Annes including special expenses	185.41	216.32	247.22	278.12	339.92	401.73	463.53	556.24
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	151.71	176.99	202.28	227.56	278.13	328.70	379.27	455.12
Weeton-with-Preese	170.77	199.24	227.70	256.16	313.08	370.01	426.93	512.32
Westby-with-Plumpton	128.73	150.19	171.64	193.10	236.01	278.92	321.83	386.20
Lytham	168.93	197.08	225.24	253.39	309.70	366.01	422.32	506.78

4.1 To note that the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and Lancashire Combined Fire Authority have issued precepts for 2023/24 to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the tables below.

Lancashire County Council

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
1,049.81	1,224.77	1,399.74	1,574.71	1,924.65	2,274.58	2,624.52	3,149.42

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
167.63	195.57	223.51	251.45	307.33	363.21	419.08	502.90

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
54.85	63.99	73.13	82.27	100.55	118.83	137.12	164.54

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2023/24 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Total Council Tax for each part of the Council's Area:

Valuation Bands

Council Tax Schedule	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Fylde Borough Council	114.98	134.14	153.31	172.47	210.80	249.12	287.45	344.94
Lancashire County Council	1,049.81	1,224.77	1,399.74	1,574.71	1,924.65	2,274.58	2,624.52	3,149.42
Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner	167.63	195.57	223.51	251.45	307.33	363.21	419.08	502.90
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	54.85	63.99	73.13	82.27	100.55	118.83	137.12	164.54
Sub - Total	1,387.27	1,618.47	1,849.69	2,080.90	2,543.33	3,005.74	3,468.17	4,161.80
Parish/Town Councils & Special Expenses								
Bryning-with-Warton	1,445.04	1,685.88	1,926.72	2,167.56	2,649.24	3,130.92	3,612.60	4,335.12
Elswick	1,437.46	1,677.02	1,916.60	2,156.18	2,635.34	3,114.48	3,593.64	4,312.36
Freckleton	1,422.58	1,659.66	1,896.76	2,133.86	2,608.06	3,082.24	3,556.44	4,267.72
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	1,419.02	1,655.52	1,892.02	2,128.53	2,601.54	3,074.54	3,547.55	4,257.06
Kirkham	1,451.03	1,692.86	1,934.70	2,176.54	2,660.22	3,143.89	3,627.57	4,353.08
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	1,434.66	1,673.76	1,912.87	2,151.98	2,630.20	3,108.41	3,586.64	4,303.96
Medlar-with-Wesham	1,420.26	1,656.97	1,893.68	2,130.39	2,603.81	3,077.23	3,550.65	4,260.78
Newton-with-Clifton	1,431.02	1,669.52	1,908.02	2,146.53	2,623.54	3,100.54	3,577.55	4,293.06
Ribby-with-Wrea	1,432.36	1,671.08	1,909.81	2,148.54	2,626.00	3,103.45	3,580.90	4,297.08
Singleton	1,421.69	1,658.63	1,895.58	2,132.53	2,606.43	3,080.32	3,554.22	4,265.06
Staining	1,447.60	1,688.85	1,930.12	2,171.39	2,653.93	3,136.45	3,618.99	4,342.78
St Annes including special expenses	1,457.70	1,700.65	1,943.60	2,186.55	2,672.45	3,158.35	3,644.25	4,373.10
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	1,424.00	1,661.32	1,898.66	2,135.99	2,610.66	3,085.32	3,559.99	4,271.98
Weeton-with-Preese	1,443.06	1,683.57	1,924.08	2,164.59	2,645.61	3,126.63	3,607.65	4,329.18
Westby-with-Plumpton	1,401.02	1,634.52	1,868.02	2,101.53	2,568.54	3,035.54	3,502.55	4,203.06
Lytham	1,441.22	1,681.41	1,921.62	2,161.82	2,642.23	3,122.63	3,603.04	4,323.64

6. In accordance with Section 52ZB and the principles determined by the Secretary of State under section 52ZC of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council determines that the basic amount of Council Tax for the financial year 2023/24 is **not** excessive.

As the billing authority, the Council has **not** been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2023/24 is excessive and consequently the billing authority is **not** required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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