

MINUTES

Council

Date: Wednesday, 4 March 2020

Venue: Town Hall, St Annes.

Members Present: Mayor (Councillor Angela Jacques)

Deputy Mayor (Councillor Richard Redcliffe)

Councillors Ben Aitken, Frank Andrews, Peter Anthony, Mark Bamforth (via remote access), Brenda Blackshaw, Karen Buckley, Alan Clayton, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, Chris Dixon, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Trevor Fiddler, Ellie Gaunt, Brian Gill, Noreen Griffiths, Will Harris, Gavin Harrison, Paul Hayhurst, Karen Henshaw JP, John Kirkham, Matthew Lee, Cheryl Little, Roger Lloyd, Michelle Morris, Ed Nash, Sally Nash-Walker, Jayne Nixon, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, David O'Rourke, Bobby Rigby, Michael Sayward, Vince Settle, John Singleton JP, Roger Small, Stan Trudgill,

Viv Willder, Michael Withers.

Allan Oldfield, Tracy Manning, Ian Curtis, Paul O'Donoghue, Paul Swindells, Ross McKelvie, Katharine McDonnell, Sharon Wadsworth, Howie Dawson and the

webcasting team.

Other Attendees: Five members of the public were present.

1. Declarations of Interest

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

During the course of the debate, on agenda item 8, Medium Term Financial Strategy Update, Including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management for 2019/20 to 2023/24, Councillors Singleton, Nulty and Griffiths declared an interest and left the room for the duration of the debate on the amendment in question. When the amendment had been voted upon and lost, the councillors returned to the room to vote on the substantive motion.

2. <u>Budget Council Procedure Rules</u>

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

3. Confirmation of Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 February 2020 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

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4. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor stated that she had had a number of very enjoyable visits since the last meeting. A particularly memorable visit had been to the Men's Forum. When she had tried her hand at golf, she commented that she now knew why she hadn't taken up golf.

She advised that there were a number of charitable events planned, the first being the Mayoral Ball on 20th March at Ribby Hall. She thanked those members who had bought tickets. The Mayor advised that the Deputy Mayoress was organising an evening on 1st April, 'My Life Through Flowers' 7pm at the Town Hall, and the Deputy Mayor was organising a Musical Gala on 1st May, at St Paul's, Ansdell.

5. Chief Executive's Communications

There were no communications from the Chief Executive on this occasion.

6. Questions from Members of the Council

No questions had been received from members of the Council on this occasion.

7. Questions from Members of the Public

Two questions from members of the public had been received, the first was from Mr Brian Turner. Mr Turner asked;

"Following a request by a number of councillors, a special Council meeting has been called on 9th March to discuss matters relating to Lytham Institute. The Institute is held by the Council in trust for the community and is subject to Charity Law rather than Local Government law. Will councillors, as trustees, be able to vote freely and independently on the Institute, regardless of party politics?"

Councillor Sue Fazackerley responded advising that individual councillors were not trustees. The corporate body of the council was the trustee. The corporate body of the council would vote freely and independently.

Mr Turner asked a supplementary question, asking whether party politics would have any part to play in determining the future of the institute.

Councillor Fazackerley responded stating that she had already answered that question.

The second question was from Mr Mike Wright. Mr Wright asked;

"Does FBC have an overall policy about flood risk relating to the impact of new housing developments on the wider community, e.g. what criteria is used to determine when expert advice from the likes of the Lancashire Local Flood Authority is ignored and who at FBC is ultimately accountable? And is that policy/criteria being reviewed or updated in the light of - the NPPF now requiring planning authorities to consider whether any cumulative impact of significant development in one area (for example, 1200+ new houses in Warton) could change the flood risk assessment for that area, particularly where the opportunities for mitigation are likely limited to overburdened watercourses; - recent local flood events and the certainty of more frequent flood events in the future?"

Councillor Trevor Fiddler responded, stating that Fylde's Water Management, Flood Risk and Climate Change policies were contained within chapter 13 of the local plan. He advised that the policy had been approved by planning committee and examined by an independent planning inspector prior to being adopted. He further advised that the Environment Agency, the Lead Local Flood Authority and United Utilities were all consulted on new applications for their view on potential flooding and drainage matters. He stated that he could not recall an occasion where the views of the statutory consultees had been ignored by the planning committee.

Mr Wright asked a supplementary question, stating that as the advice of the Lead Local Flood Authority had been ignored in relation to a housing development in Warton, where advice had been given that ground levels were

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higher than approved and should be reduced, therefore would the Council pay compensation to those residents affected due to of the advice being ignored.

Councillor Fiddler responded stating that the permission for the development Mr Wright was referring to, had been granted on appeal by the Planning Inspectorate, along with conditions regarding drainage. The land had subsequently been sold off and a new developer had taken on the site. The developer had wanted to vary those conditions. The Lead Flood Authority had not agreed to the first drainage scheme put forward, and a new scheme was currently with the Lead Flood Authority for consideration.

Decision Items

8. <u>Medium Term Financial Strategy Update, Including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury</u> Management for 2019/20 to 2023/24

Councillor Susan Fazackerley, Leader of the Council, introduced the budget for 2020/21. She advised it had been another excellent year of sound financial management of the Council. She commented how difficult it was to express differently each year how proud she was that the Council continued to deliver quality services despite diminishing funding. She stated that it was due to the positive and effective actions of members and officers that had allowed for the robust financial position of the council, in the face of cuts, and extended her thanks to them all for their contribution.

Councillor Fazackerley advised that over the past year, the Council had attracted a government grant for improvements to Kirkham Town Centre; was supporting a scheme to enhance the area around Wesham Community Centre; and supporting the development of a village green for Elswick. Additionally, the borough's parks and gardens would continue to be improved, investment in new play equipment and refurbishment of public conveniences in Lytham. These projects were in addition to projects already underway including the Church Scar, Fairhaven and Granny's Bay Coastal Protection Scheme, which was nearing completion, and detailed plans which were being drawn up for the restoration of Fairhaven Lake. She commented that these projects were funded by grants, which were hard come by and she thanked officers for all their hard work in securing them.

She also extended her thanks to the Budget Working Group for their work over the last four years and their significant contribution to the budget under consideration.

Councillor Fazackerley commented that in delivering sound, sensible budgets allowed the Council to achieve key strategic priorities for the borough, and still support community facilities such as two pools, a theatre, as well as the new outdoor water play facility.

In concluding, Councillor Fazackerley gave her thanks to the Chief Financial Officer, Paul O'Donoghue, his deputy Paul Swindells and the finance team for their hard work in the production of the budget and the continuing good management of the council's finances, and Councillor Buckley, Chairman of the Finance and Democracy Committee.

Councillor Karen Buckley proposed the budget for 2020/21 and the Council Tax resolution that was before members for consideration. For the benefit of new members, she advised that the resolution was set out in accordance with statutory requirements.

In presenting the budget for the forthcoming year, she detailed the high level risks which included future central government funding, the future of new homes bonus funding and retained business rates. In relation to borrowing, Fylde was now one of the few debt free councils in Lancashire.

Turning to the budget requirement, she advised that last year it had been £10.2m, this year would be £10.4m. The anticipated surplus of £832k would be transferred into the capital investment reserve. Next year a surplus of over £1m was forecast with a small deficit in the years after. With only a one-year settlement from the government and uncertainty regarding funding streams it was difficult to forecast with any accuracy.

Councillor Buckley advised that given the positive position of the council's finances, it was proposed not to set the maximum council tax raise available of £5 on a Band D property, but instead a 1.99% increase was proposed, which was equivalent to £4.11 on a Band D property.

She provided an overview of the specific budget proposals including more staff at the popular Splash play facility, more money for bus shelters and an increased grant to Fylde Citizens Advice Bureau.

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In regards to the capital projects, she advised it was proposed to improve staff welfare facilities at Snowden Road depot; support a regeneration project at Wesham Community Centre; support for the Elswick village green; replacement of play equipment in the parks; a drainage scheme at Blackpool Road North Playing Fields; and match funding for the Kirkham Town Centre improvement bid. In addition there were further improvement works planned for the crematorium, digital signs for the high street, hydration points and public toilet refurbishment at Lytham. She emphasised that each of the budget growth items included within the budget papers had been considered in full by the Budget Working Group, the relevant programme committee and officers, and had been the subject of public consultation.

Turning to the fees and charges, she advised these had been considered at committees, save for additional charges proposed for Stanner Bank car park. The additional charges were the addition of a 30-minute charge and a lost ticket charge, which would be equivalent of a 4 hour parking charge.

Councillor Buckley advised there had been just one response to the budget, and she was happy to report progress in all the areas highlighted in the consultation response.

Councillor Buckley concluded her presentation with thanks to Chief Financial Officer Paul O'Donoghue, Deputy Chief Financial Officer Paul Swindells and the finance team for their diligence and expertise, as well as the Senior Management Team, budget holders, officers of the council and members.

The proposal was moved by Councillor Buckley and seconded by Councillor Sue Fazackerley.

Councillors Small, Hayhurst, Oades, Nulty, Singleton, Aitken, O'Rourke, Little and Nash spoke in support of the proposed budget, particularly the spread of schemes benefitting the whole of the borough. Councillors Hayhurst, Oades and Nulty made a specific point of thanking the officers for their support in terms of both specific projects and the preparation of the budget.

At the conclusion of the debate on the substantive motion, Councillor Oades, having indicated earlier, proposed an amendment. The amendment stated;

"that the additional subsidy to the Citizen's Advice Bureau be increased to £15k, per annum, effective from 1st April 2020."

At this point Councillors Nulty, Griffiths and Singleton declared an interest as they were members of the Citizen's Advice Bureau management committee and left the room.

Councillor Blackshaw seconded the amendment.

During the debate, whilst there was broad support for an increase to the grant for the Citizen's Advice Bureau, it was suggested that the matter should be scrutinised in the proper manner through the committees. Therefore following debate, Councillor Buckley summed up and a recorded vote was taken where the amendment was LOST.

Votes for the proposal (8) – Councillors Blackshaw, Clayton, P Collins, Gill, Henshaw, Lee, Lloyd and Oades.

Votes against the proposal (26) – Councillors Aitken, Andrews, Anthony, Buckley, D Collins, Dixon, Fazackerley, Fiddler, Gaunt, Harris, Harrison, Hayhurst, Jacques, Kirkham, Little, Morris, Nash, Nash-Walker, Nixon, Redcliffe, Rigby, Sayward, Settle, Small, Willder and Withers.

Abstentions (2) Councillors O'Rourke and Trudgill

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

Votes for the proposal (39) – Councillors Aitken, Andrews, Anthony, Blackshaw, Buckley, Clayton, D Collins, P Collins, Dixon, Fazackerley, Fiddler, Gaunt, Gill, Griffiths, Harris, Harrison, Hayhurst, Henshaw, Jacques, Kirkham, Lee, Little, Lloyd, Morris, Nash, Nash-Walker, Nixon, Nulty, Oades, O'Rourke, Redcliffe, Rigby, Sayward, Settle, Singleton, Small, Trudgill, Willder, Withers.

Votes against the proposal (0)

Abstentions (0)

The proposal was carried unanimously, and it was therefore RESOLVED:

- 1. To adopt the recommendations of the Finance and Democracy Committee and approve:
- (a) The revised estimates for 2019/20 and the revenue budget for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix E, which includes recommended transfers to the Capital Investment Reserve in 2019/20 and 2020/21 equivalent to the balance of the revenue surplus for those years, currently estimated at £0.832m in 2019/20 and £1.288m in 2020/21;
- (b) The budget proposals and changes to Reserves and Balances as set out in Appendices F & H, to include approval that the Council will act as the accountable body for any of the new capital schemes (as indicated) in Appendix F;
- (c) The Capital Strategy 2020-23, including Prudential Indicators and Limits, set out in Appendix G; which incorporates the Treasury Management Policy, the Capital Programme, the Treasury Management Strategy, the Investment Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement;
- (d) The updated Useable Reserves & Balances Policy as detailed in Appendix H;
- (e) That the regeneration of St Annes town centre will be a priority commitment of the Council, with the first call on the Funding Volatility Reserve to be in support of this initiative;
- (f) An average Band D Council Tax of £210.71 for 2020/21 (excluding Town and Parish precepts), which is a 1.99% increase from the 2019/20 average Band D charge;
- (g) The Special Expenses policy as set out in Appendix I; which includes that:
 - for the purposes of charging special expenses, both the special expense costs and the tax bases relating to the areas of Lytham and St Annes will each be aggregated and the Council Tax charge per property at each band level will be the same across the whole area; and
 - the annual special expense charge per property will be set for 2020/21 at the 2019/20 level plus 2.2%, that being £77.60 per band D property; and
 - the annual borough wide charge per property will be set for 2020/21 at the 2019/20 level plus 2.2%, that being £165.39 per band D property; and
 - the budget resource to be allocated to delivering concurrent services and chargeable as special
 expenses for 2020/21 will be set at a sum equivalent to the annual special expense charge per
 property (band D equivalent) multiplied by the tax base for the special expense area;
- (h) The schedule of fees and charges for 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix J; and
- (i) To support the capital bid in the sum of £25k for 2020/21 as the Fylde Council contribution to the Elswick Village Green scheme, as detailed in Appendix F, regardless to the source of other funding obtained by Elswick Parish Council.

Responses to the Budget Consultation

(j) To note the Budget Consultation responses received at Appendix K.

Council Tax Resolution

- (k) To approve the Council Tax Resolution as follows:
- 2. It be noted that the Section 151 Officer, under delegated authority, has on 6th December 2019 calculated:
 - (a) the Council Tax Base 2020/21 for the whole Council area as 30,639 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - (b) a Council Tax Base, for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish/Neighbourhood precept relates, as indicated below:

	Number of Band D
Non-Parished Areas:	Equivalent Properties
- Lytham	7,652
Parished Areas:	
- Bryning-with-Warton	1,461
- Elswick	425
- Freckleton	1,978
- Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	201
- Kirkham	2,390
- Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	241
- Medlar-with-Wesham	1,403
- Newton-with-Clifton	1,053
- Ribby-with Wrea	952
- Singleton	443
- Staining	898
- St.Annes	10,242
- Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	223
- Weeton-with-Preese	299
- Westby-with-Plumptons	778
All Areas:	30,639

- 3. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is £6,455,944.
- 4. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-
- a. £47,200,504 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- **b. £39,682,230** Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- c. £7,518,274 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with

Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).

d. £245.38

Being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R) all divided by Item T (Para 2(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).

e. £2,450,904

Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Special Expenses and Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act and as shown below:

		Special
	Parish Amount	Expenses
	£	£
Bryning-with-Warton	126,605	
Elswick	29,380	
Freckleton	104,755	
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	5,845	
Kirkham	221,051	
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	13,404	
Medlar-with-Wesham	66,123	
Newton-with-Clifton	69,108	
Ribby-with Wrea	59,443	
Singleton	21,765	
Staining	65,906	
St.Annes	231,834	794,779
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	11,061	
Weeton-with-Preese	20,000	
Westby-with-Plumptons	16,050	
Unparished Areas - Lytham		593,795
Total	1,062,330	1,388,574

f. £165.39

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

g. Part of the Council's area:

	T .
	£
Bryning-with-Warton	252.05
Elswick	234.52
Freckleton	218.35
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	194.47
Kirkham	257.88
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	221.01
Medlar-with-Wesham	212.52
Newton-with-Clifton	231.02
Ribby-with Wrea	227.83
Singleton	214.52
Staining	238.78
St.Annes	265.63
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	214.99
Weeton-with-Preese	232.28
Westby-with-Plumptons	186.02
Unparished Areas - Lytham	242.99

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

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

Valuation Bands

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bryning-with-Warton	168.03	196.04	224.04	252.05	308.06	364.07	420.08	504.10
Elswick	156.35	182.40	208.46	234.52	286.64	338.75	390.87	469.04
Freckleton	145.57	169.83	194.09	218.35	266.87	315.39	363.92	436.70
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	129.65	151.25	172.86	194.47	237.69	280.90	324.12	388.94
Kirkham	171.92	200.57	229.23	257.88	315.19	372.49	429.80	515.76
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	147.34	171.90	196.45	221.01	270.12	319.24	368.35	442.02
Medlar-with-Wesham	141.68	165.29	188.91	212.52	259.75	306.97	354.20	425.04
Newton-with-Clifton	154.01	179.68	205.35	231.02	282.36	333.70	385.03	462.04
Ribby-with Wrea	151.89	177.20	202.52	227.83	278.46	329.09	379.72	455.66
Singleton	143.01	166.85	190.68	214.52	262.19	309.86	357.53	429.04
Staining	159.19	185.72	212.25	238.78	291.84	344.90	397.97	477.56
St Annes including special expenses	177.09	206.60	236.12	265.63	324.66	383.69	442.72	531.26
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	143.33	167.21	191.10	214.99	262.77	310.54	358.32	429.98
Weeton-with-Preese	154.85	180.66	206.47	232.28	283.90	335.52	387.13	464.56
Westby-with-Plumpton	124.01	144.68	165.35	186.02	227.36	268.70	310.03	372.04
Lytham	161.99	188.99	215.99	242.99	296.99	350.99	404.98	485.98

4.1 To note that the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and Lancashire Combined Fire Authority have issued precepts for 2020/21 to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the tables below.

Lancashire County Council

Band	Band	Band	Band	Band	Band	Band	Band
Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	н
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
933.55	1,089.14	1,244.73	1,400.32	1,711.50	2,022.68	2,333.87	2,800.64

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

| Band |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Α | В | С | D | E | F | G | Н |
| £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 140.97 | 164.46 | 187.96 | 211.45 | 258.44 | 305.43 | 352.42 | 422.90 |

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Band	Band	Band	Band	Band	Band	Band	Band
Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	н
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
47.24	55.11	62.99	70.86	86.61	102.35	118.10	141.72

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2020/21 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Valuation Bands

Council Tax Schedule	Band							
	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fylde Borough Council	110.26	128.64	147.01	165.39	202.14	238.90	275.65	330.78
Lancashire County Council	933.55	1,089.14	1,244.73	1,400.32	1,711.50	2,022.68	2,333.87	2,800.64
Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner	140.97	164.46	187.96	211.45	258.44	305.43	352.42	422.90
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	47.24	55.11	62.99	70.86	86.61	102.35	118.10	141.72
Sub - Total	1,232.02	1,437.35	1,642.69	1,848.02	2,258.69	2,669.36	3,080.04	3,696.04
Parish/Town Councils & Special Expenses								
Bryning-with-Warton	1,289.79	1,504.75	1,719.72	1,934.68	2,364.61	2,794.53	3,224.47	3,869.36
Elswick	1,278.11	1,491.11	1,704.14	1,917.15	2,343.19	2,769.21	3,195.26	3,834.30
Freckleton	1,267.33	1,478.54	1,689.77	1,900.98	2,323.42	2,745.85	3,168.31	3,801.96
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	1,251.41	1,459.96	1,668.54	1,877.10	2,294.24	2,711.36	3,128.51	3,754.20
Kirkham	1,293.68	1,509.28	1,724.91	1,940.51	2,371.74	2,802.95	3,234.19	3,881.02
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	1,269.10	1,480.61	1,692.13	1,903.64	2,326.67	2,749.70	3,172.74	3,807.28
Medlar-with-Wesham	1,263.44	1,474.00	1,684.59	1,895.15	2,316.30	2,737.43	3,158.59	3,790.30
Newton-with-Clifton	1,275.77	1,488.39	1,701.03	1,913.65	2,338.91	2,764.16	3,189.42	3,827.30
Ribby-with Wrea	1,273.65	1,485.91	1,698.20	1,910.46	2,335.01	2,759.55	3,184.11	3,820.92
Singleton	1,264.77	1,475.56	1,686.36	1,897.15	2,318.74	2,740.32	3,161.92	3,794.30
Staining	1,280.95	1,494.43	1,707.93	1,921.41	2,348.39	2,775.36	3,202.36	3,842.82
St Annes including special expenses	1,298.85	1,515.31	1,731.80	1,948.26	2,381.21	2,814.15	3,247.11	3,896.52
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	1,265.09	1,475.92	1,686.78	1,897.62	2,319.32	2,741.00	3,162.71	3,795.24
Weeton-with-Preese	1,276.61	1,489.37	1,702.15	1,914.91	2,340.45	2,765.98	3,191.52	3,829.82
Westby-with-Plumpton	1,245.77	1,453.39	1,661.03	1,868.65	2,283.91	2,699.16	3,114.42	3,737.30
Lytham	1,283.75	1,497.70	1,711.67	1,925.62	2,353.54	2,781.45	3,209.37	3,851.24

6. In accordance with Section 52ZB and the principles determined by the Secretary of State under section 52ZC of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council determines that the basic amount of Council Tax for the financial year 2020/21 is **not** excessive.

As the billing authority, the Council has **not** been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2020/21 is excessive and consequently the billing authority is **not** required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(Councillor Bamforth, accessing the meeting via remote means, did not participate in the vote on any matter, pursuant to Schedule 12, Part VI 39(1) of the Local Government Act 1972)

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