



FYLDE BOROUGH COUNCIL



Meeting Agenda

Council Meeting
Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Monday 31 March 2008, 7:00pm



COUNCIL MEETING

LOWTHER PAVILION, LYTHAM
on
MONDAY 31 MARCH 2008 at 7:00pm

The Mayor – Mr W.J Prestwich
Deputy Mayor – Mr R.A Fulford-Brown

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
- J.R Davies
- B. Douglas
- R. K. Eastham
- D. Eaves JP
- S. M Fazackerley
- Dr T. J Fiddler
- P.A. Fieldhouse
- T. Ford JP
- 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
- J.C. Owen
- B. Pagett
- A.G. Pounder
- 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
- F.C Wilson

Philip Woodward – Chief Executive

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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'.

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 3 March 2008.
(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



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DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND MEMBER SUPPORT	COUNCIL	31 MARCH 2008	7

INVITATION TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY MAYOR 2008/2009

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 2008 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 Janine Owen to accept election by the Council at the 2008 Annual Meeting as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

Report

1. Members are invited to receive nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2008/09.

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.

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

Attached documents

None

REPORT



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DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND MEMBER SUPPORT	COUNCIL	31 MARCH 2008	8

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Public Item

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

Summary

The council makes a number of appointments to outside bodies, which are confirmed each year by the council.

A list of exiting appointments, together with details of any vacancies, is attached as an appendix.

Recommendations

1. That the council confirms appointments to outside bodies in line with the details shown in the attached appendix and nominations be sought to fill any vacancies as indicated.
2. That the Community Outlook Scrutiny Committee be requested to re-evaluate the effectiveness of council membership on outside bodies.

Cabinet Portfolio

The item falls within the following Cabinet portfolio:
Customer Services and Partnerships: Councillor Albert Pounder

Report

Appointments to outside bodies

Annual appointments

1. Each year the council appoints a number of elected members to outside bodies. The current list of appointments is attached and the council is requested to re-affirm the appointments and consider any vacancies.

Review

2. In 2005, the Community Outlook Scrutiny Committee undertook a review of appointments to outside bodies. The review was two-fold comprising a double check with members appointed to outside bodies that the relationship was on-going and reference to the partner organisation to confirm the relationship with in place and working well. The last review resulted in the appointment list being amended with any obsolete appointments being removed from the list. It is felt that it would be useful to re-visit this scrutiny review to ensure that the relationship with outside bodies continues to be effective. This could also provide the opportunity for members appointed to these bodies bringing other councillors up-to-date with issues arising within the respective partnerships.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	No issues arising
Legal	
Community Safety	No issues arising
Human Rights and Equalities	No issues arising
Sustainability	No issues arising
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No issues arising

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List of Background Papers		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection

Appointment list to outside bodies		Attached
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APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVES/ COUNCILLORS	COMMENTS
Age Concern Fylde (2)	<i>Councillor K Beckett Vacancy</i>	<u>ONE VACANCY STILL TO BE FILLED</u>
Blackpool Airport Consultative Committee (1)	Portfolio Holder – Development and Regeneration	
Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Society for the Blind (1)	Councillor J. Prestwich	
Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde Volunteering Centre (1)	Nominated - Councillor A Jacques	
British Aerospace Engineering Systems (1)	Councillor Threlfall	
Clifton (Lytham) Housing Association Ltd. Directors) (6)	Councillor P. A. Fieldhouse Councillor L. Rigby Councillor W. Thompson Councillor T. M. Ashton Councillor A. Pounder Councillor B Ackers	
Community Safety Partnership (1)	Leader of the Council	
Consortium of Lancashire Aerospace - (CLA) (1)	Portfolio Holder – Development and Regeneration	
Council for Voluntary Services, Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde (1)	Councillor A Pounder	

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVES/ COUNCILLORS	COMMENTS
District Youth and Community Liaison Connexions Advisory Committee (3)	Councillor L Greening Councillor P Hardy Councillor L Nulty	
Face to Face (Homeless Project) (1)	Councillor E Clarkson	
Fylde Arts Executive Committee (3)	Councillor H Henshaw Councillor A Jacques Councillor K Harper	
Fylde Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee (4)	Councillors P.Hardy Councillor L.Nulty Councillor B Pagett Councillor B. M. Ackers	
Fylde Community Projects Fund (1)	Council Leader or his nominee	
Fylde Police & Community Forum (5)	Councillor D S Prestwich Councillor J B Bennett Councillor T Threlfall Councillor C Akeroyd Councillor J Singleton	
Kirkham Museum Project Organisation (1)	Councillor S. P. Renwick	.
Lancashire Economic Partnership Forum (1)	Portfolio Holder – Development and Regeneration	
Lancashire Waste Partnership (1)	Portfolio Holder - Streetscene	
Lancaster University, Court of (1)	Councillor G. Caldwell	
LCC Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1)	Councillor R A Fullford-Brown	

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVES/ COUNCILLORS	COMMENTS
Local Government Association (1)	Leader of the Council	
Local Government Urban & Rural Commissions (1)	Leader of the Council	
Local Liaison Committee, Springfield Works (1)	Councillor T. Threlfall	
Local Strategic Partnership Executive (1)	Leader of the Council	
Lytham Town Trust (1)	Councillor T. M. Ashton	
New Fylde Housing (4)	Councillor B Douglas Councillor A Pounder Councillor P Rigby Councillor C. Akeroyd	
North West Regional Assembly (1)	Leader of the Council	
North Western Local Authorities Employers Organisation (1)	Chairman Public Protection Committee	
Ormerod Trust (1)	Councillor A Jacques	
Ribble Discovery Centre (1)	Councillor C Little	
Ribble Estuary Advisory Group (3)	Leader of the Council Portfolio Holder –Development and Regeneration Portfolio Holder – Culture and Tourism	
St Annes on Sea Development Partnership (1)	Portfolio Holder – Development and Regeneration	
Valuation & Community Charge Tribunals (4)	Councillor A. G. Pounder Councillor M Chew Councillor T. Ford	<u>ONE VACANCY STILL TO BE FILLED</u>

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVES/ COUNCILLORS	COMMENTS
West Coast Rail 25 Campaign (1)	Councillor G. Caldwell	

REPORT



PORTFOLIO	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
FINANCE & EFFICIENCY	COUNCIL	31 ST MARCH 2008	9

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Public Item

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

Summary

The report considers the continuation of the current interim arrangements for providing financial services advice and support to the Council.

Recommendations

1. That the Council approves the recommendations of the Cabinet on 12th March and agrees the following approach –
 - A. That the current arrangements for implementing the Council's Section 151 Officer role and the financial services supporting this function be "rolled forward" on a month by month arrangement based on the existing service level agreement.
 - B. That the Chief Executive be authorised to agree detailed operational matters with the service provider during this "rolled forward" period, subject to remaining within the approved budgetary framework.
 - C. That the position be reviewed at the next meeting of the Cabinet for reporting back to the full Council.

Cabinet Portfolio

The item falls within the following Cabinet portfolio: Finance & Efficiency :
Councillor P Rigby

Report

Background

1. The Council's Section 151 Officer left the employ of the Council at the end of October 2007. On 29th October the Finance and Efficiency portfolio holder

received a report on the recommendation of the Audit Committee regarding a proposal to put interim arrangements in place for the management of this function. His decision, subsequently approved by Council, was (inter alia) that-

- *the service level agreement attached at Appendices B of the report be approved as the basis of the interim arrangements with Preston City Council,*
- *the interim arrangements be the subject of review by the Portfolio Holder prior to the end of March 2008*

Considerations

2. Since the interim service level agreement was put in place feedback from many officers and members across the Council on the performance of the service has been good.
3. At the start of the interim arrangements it was anticipated that there would be time before March 2008 to develop a proposal for the longer-term delivery of the service. Unfortunately, because of the extensive work required on preparing various budget options for 2008/09 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2008 - 2012, there has not been the opportunity to undertake the review anticipated in November.
4. In order for the Council to operate its financial arrangements within the requirements of the law it is necessary to ensure continuity of the Section 151 Officer role. Discussions with the current interim service providers indicate that it would be possible to “roll forward” the current arrangements, on the basis of the existing service level agreement, on a month by month basis until the next meeting of the Cabinet when a detailed options paper can be considered on a long-term solution.
5. A recommendation is therefore made on the basis of these current circumstances.

Implications	
Finance	The costs of continuing to provide the essential financial services of the Council on the basis of rolling forward the existing service level agreement are contained within current budgetary provision.
Legal	The legal powers to enter into such arrangements were confirmed in the Portfolio Holder's report in October 2007.
Community Safety	None arising directly from the report.
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising directly from the report.
Sustainability	None arising directly from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising directly from the report.

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List of Background Papers		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Finance & Efficiency Portfolio Holder Report and Decision. Council Meeting Agenda.	October 2007 January 2008	Town Hall or www.fylde.gov.uk

Attached documents

1. None

REPORT



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
STRATEGIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	COUNCIL	31 ST MARCH 2008	10

CAPITAL PROGRAMME – TOURIST BOARD PROJECT

Public Item

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

Summary

The 2008-2011 capital programme was agreed by the Council on 3rd March. Confirmation has been received since the publication of the agenda for that meeting of a grant offer from the Northwest Development Agency (NWDA) via the Lancashire & Blackpool Tourist Board (LBTB) towards the 'Visitor Infrastructure Project' as part of the St Annes on Sea Regeneration Programme.

Recommendation

1. That the Council notes the award of a £200,000 grant from the North West Development Agency via the Lancashire & Blackpool Tourist Board and confirms the fully funded scheme within the capital programme.

Cabinet Portfolio

The item falls within the following Cabinet portfolio: Development and Regeneration
Cllr Roger Small

Report

The use of external funding is an essential element of the Council's regeneration strategy. The major sources of external funding are the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA), English Heritage, The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Lancashire Tourism Partnership, Lancashire County Developments Ltd (LCDL) and Lancashire County Council.

In order to have any success in attracting external funds, it is necessary that any regeneration initiatives of the Council have 'strategic fit' with sub-regional and regional programmes, the primary examples of which can be regarded as the Lancashire

Continued....

Economic Strategy and Action Plan (prepared and adopted by Lancashire Economic Partnership (LEP)) and Strategic Investment Plan of the NWDA.

As part of the NWDA's Strategic Investment Plan, the Regional Tourist Board (Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board, LBTB) has secured funding to promote its activity and investment. Through the LBTB the NWDA has now confirmed that grant of £200,000 will be available in 2008/09 to support the promotion of the visitor economy in Lytham St. Annes, which has been recognised recently as a Visitor Economy Pilot (VEP) destination in the North West.

This allocation of funds is committed to two main areas; Garden Street, in order to connect the major regeneration efforts in The Square with the comprehensive restoration work in Ashton Gardens, and in the approach to the Pier from Clifton Drive as a forerunner to the restoration plan for the Promenade Gardens.

The project is match funded by an allocation of £100,000 in the approved capital programme and will also lever in private sector investment.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	A match funded amount of £100,000 and the grant of £200,000 from the NWDA via the Lancashire & Blackpool Tourist Board (total scheme cost to £300,000) are accounted for in the Capital Programme which was approved at the Council meeting on 3 rd March 2008.
Legal	No direct implications associated with the report.
Community Safety	No direct implications associated with the report.
Human Rights and Equalities	No direct implications associated with the report.
Sustainability	No direct implications associated with the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No direct implications associated with the report.

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Document name	None	

REPORT



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
LEGAL SERVICES	COUNCIL	31 MAR 2008	11

ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Public/Exempt item

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

Summary

The council's constitution requires that, in a year when there are no ordinary elections to the council, the council must decide, at the meeting before the annual meeting, which committees to establish for the following municipal year, the size and terms of reference of those committees and the allocation of committee seats to political groups.

The report recommends that the present committees continue, with the same size and terms of reference, except as set out. It also sets out the allocation of seats which the council has to adopt under the political balance rules.

Recommendation/s

1. Continue the existing committees of the council with their sizes as presently constituted.
2. Allocate committee seats in accordance with the principles of political balance as set out in the table in paragraph 6.
3. Invite the political groups (if they have not already done so) to submit their nominations to the seats allocated to them in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and regulations made under it.

Report

1. The council's constitution requires the full council meeting prior to the annual meeting to decide the following for the next municipal year:
 - which committees to establish;
 - the size and terms of reference for those committees; and
 - the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules
2. These are the present council committees, with their sizes. The terms of reference for each committee can be found in the appropriate part of the council's constitution.

Committee	Members
Performance Improvement Scrutiny	9
Community Outlook Scrutiny	9
Policy & Service Review Scrutiny	9
Planning Policy Scrutiny	9
Public Protection	11
Licensing	15
Development Control	16
Audit	9
Standards	4 plus 4 independent persons and 3 parish members

3. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the council to calculate the membership of committees in accordance with the requirements of political balance set out in the act. The act also requires that the council give effect to those calculations by allocating seats in accordance with the wishes of the political groups to whom the seats have been allocated. The four principles of political balance can be summarised like this:
 - All seats on a committee must not be allocated to the same group;

- The majority group must have the majority of seats on each committee;
- The total number of committee seats across the council must be allocated proportionately to the number of seats each group has on the full council; and
- The seats on each committee must be allocated in proportion to the number of seats of each group on the full council.

The four principles are in order of priority. This means that the second principle is applied subject to the first. Similarly, the third principle is applied subject to the first and the second, and so on.

- For the purposes of working out political balance, non-aligned members are treated as if they were a political group of four members. However, as they are not a group, the decision as to which individual non-aligned councillors are to occupy the seats allocated to non-aligned members is one for the council to make.
- The Licensing Committee and the Standards Committee are not subject to the political balance rules.
- The table below sets out a distribution of seats across committees that fulfils the requirement for political balance. Committees that are not required to be politically balanced are not included. The existing seat distribution is shown in brackets. The difference is due to a member of the Independent group having left that group.

Committee		Con	Ind	Rate	Libl Dem	Non-aligned
Planning Scrutiny	Policy	5 (5)	2 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)
Community Scrutiny	Outlook	5 (5)	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)
Policy and Service Review Scrutiny		6 (6)	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)
Performance Improvement Scrutiny		5 (5)	2 (3)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Development Control		9 (9)	4 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)
Public Protection		6 (6)	3 (3)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Audit		5 (5)	3 (3)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)

- The table above is a permutation that would meet the requirements for political balance. It is not the only possible permutation which would meet the requirements for political balance.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	None
Legal	Political balance is a legal requirement for most committees of the council.
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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

REPORT



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND MEMBER SUPPORT	COUNCIL	31 ST MARCH 2008	12

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - REVISION

Public Item

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

Summary

The Schedule of Meetings was agreed earlier in the year by the council. Since this time the council has received a report from the Planning Advisory Service, which has recommended that there should be a review of arrangements for Development Control Committee as the current cycle of meetings is overly demanding on resources.

Recommendation

1. That the amended schedule of meetings be approved for the municipal year 2008/09.

Cabinet Portfolio

The item falls within the following Cabinet portfolio:

Corporate Performance and Development:

Councillor Susan Fazackerley

Report

Review of arrangements for Development Control Committee

1. At its meeting on 27 February 2008, the Performance Improvement Scrutiny Committee considered the recommendations made by the Planning Advisory Service in its report on the council's development control function. One the recommendations proposed by PAS was around the arrangements for the development control committee meetings including the time of day the meetings were held (possible change to late afternoon or evening meetings), frequency of meetings and size of agendas in order to make it more accessible to a wider range of members.

2. The Performance Improvement Committee (PIC) considered that the current frequency of meetings (every three weeks) was overly demanding on resources to service and administer. Therefore the PIC strongly recommended, with the approval of the Development Control Committee (DCC) Chairman, that the DCC meetings be based on a four weekly cycle.
3. The Chairman of the DCC is supportive of the proposals to move to a four weekly cycle. No recommendations were made by the Performance Improvement Scrutiny Committee on either changing the time of the committee or when these changes should be implemented. In view of this an indicative revised schedule of meetings is attached with the revised dates commencing from April 2008 and the time remaining unchanged.
4. Agreeing the schedule of meetings is a function of the Council and the report is, therefore, brought to this forum for ratification.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	Reducing the frequency of Development Control Committee will allow for resources to be focused on other important issues highlighted within the PAS report, which require officer support.
Legal	No implications
Community Safety	No implications
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications
Sustainability	No implications
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications

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List of Background Papers		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Document name		Council office or website address

Attached documents

1. Revised schedule of meetings

Fylde Borough Council Schedule of Meetings

2008	April	May	June	July	August	September	November	December	January 2009	February	March	April	May
Monday						1		1					
Tuesday	1			1		2		2					
Wednesday	2			2 DC (09.30)		3		3				1	
Thursday	3 Audit Committee (19.00)	1		3		4		4	1			2	
Friday	4	2		4	1	5		5	2			3	1
Saturday	5	3		5	2	6	1	6	3			4	2
Sunday	6	4	1	6	3	7	2	7	4	1	1	5	3
Monday	7	5	2	7	4	8	3	8	5	2	2 Council [Budget] 19.00	6	4
Tuesday	8	6	3	8	5	9	4	9	6	3	3	7	5
Wednesday	9 DC (10.00)	7 DC (09.30) Cabinet (19.00)	4 DC (09.30)	9	6	10	5	10	7	4	4	8 DC (9.30)	6 DC (09.30) Cabinet (19.00)
Thursday	10 Planning Policy (19.00)	8	5 Planning Policy (19.00)	10	7	11	6	11 Planning Policy (19.00)	8	5 Planning Policy (19.00)	5	9 Plannig Policy (19.00)	7
Friday	11	9	6	11	8	12	7	12	9	6	6	10	8
Saturday	12	10	7	12	9	13	8	13	10	7	7	11	9
Sunday	13	11	8	13	10	14	9	14	11	8	8	12	10
Monday	14	12	9	14	11	15	10	15	12	9	9	13	11
Tuesday	15	13	10	15	12	16	11	16	13	10	10	14	12
Wednesday	16	14 Council AGM (14.00)	11	16 Cabinet (19.00)	13	17 Cabinet (19.00)	12 Cabinet (19.00)	17 DC (09.30)	14 DC (09.30) Cabinet (19.00)	11 DC (09.30) Cabinet [Budget] (19.00)	11 DC (09.30) Cabinet (19.00)	15	13 Council AGM (14.00)
Thursday	17 Policy and Service Review (19.00)	15 Community Outlook (19.00)	12 Policy and Service Review (19.00)	17 Community Outlook (19.00)	14	18 Community Outlook (19.00)	13 Community Outlook (19.00)	18 Policy and Service Review (19.00)	15 Community Outlook (19.00)	12 Policy and Service Review (19.00)	12 Community Outlook (19.00)	16 Policy and Service Review (19.00)	14
Friday	18	16	13	18	15	19	14	19	16	13	13	17	15
Saturday	19	17	14	19	16	20	15	20	17	14	14	18	16
Sunday	20	18	15	20	17	21	16	21	18	15	15	19	17
Monday	21	19	16	21	18	22	17	22	19	16	16	20	18
Tuesday	22	20	17	22	19	23	18	23	20	17	17	21	19
Wednesday	23	21	18	23	20	24 DC (9.30) Scrutiny Mgt Board (17.00)	19 DC (09.30)	24	21	18	18	22	20
Thursday	24	22	19 Performance Improvement (19.00)	24	21	25 Performance Improvement (19.00)	20 Performance Improvement (19.00)	25	22 Performance Improvement (19.00)	19	19 Performance Improvement (19.00)	23	
Friday	25	23	20	25	22	26	21	26	23	20	20	24	
Saturday	26	24	21	26	23	27	22	27	24	21	21	25	
Sunday	27	25	22	27	24	28	23	28	25	22	22	26	
Monday	28	26	23	28 Council (19.00)	25	29 Council (19.00)	24 Council (19.00)	29	26 Council (19.00)	23	23 Council (19.00)	27	
Tuesday	29	27	24	29	26	30 Audit Committee (19.00)	25	30	27	24	24	28	
Wednesday	30 Scrutiny Mgt Board (17.00)	28 Scrutiny Mgt Board (17.00)	25 Scrutiny Mgt Board (17.00)	30 DC (9.30) Scrutiny Mgt Board (17.00)	27 DC (09.30)		26 Scrutiny Mgt Board (17.00)	31	28 Scrutiny Mgt Board (17.00)	25 Scrutiny Mgt Board (17.00)	25 Scrutiny Mgt Board (17.00)	29 Scrutiny Mgt Board (17.00)	
Thursday		29	26 Audit Committee (19.00)	31	28		27		29 Audit Committee (19.00)	26	26	30	
Friday		30	27		29		28		30	27	27		
Saturday		31	28		30		29		31	28	28		
Sunday			29		31		30				29		
Monday			30								30		
Tuesday											31		

Council Meeting



Date	3 March 2008
Venue	Fylde Rugby Club, Woodlands Road
Members	<p>Mayor (Councillor John Prestwich)</p> <p>Deputy Mayor (Councillor Richard Fulford-Brown)</p> <p>Brenda Ackers, Ben Aitken, Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, Keith Beckett, John Bennett, Karen Buckley, George Caldwell, David Chedd, Maxine Chew, Elizabeth Clarkson, Peter Collins, John Coombes, Fabian Craig-Wilson, John Davies, Barbara Douglas, Kevin Eastham, David Eaves, Susan Fazackerley, Trevor Fiddler, Patricia Fieldhouse, Tony Ford, Lyndsey Greening, Craig Halewood, Peter Hardy, Kathleen Harper, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw A.D.K (Malaysia), Ken Hopwood, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Kiran Mulholland, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Janine Owen, Barbara Pagett, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, Simon Renwick, Louis Rigby, Paul Rigby, Elaine Silverwood, John Singleton, Roger Small, Heather Speak, William Thompson, Thomas Threlfall.</p>
Officers	<p>Phil Woodward, Dave Joy, Ian Curtis, Bernard Hayes, Paul Norris, Allan Oldfield, Clare Platt, Tracy Scholes, Paul Walker, Andy Cain, Jo Christiansen, Dan Creasey, Christopher Kitchin, Andrew Wilsdon, Annie Womack, Hazel Wood</p>

At the commencement of the meeting Councillor Mrs E. A. Oades handed a petition of signatories calling for St. Annes Swimming Pool to be saved to the Mayor.

68. 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.

Councillor Kathleen Harper declared a personal interest in item number 7 stating that she was a Committee member of Fylde Otters – Swimming for the Disabled.

69. Mayor's announcements

- The Mayor expressed his gratitude to those whom had donated items for the raffle for the Mayoral Charity Ball on 7th March.

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- The Mayor announced that a special coffee morning would take place on 12 April 2008 in conjunction with "The Lions" for Shelley Wood to attend and participate in the Para Olympics games and asked Councillors to attend.

70. Chief Executive's Communications

The Chief Executive reported that there were no communications but referred Members to the two documents which had been circulated to all councillors at the start of the meeting which were, firstly, a revised copy of Appendix E to Item 7 on the agenda (Council Tax Amounts 2008/09) following the receipt of precept information from Elswick Parish Council after publication of the meeting agenda; and, secondly, a copy of the draft statutory resolution relating to Item 7 based on the content of the report on the Order Papers.

71. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 January 2008 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

72. Questions from Members of the Council

There were no questions.

73. Questions for members of the Public

The following question was submitted from Mr Peter Savic of Clifton Drive North.

"On 28th January in answer to my written question we were told that the current cost of the Accommodation Project was £6 million plus VAT (gross £7 million) and it was stated that the project was justified by the savings in running costs.

Please advise me of the annual cost of running the current Town hall for the last three years and the forecast annual cost of running the new Town hall for its first three years of operation.

The Portfolio holder for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Paul Rigby responded.

74. Medium Term Financial Strategy (Including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management 2007/08 to 2010/11)

Councillor Paul Rigby, Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder presented an update of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy considered and recommended by Cabinet in February for the four years 2007/08 to 2010/2011

and provided a forecast of future levels of income, expenditure and savings required in order to maintain the Council's minimum revenue reserves position.

Councillor Paul Rigby proposed:

1. That the Cabinet Saving options of £1,288,000 (as per Appendix D of the Report) be increased by £129,500 and reduced £118,000 as a result of the deletion of the saving in respect of Kirkham Baths for 2008/09 only.
2. The proposed Cabinet General Fund Budget for 2008/09 of £10,911,497 be amended to £10,899,997 as a result of the above.

This was seconded by Councillor John Coombes, Leader of the Council.

After a lengthy and detailed debate it was RESOLVED:

That approval be given to:

- I. The Draft Policy Budget 2008/09 and Draft Fees and Charges schedule 2008/09 together with the amendments set out in Appendix B,
- II. The Savings options of £1,288,000 as set out in Appendix D; be amended to include further savings of £129,500 and the saving in respect of Kirkham Baths of £118,000 be deleted,
- III. The Revised Estimates for 2007/08 of £11,513,372 and the General Fund Budget for 2008/09 of £10,899,977 which included the amendments listed in Appendix B,
- IV. An increase of Council Tax of 4.99% with an average Band D (including special expenses) of £169.01 for Council Tax 2008/09 excluding Parish Precepts,
- V. That the resolutions of the former Policy and Resources Committee of 15 January 2001, relating to special expenses (minute 13), be rescinded in relation to categories (a) and (b) as set out in the minute, so that items falling within those categories (parks, gardens, open spaces and games sites) or within this resolution but outside those categories (Christmas lights/trees) will become the council's special expenses under section 35(2)(d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and that the items of Special Expenses as listed in paragraph 9.4 be approved.
- VI. That the principal of differential taxation be agreed and the impact is set out in Table A of Appendix E.
- VII. That it be noted that, at its meeting on 16th January 2008, the Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2008/09 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) made under Section 33(5) of the Act:
 - (a) 29,953 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	29953
Unparished Area - Lytham	7650
Bryning with Warton	1263
Elswick	434
Freckleton	2114
Greenhalgh with Thistleton	182
Kirkham	2293
Little Eccleston	207
Medlar with Wesham	1123
Newton with Clifton	1053
Ribby with Wrea	754
St Annes	10547
Singleton	449
Staining	854
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	216
Weeton with Preese	280
Westby with Plumpton	534
Total	29953

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.

viii) the following amounts being calculated by the Council for the year 2008/09 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) £38,840,018 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) £27,760,874 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) £11,079,144 being the amount by which the aggregate at (viii)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (viii)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act as its budget requirement;

(d) £5,563,388 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) £184.15 being the amount at (viii) (c) above less the amount at (viii)(d) above as divided by the amount at (vii)(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;

(f) £1,768,390 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 Precepts	Special Expenses
	£	£
Bryning with Warton	56,000	
Elswick	32,000	
Freckleton	90,951	
Greenhalgh with Thistleton	11,100	
Kirkham	20,419	152,637
Little Eccleston	7,200	
Medlar with Wesham	40,000	
Newton with Clifton	53,420	
Ribby with Wrea	23,000	
St Annes	41,500	673,702
Singleton	15,870	
Staining	36,639	
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	1,200	
Weeton with Preese	12,000	
Westby with Plumpton	12,100	
Unparished Area (Lytham)		488,652
Total	453,399	1,314,991

(g) £125.11 being the amount at (viii)(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (viii)(f) above by the amount at (vii)(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

	£
Bryning with Warton	169.45
Elswick	198.84
Freckleton	168.13
Greenhalgh with Thistleton	186.10
Kirkham	200.58
Little Eccleston	159.89
Newton with Clifton	175.84
Ribby with Wrea	155.61
St Annes	192.92
Singleton	160.46
Staining	168.01
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	130.67
Weeton with Preese	167.97
Westby with Plumpton	147.77
Unparished Area (Lytham)	188.99

being the amounts given by adding to the amount of (viii)(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 (vii)(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	112.97	131.79	150.62	169.45	207.11	244.76	282.42	338.90
Elswick	132.56	154.65	176.75	198.84	243.03	287.21	331.40	397.68
Freckleton	112.09	130.77	149.45	168.13	205.49	242.85	280.22	336.26
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	124.07	144.74	165.42	186.10	227.46	268.81	310.17	372.20
Kirkham	133.72	156.01	178.29	200.58	245.15	289.73	334.30	401.16
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	106.59	124.36	142.12	159.89	195.42	230.95	266.48	319.78
Medlar-with-Wesham	107.15	125.01	142.87	160.73	196.45	232.17	267.88	321.46
Newton-with-Clifton	117.23	136.76	156.30	175.84	214.92	253.99	293.07	351.68
Ribby-with Wrea	103.74	121.03	138.32	155.61	190.19	224.77	259.35	311.22
Singleton	106.97	124.80	142.63	160.46	196.12	231.78	267.43	320.92
Staining	112.01	130.67	149.34	168.01	205.35	242.68	280.02	336.02
St.Annes	128.61	150.05	171.48	192.92	235.79	278.66	321.53	385.84
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	87.11	101.63	116.15	130.67	159.71	188.75	217.78	261.34
Weeton-with-Preese	111.98	130.64	149.31	167.97	205.30	242.62	279.95	335.94
Westby-with-Plumpton	98.51	114.93	131.35	147.77	180.61	213.45	246.28	295.54
Unparished Area (Lytham)	125.99	146.99	167.99	188.99	230.99	272.99	314.98	377.98

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

- ix) note that for the year 2008/09 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.

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	Precepting Authority – Lancashire County Council	Precepting Authority – Lancashire Police Authority	Precepting Authority – Lancs Combined Fire Authority	Total LCC, LPA & LCFA
	£	£	£	£
A	718.04	90.64	40.11	848.79
B	837.71	105.75	46.79	990.25
C	957.39	120.85	53.48	1,131.72
D	1,077.06	135.96	60.16	1,273.18
E	1,316.41	166.17	73.53	1,556.11
F	1,555.75	196.39	86.90	1,839.04
G	1,795.10	226.60	100.27	2,121.97
H	2,154.12	271.92	120.32	2,546.36

- x) that, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (viii)(i) and (ix) 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 2008/09 for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Part of the Council's area:

Valuation Band

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Bryning-with-Warton	961.76	1,122.04	1,282.34	1,442.63	1,763.22	2,083.80	2,404.39	2,885.26
Elswick	981.35	1,144.90	1,308.47	1,472.02	1,799.14	2,126.25	2,453.37	2,944.04
Freckleton	960.88	1,121.02	1,281.17	1,441.31	1,761.60	2,081.89	2,402.19	2,882.62
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	972.86	1,134.99	1,297.14	1,459.28	1,783.57	2,107.85	2,432.14	2,918.56
Kirkham	982.51	1,146.26	1,310.01	1,473.76	1,801.26	2,128.77	2,456.27	2,947.52
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	955.38	1,114.61	1,273.84	1,433.07	1,751.53	2,069.99	2,388.45	2,866.14
Medlar-with-Wesham	955.94	1,115.26	1,274.59	1,433.91	1,752.56	2,071.21	2,389.85	2,867.82
Newton-with-Clifton	966.02	1,127.01	1,288.02	1,449.02	1,771.03	2,093.03	2,415.04	2,898.04
Ribby-with-Wrea	952.53	1,111.28	1,270.04	1,428.79	1,746.30	2,063.81	2,381.32	2,857.58
Singleton	955.76	1,115.05	1,274.35	1,433.64	1,752.23	2,070.82	2,389.40	2,867.28
Staining	960.80	1,120.92	1,281.06	1,441.19	1,761.46	2,081.72	2,401.99	2,882.38
St.Annes	977.40	1,140.30	1,303.20	1,466.10	1,791.90	2,117.70	2,443.50	2,932.20
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	935.90	1,091.88	1,247.87	1,403.85	1,715.82	2,027.79	2,339.75	2,807.70
Weeton-with-Preese	960.77	1,120.89	1,281.03	1,441.15	1,761.41	2,081.66	2,401.92	2,882.30
Westby-with-Plumpton	947.30	1,105.18	1,263.07	1,420.95	1,736.72	2,052.49	2,368.25	2,841.90
Non Parished Area (Lytham)	974.78	1,137.24	1,299.71	1,462.17	1,787.10	2,112.03	2,436.95	2,924.34

- xi) that the proposed charges for services to be provided by the Council in 2008/09 be approved; and,
- xii) the Council's Section 151 Officer be authorised to take all steps that may be necessary to collect the Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates for 2008/09, 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.

Capital Programme

- I. The Capital Programme for years 2007/08 to 2011/12 as set out in Appendix G

Treasury Management

- I. The prudential Indicators and Limits contained within Appendix H of the report,
- II. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement which sets out the Council's policy on MRP within Appendix H (Section 3),
- III. The Treasury Management Strategy, and the Treasury Prudential Indicators contained within Appendix I,

IV. The Investment Strategy and criteria contained in the Treasury Management Strategy within Appendix I (Section 5) and Counterparty Criteria within Appendix 1 (Table 6).

During the Course of the debate the following amendments were moved and lost-

1. *"That a motion of no confidence in Councillors Coombes, Ashton and Rigby be passed on the grounds of gross negligence in the management of Council funds and the betrayal of the trust of every ratepayer in the borough of Fylde, and demand their immediate dismissal from the cabinet and replacement by more competent councillors"*

(Councillors Pagett, Chew, Speak, Nulty, Silverwood, Oades, Davies, Eastham, Harper, Hopwood, Beckett, Hardy, Ford, Chedd, Hayhurst, Collins, Henshaw and L. Rigby requested that their names be recorded as voted in favour of the amendment).

2. *"That the proposal to close the Kirkham Swimming Pool and St. Annes Swimming Pool be removed, that both pools remain open and discussions take place with all interested parties to enable sufficient time to find a solution to allow the Pools to be kept open"*

That Savings be made in the following areas:

<i>Removal of Christmas Trees</i>	<i>£23,000</i>
<i>Reduce Building Maintenance by</i>	<i>£100,000</i>
<i>Restructure Management Team and Reduce Cost</i>	<i>£100,000</i>
<i>Increase Bathing Charges</i>	<i>£35,000</i>
<i>Increase Cemetery Charges</i>	<i>£22,000</i>
<i>Remove Fylde in Bloom</i>	<i>£12,000</i>
<i>Remove "State of Borough" Event</i>	<i>£6,600</i>
<i>Make LSP cost Neutral to Fylde Borough Council</i>	<i>£36,376</i>
<i>Scrap Increases in Member Allowances</i>	<i>£31,592</i>
<i>Reduce Overspend on Fleet Costs by</i>	<i>£50,000</i>
<i>Outsource CVMU Reducing Costs</i>	<i>£40,000</i>
<i>Remove Community Grants</i>	<i>£25,000</i>

<i>Total Saving</i>	<i>£481,568</i>
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(Councillors Pagett, Chew, Speak, Nulty, Silverwood, Oades, Davies, Eastham, Harper, Hopwood, Beckett, Hardy, Ford, Chedd, Hayhurst, Collins, Henshaw and

L. Rigby requested that their names be recorded as voted in favour of the amendment).

3. *"That the proposal to close St. Annes Pool be removed and discussion take place with interested parties to enable sufficient time to find a solution to allow the pool to be kept open"*

That savings be found in the following areas:-

<i>Remove Christmas Trees and Lighting</i>	<i>£23,000</i>
<i>Reduce Building Maintenance</i>	<i>£100,000</i>
<i>Increase Bathing Charges</i>	<i>£20,000</i>
<i>Increase Cemetery Charges</i>	<i>£22,000</i>
<i>Remove Fylde in Bloom</i>	<i>£12,000</i>
<i>Remove "State of the Borough" Event</i>	<i>£6,600</i>
<i>Make the LSP Cost Neutral to Fylde Borough Council</i>	<i>£36,376</i>
<i>Reduce overspend on Fleet Costs by</i>	<i>£30,000</i>
<i>Outsource CVMU Reducing Costs</i>	<i>£40,000</i>
<i>Remove Community Grants</i>	<i>£25,000</i>

<i>Total Savings</i>	<i>£314,976</i>
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4. *"That the savings identified through the recommendation to close the swimming pool at St. Annes be not approved but that the shortfall in revenue be met through:-*

- The suspension of the current members allowance scheme and its replacement with a temporary scheme for 2008/09 under which each councillor will receive maximum payment of £1250.*
- An increase in charges at both pools to offset the small remaining deficit.*

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5. *"To Save St. Annes Baths to allow time for further discussions"*

That savings be found in the following areas:-

<i>Reduce Building Maintenance</i>	<i>£100,000</i>
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<i>Restructure Management Team</i>	<i>£100,000</i>
<i>Remove Fylde in Bloom</i>	<i>£12,000</i>
<i>Remove State of the Borough Event</i>	<i>£6,600</i>
<i>Reduce Fleet Overspend</i>	<i>£30,000</i>
<i>Total Savings</i>	<i>£248,000</i>

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6. *"That all non committed work and expenditure on the new Town Hall scheme be cancelled with immediate effect and the capital receipts allocated for the scheme be used to fund capital schemes throughout the Borough, particularly the two swimming pools on which feasibility studies should be undertaken with a view to converting them into leisure centres"*

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7. *"That the Kirkham One Stop Shop remain and the savings of £44,000 be found by reducing the overall establishment within the Department.*

There is presently a vacancy for a Supervisor and a vacancy for an operative, these vacancies to be frozen"

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8. *"That the proposal to build a new Town Hall on its present site, at an approximate cost of £7,000,000 be abandoned.*

That the back office staff be moved to the Council Offices at Wesham, and a modest Civic Suite be developed at Clifton Drive, St. Annes, with any development costs funded by the proceeds of the assets sell off.

That the Pools be remodelled, the costs to be funded by the proceeds of the assets sell off"

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