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Date	2 March 2011
Venue	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Members	Mayor (Councillor Elizabeth Oades) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Linda Nulty) Brenda Ackers, Ben Aitken, Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, Keith Beckett, John Bennett, Karen Buckley, David Chedd, Maxine Chew, Peter Collins, Michael Cornah, Fabian Craig-Wilson, Leonard Davies, John Davies, Barbara Douglas, David Eaves, Susan Fazackerley, Trevor Fiddler, Tony Ford, Kathleen Harper, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw, Karen Henshaw, Ken Hopwood, Keith Hyde, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Kiran Mulholland, Janine Owen, Barbara Pagett, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, Louis Rigby, Paul Rigby, Elaine Silverwood, John Singleton, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Thomas Threlfall.
Officers	Phillip Woodward, Tracy Scholes, Allan Oldfield, Clare Platt, Paul Walker, Ian Curtis, Joanna Scott, Bernard Hayes, Paul O'Donoghue, Jackie Wilding, Neil Graham, Annie Womack, Hazel Wood, Andy Cain, Jo Christensen, Bernard Judge
Others	-
Members of the Public	Members of the public were in attendance

Prayers

Prayers were offered by Ian Curtis, the Council's Monitoring Officer.

64. 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.

65. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meetings held on 24 January 2011 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

66. Mayor's Announcements

- The Mayor announced that in the Town Hall Challenge, Fylde Borough Council's team had come second to Preston. She thanked Cllr Susan Fazackerley, Cllr David Chedd, Phillip Woodward and Allan Oldfield for being in the team and doing so well, and also for the collection they had made for the Mayoral charity.
- The Mayor congratulated Councillor Fiddler on his recent marriage.
- The Mayor told members that the final of Fylde's Got Talent was taking place on 19th March and that tickets were available from Cllr Janine Owen. She said that if there were any prizes for the raffle they would be gratefully received.

67. Chief Executive's Communications

Mr Woodward reported that he had no communications for the Council.

68. Questions from Members of the Council

There were no questions from Members of the Council.

69. Questions from members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

70. Medium Term Financial Strategy Update, Including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management for 2010/11 - 2014/15

Councillor Karen Buckley, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources presented the Council's budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management) for 2010/11 to 2014/15.

The report took account of the impact of the reduction in the financial settlement to the Council as outlined in the government's Comprehensive Spending Review.

After a full and detailed debate, and following a recorded vote it was RESOLVED:

1. That approval be given to the following
 - i) The Capital Programme for the years 2010/11 to 2014/15 as set out in Appendix F;
 - ii) The Revised Estimates for 2010/11 and the General Fund Budget for 2011/12 as set out in Appendix D, together with the savings proposals set out in Appendix E, including Fees & Charges;
 - iii) No increase in average Council Tax with an average Band D charge remaining at £186.29 in 2011/12 excluding Parish Precepts;

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- iv) To endorse the recommendations put forward by the Community Focus Scrutiny Committee with the exception of the proposal relating to the filming and webcasting of meetings;
 - v) The Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement contained within Appendix G of the report; and
 - vi) The Treasury Management Strategy contained within Appendix H, and the Treasury Management Policy and Updated Financial Procedure Rule contained in Appendix I of the report.
2. Further, to approve the following resolution:
- (i) that it be noted that the Section 151 Officer, under delegated authority, calculated the following amounts for the year 2011/12 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) made under Section 33(5) of the Act:

(a) 30,164 being the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 3, as its Council Tax base for the year; and,

(b) Part of the Council's area

All Areas	30,164
Unparished Area - Lytham	7,784
Bryning-with-Warton	1,250
Elswick	437
Freckleton	2,095
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	177
Kirkham	2,272
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	213
Medlar-with-Wesham	1,168
Newton-with-Clifton	1,048
Ribby-with Wrea	745
Singleton	450
Staining	855
St.Annes	10,627
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	222
Weeton-with-Preese	285
Westby-with-Plumpton	536

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being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6, as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

- (ii) the following amounts being calculated by the Council for the year 2011/12 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) £44,189,174 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (e) of the Act;

(b) £33,619,602 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (c) of the Act;

(c) £10,569,572 being the amount by which the aggregate at (ii)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (ii)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act as its budget requirement;

(d) £4,387,272 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant or additional grant increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus) and increased by amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to a direction under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 or reduced by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its general fund to its collection fund pursuant to a direction under Section 98(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;

(e) £204.96 being the amount at (ii)(c) above less the amount at (ii)(d) above as divided by the amount at (i)(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;

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(f) £2,019,605 being the aggregate amount of all Parish Precepts and Special Items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, the details of which are as follows:

Part of the Council's area

	Parish Amount	Special Expenses
	£	£
Bryning-with-Warton	48,750	0
Elswick	19,353	0
Freckleton	96,767	0
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	7,000	0
Kirkham	27,500	169,375
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	6,805	0
Medlar-with-Wesham	48,622	0
Newton-with-Clifton	49,969	0
Ribby-with Wrea	48,200	0
Singleton	16,296	0
Staining	46,400	0
St.Annes	118,950	742,973
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	6,636	0
Weeton-with-Preese	13,800	0
Westby-with-Plumpton	8,000	0
Unparished Area (Lytham)	0	544,209
	563,048	1,456,557

(g) £138.00 being the amount at (ii)(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (ii)(f) above by the amount at (i)(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 item relates;

(h) Part of the Council's area

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	£
Bryning-with-Warton	177.00
Elswick	182.29
Freckleton	184.19
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	177.55
Kirkham	224.65
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	169.95
Medlar-with-Wesham	179.63
Newton-with-Clifton	185.68
Ribby-with Wrea	202.70
Singleton	174.21
Staining	192.27
St.Annes	219.11
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	167.89
Weeton-with-Preese	186.42
Westby-with-Plumptions	152.93
Unparished Area (Lytham)	207.91

being the amounts given by adding to the amount of (ii)(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (i)(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 item relates;

(i) Part of the Council's area

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Bryning-with-Warton	118.00	137.67	157.33	177.00	216.33	255.67	295.00	354.00
Elswick	121.53	141.78	162.04	182.29	222.80	263.31	303.82	364.58
Freckleton	122.79	143.26	163.72	184.19	225.12	266.05	306.98	368.38
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	118.37	138.09	157.82	177.55	217.01	256.46	295.92	355.10
Kirkham	149.77	174.73	199.69	224.65	274.57	324.49	374.42	449.30
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	113.30	132.18	151.07	169.95	207.72	245.48	283.25	339.90
Medlar-with-Wesham	119.75	139.71	159.67	179.63	219.55	259.47	299.38	359.26
Newton-with-Clifton	123.79	144.42	165.05	185.68	226.94	268.20	309.47	371.36
Ribby-with Wrea	135.13	157.66	180.18	202.70	247.74	292.79	337.83	405.40
Singleton	116.14	135.50	154.85	174.21	212.92	251.64	290.35	348.42
Staining	128.18	149.54	170.91	192.27	235.00	277.72	320.45	384.54
St.Annes	146.07	170.42	194.76	219.11	267.80	316.49	365.18	438.22
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	111.93	130.58	149.24	167.89	205.20	242.51	279.82	335.78
Weeton-with-Preese	124.28	144.99	165.71	186.42	227.85	269.27	310.70	372.84
Westby-with-Plumptions	101.95	118.95	135.94	152.93	186.91	220.90	254.88	305.86
Unparished Area (Lytham)	138.61	161.71	184.81	207.91	254.11	300.31	346.52	415.82

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being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (ii)(g) and (ii)(h) 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.

- iii) note that for the year 2011/12 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

	Lancashire County Council	Lancashire Police Authority	Lancs Combined Fire Authority	Total
A	738.87	97.51	42.43	878.81
B	862.01	113.77	49.51	1,025.29
C	985.16	130.02	56.58	1,171.76
D	1,108.30	146.27	63.65	1,318.22
E	1,354.59	178.77	77.79	1,611.15
F	1,600.88	211.28	91.94	1,904.10
G	1,847.17	243.78	106.08	2,197.03
H	2,216.60	292.54	127.30	2,636.44

- iv) that, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2 ii) (i) and 2 (iii) above where the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2011/12 for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Part of the Council's area:

Valuation Band

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	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Bryning-with-Warton	996.81	1,162.96	1,329.09	1,495.22	1,827.48	2,159.77	2,492.03	2,990.44
Elswick	1,000.34	1,167.07	1,333.80	1,500.51	1,833.95	2,167.41	2,500.85	3,001.02
Freckleton	1,001.60	1,168.55	1,335.48	1,502.41	1,836.27	2,170.15	2,504.01	3,004.82
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	997.18	1,163.38	1,329.58	1,495.77	1,828.16	2,160.56	2,492.95	2,991.54
Kirkham	1,028.58	1,200.02	1,371.45	1,542.87	1,885.72	2,228.59	2,571.45	3,085.74
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	992.11	1,157.47	1,322.83	1,488.17	1,818.87	2,149.58	2,480.28	2,976.34
Medlar-with-Wesham	998.56	1,165.00	1,331.43	1,497.85	1,830.70	2,163.57	2,496.41	2,995.70
Newton-with-Clifton	1,002.60	1,169.71	1,336.81	1,503.90	1,838.09	2,172.30	2,506.50	3,007.80
Ribby-with Wrea	1,013.94	1,182.95	1,351.94	1,520.92	1,858.89	2,196.89	2,534.86	3,041.84
Singleton	994.95	1,160.79	1,326.61	1,492.43	1,824.07	2,155.74	2,487.38	2,984.86
Staining	1,006.99	1,174.83	1,342.67	1,510.49	1,846.15	2,181.82	2,517.48	3,020.98
St.Annes	1,024.88	1,195.71	1,366.52	1,537.33	1,878.95	2,220.59	2,562.21	3,074.66
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	990.74	1,155.87	1,321.00	1,486.11	1,816.35	2,146.61	2,476.85	2,972.22
Weeton-with-Preese	1,003.09	1,170.28	1,337.47	1,504.64	1,839.00	2,173.37	2,507.73	3,009.28
Westby-with-Plumpton	980.76	1,144.24	1,307.70	1,471.15	1,798.06	2,125.00	2,451.91	2,942.30
Non Parished Area (Lytham)	1,017.42	1,187.00	1,356.57	1,526.13	1,865.26	2,204.41	2,543.55	3,052.26

- v) that the proposed charges for services to be provided by the Council in 2011/12 be approved; and,
- vi) that the Section 151 Officer be authorised to take all steps that may be necessary to collect the Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates for 2011/12, the Council Tax, Community Charge, National Non-Domestic Rates outstanding from previous years, and all other revenues and monies due to the Council and to disburse monies from the appropriate accounts.

Votes for the proposal (27): Councillors Brenda Ackers, Ben Aitken, Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, John Bennett, Karen Buckley, Michael Cornah, Fabian Craig-Wilson, Leonard Davies, Barbara Douglas, David Eaves, Susan Fazackerley, Trevor Fiddler, Paul Hayhurst, Ken Hopwood, Keith Hyde, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Kiran Mulholland, Janine Owen, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, Paul Rigby, John Singleton, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Thomas Threlfall.

Votes against the proposal (0):

Abstentions (14): Councillors Keith Beckett, David Chedd, Maxine Chew, Peter Collins, John Davies, Tony Ford, Kathleen Harper, Howard Henshaw, Karen Henshaw, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Barbara Pagett, Louis Rigby, Elaine Silverwood.

During the Course of the debate the following amendments were moved and defeated –

(Prior to the debate on amendment one, the following councillors declared a personal interest as members of the Board of the Clifton (Lytham) Housing

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Association – Cllrs Brenda Ackers, Tim Ashton, Albert Pounder, Louis Rigby, Roger Small.)

Amendment One – Councillor Chedd proposer; Councillor Silverwood seconder.

“The Capital Receipt, if and when received by the Council in relation to the disposal of the Clifton (Lytham) Housing Association, is committed towards reducing the overall debt requirement of the Council, thereby reducing pressure on the Revenue Budget. This will reduce debt charges in the Council’s Revenue Budget in future years and release savings which will contribute positively towards the Council’s financial position at a time of significant financial uncertainty.”

Votes for the proposal (19): Councillors Keith Beckett, David Chedd, Maxine Chew, Peter Collins, John Davies, Tony Ford, Kathleen Harper, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw, Karen Henshaw, Ken Hopwood, Kiran Mulholland, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Janine Owen, Barbara Pagett, Louis Rigby, Elaine Silverwood, Heather Speak.

Votes against the proposal (22): Councillors Brenda Ackers, Ben Aitken, Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, John Bennett, Karen Buckley, Michael Cornah, Fabian Craig-Wilson, Leonard Davies, Barbara Douglas, David Eaves, Susan Fazackerley, Trevor Fiddler, Keith Hyde, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, Paul Rigby, John Singleton, Roger Small, Thomas Threlfall.

Abstentions (0)

Amendment Two – Councillor Chedd proposer; Councillor Silverwood seconder.

“The Town Hall site should be included in the list of assets to be marketed. It may be that a less expensive, lower maintenance, smaller accommodation unit may be sufficient to meet the future needs of the Council; this would free up to £8.5m for our reserves and would enable us to pay off debt, freeing our residents from ongoing yearly debt repayments and taking pressure off the Revenue Budget, this would go some considerable way to achieve the savings this Council needs to make in the coming years, and would ensure that our services to the public are not affected in any way.”

Votes for the proposal (12): Councillors Keith Beckett, John Bennett, David Chedd, Maxine Chew, Peter Collins, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Janine Owen, Barbara Pagett, Louis Rigby, Elaine Silverwood, Heather Speak.

Votes against the proposal (22): Councillors Brenda Ackers, Ben Aitken, Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, Karen Buckley, Michael Cornah, Fabian Craig-Wilson, Leonard Davies, Barbara Douglas, David Eaves, Susan Fazackerley, Trevor Fiddler, Keith Hyde, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Kiran Mulholland, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, Paul Rigby, John Singleton, Roger Small, Thomas Threlfall.

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Abstentions (7) *John Davies, Tony Ford, Kathleen Harper, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw, Karen Henshaw, Ken Hopwood.*

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