

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	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

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

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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,

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(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:

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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

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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:

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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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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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