



MINUTES

Council

Date:	Thursday, 4 March 2021
Venue:	Via Zoom
Members Present:	Mayor (Councillor Angela Jacques) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Richard Redcliffe) Councillors Ben Aitken, Frank Andrews, Peter Anthony, Tim Armit, Mark Bamforth, Brenda Blackshaw, Paula Brearley, Karen Buckley, Alan Clayton, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, Chris Dixon, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Trevor Fiddler, Ellie Gaunt, Brian Gill, Shirley Green, Noreen Griffiths, Will Harris, Gavin Harrison, Paul Hayhurst, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, John Kirkham, Matthew Lee, Cheryl Little, Roger Lloyd, Michelle Morris, Kiran Mulholland, Ed Nash, Sally Nash-Walker, Jayne Nixon, Linda Nulty, David O'Rourke, Bobby Rigby, Michael Sayward, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood, John Singleton JP, Roger Small, Ray Thomas, Thomas Threlfall, Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder, Michael Withers.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Ian Curtis, Paul O'Donoghue, Paul Swindells, Paul Harrison, Derek Appleton, Ross McKelvie, Katharine McDonnell, Sharon Wadsworth, Howie Dawson and the webcasting team.

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.

2. Budget Council Procedure Rules

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 15 February 2021 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

4. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor had no announcement other than to send her best wishes to those present.

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

There were no questions from members of the public on this occasion.

Decision Items

8. Medium Term Financial Strategy Update, Including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management for 2020/21 to 2024/25

Councillor Karen Buckley, Leader of the Council, introduced the budget for 2021/22. She started her presentation with her thanks to the staff for their hard work and forbearance over the past year. She thanked the Chief Financial Officer and his team for their work, and particularly his Deputy, Paul Swindells who was to soon retire. Councillor Buckley thanked him for his keen eye for all matters financial and wished him well in his retirement.

She referred to the Council Tax resolution which set out the budget requirements and the council tax precepts at borough, parish and county level. It also detailed the precepts for the police and fire authority.

Councillor Buckley referred to the difficult nature of the past year, and the £2.5m of government funding provided for Covid support. A further £392k of covid support funding had been made available for 2021/22.

Councillor Buckley referred to the uncertainty ahead for major funding streams with a planned consultation on New Homes Bonus, a postponed Fair Fund review and uncertainty regarding the business rates scheme.

Referring to the budget report, she drew members attention to the impact of a potential reduction in New Homes Bonus funding. If that funding was reduced to £447k for 2021/22 only, the Council would exhaust its reserves before the end of the forecast. The Government Settlement was also for one year. Due to the uncertainty a 1.99% increase on Council Tax was proposed. This equated to £4.20 per year on a Band D property.

She advised that with a prudent approach, the finances were available to allow for investment in Fylde for the benefit of residents. It was proposed that all the communities within Fylde should benefit from the Government's COVID support funding, the details of which were set out at Appendix Fi.

The proposed Revenue and Capital schemes for 2021/22 were set out in appendix F, with schemes benefitting areas across the borough.

Investment over the year had been focused on recovery of the Town Centres and Kirkham had been successful in securing funding for a multimillion-pound transformation of the town centre from Heritage Action Zone and the Future High Street Fund.

To further support the recovery of the high street, the Economic Development Team was being strengthened, a vision for St Annes was being funded together an evidence base which would support future funding bids. It was confirmed that the Environment Agency was funding a feasibility study for a new Coastal Defence scheme at the Island complex in St Annes.

Councillor Karen Buckley proposed the budget for 2021/22 and the Council Tax resolution that was before members for consideration. She advised that the resolution was set out in accordance with statutory requirements.

The proposal was moved by Councillor Buckley and seconded by Councillor Roger Small.

Councillors Small, Little, Singleton, Redcliffe, Nulty, Threlfall, Nash, Anthony, Sayward, Mulholland, Thomas, Henshaw, Nixon, Morris, Gaunt and Harris spoke in support of the proposed budget.

Councillors Small, Little, Singleton, Redcliffe, and Nulty made particular comment regarding the allocation and distribution of projects and monies across the whole of the borough.

Councillor Gill voiced a number of concerns regarding the budget.

A number of councillors echoed the Leader's comments, thanking the Financial Team for the preparation of the budget, particularly under the additional responsibilities associated with the pandemic. Thanks were also offered

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to the wider staff body for their work during the pandemic.

Councillor Buckley briefly summed up, thanking members for their comments.

Councillor Gill proposed an amendment;

“This amendment would be a line item against the capital expenditure for the year for £230k for the improvement of Whalley place. This would introduce improvements to the pavements including flower beds and seating. It is also necessary to change the parking to aid the safety of pedestrians around the parking area.”

It was seconded by Councillor Armit

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

Votes for the proposal (10) – Councillors Armit, Bamforth, Blackshaw, Brearley, P Collins, Gill, Griffiths, Henshaw, Lee and Lloyd.

Votes against the proposal (34) – Councillors Aitken, Andrews, Anthony, Buckley, D Collins, Dixon, Fazackerley, Fiddler, Gaunt, Green, Harris, Harrison, Hayhurst, Hodgson, Jacques, Kirkham, Little, Morris, Mulholland, Nash, Nash-Walker, Nixon, O’Rourke, Redcliffe, Rigby, Sayward, Settle, Singleton, Small, Thomas, Threlfall, Trudgill, Willder and Withers.

Abstentions (3) Clayton, Nulty and Silverwood.

Councillor Gill proposed a further amendment;

“This amendment to the capital budget of £60k to complete the restorations of the West Park Gates to Lytham Hall to protect the heritage asset and to help boost the visitors and residence experience of the architectural beauty of Lytham St Anne’s.”

Councillor Blackshaw seconded the amendment.

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

Votes for the proposal (5) – Councillors Blackshaw, P Collins, Gill, Griffiths, Lee.

Votes against the proposal (34) – Councillors Aitken, Andrews, Anthony, Buckley, D Collins, Dixon, Fazackerley, Fiddler, Gaunt, Green, Harris, Harrison, Hayhurst, Hodgson, Jacques, Kirkham, Little, Morris, Mulholland, Nash, Nash-Walker, Nixon, O’Rourke, Redcliffe, Rigby, Sayward, Settle, Singleton, Small, Thomas, Threlfall, Trudgill, Willder and Withers.

Abstentions (7) Bamforth, Brearley, Clayton, Henshaw, Lloyd, Nulty, Silverwood

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 (46) – Councillors Aitken, Andrews, Anthony, Armit, Bamforth, Blackshaw, Brearley, Buckley, Clayton, D Collins, P Collins, Dixon, Fazackerley, Fiddler, Gaunt, Green, Griffiths, Harris, Harrison, Hayhurst, Henshaw, Hodgson Jacques, Kirkham, Lee, Little, Lloyd, Morris, Mulholland, Nash, Nash-Walker, Nixon, Nulty, O’Rourke, Redcliffe, Rigby, Sayward, Settle, Silverwood, Singleton, Small, Thomas, Threlfall, Trudgill, Willder and Withers.

Votes against the proposal (0)

Abstentions (1) Gill

The proposal was carried, and it was therefore RESOLVED:

1. To adopt the recommendations of the Finance and Democracy Committee meeting of 16th February 2021 and approve as follows:

- (a) The revised estimates for 2020/21 and the revenue budget for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix E, which includes recommended transfers to the Capital Investment Reserve in 2020/21 and 2021/22 equivalent to the balance of the revenue surplus for those years, currently estimated at £1.813m in 2020/21 and £1.706m in 2021/22;
- (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 proposed distribution to town and parish areas of a proportion of the government covid grant support that has been provided to Fylde Council for 2021/22 (as shown at Appendix Fi to this report), with authority being delegated to the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Fylde Council elected members for the non-parished areas of the borough, with regard to how those funds may be used in those areas;
- (d) The Capital Strategy 2021-24, 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;
- (e) The updated Useable Reserves & Balances Policy as detailed in Appendix H;
- (f) An average Band D Council Tax of £214.91 for 2021/22 (excluding Town and Parish precepts), which is a 1.99% increase from the 2020/21 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 2021/22 at the 2020/21 level plus 2.08%, that being £79.21 per band D property; and
 - the annual borough wide charge per property will be set for 2021/22 at the 2020/21 level plus 2.08%, that being £168.83 per band D property; and
 - the budget resource to be allocated to delivering concurrent services and chargeable as special expenses for 2021/22 will be set at a sum equivalent to the annual special expense charge per property (band D equivalent) multiplied by the tax base for the special expense area; and
- (h) The schedule of fees and charges for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix J.

Council Tax Resolution

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

Council Tax Resolution

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

2. It be noted that the Section 151 Officer, under delegated authority, has on 17th December 2020 calculated:

- (a) the Council Tax Base 2021/22 for the whole Council area as 30,975 [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:

Non-Parished Areas:	Number of Band D Equivalent Properties
- Lytham	7,684
Parished Areas:	
- Bryning-with-Warton	1,512
- Elswick	428
- Freckleton	1,994
- Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	200
- Kirkham	2,399
- Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	253
- Medlar-with-Wesham	1,420
- Newton-with-Clifton	1,080
- Ribby-with Wrea	998
- Singleton	449
- Staining	897
- St. Annes	10,336
- Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	231
- Weeton-with-Preese	287
- Westby-with-Plumpton	807
All Areas:	30,975

3. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) is £6,656,837.

4. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-

- a. £51,073,076** 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. £43,324,582** Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- c. £7,748,494** 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. £250.15 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. £2,519,022 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Special Expenses and Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act and as shown below:

	Parish Amount £	Special Expenses £
Bryning-with-Warton	131,024	
Elswick	29,281	
Freckleton	105,602	
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	6,800	
Kirkham	227,170	
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	14,100	
Medlar-with-Wesham	66,924	
Newton-with-Clifton	70,880	
Ribby-with Wrea	62,315	
Singleton	22,281	
Staining	69,194	
St.Annes	233,962	818,715
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	11,458	
Weeton-with-Preese	24,018	
Westby-with-Plumpton	16,648	
Unparished Areas - Lytham		608,650
Total	1,091,657	1,427,365

f. £168.83 Being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by the amount at Item T (Para 2(a) above) calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relate.

g. Part of the Council’s area:

	£
Bryning-with-Warton	255.49
Elswick	237.24
Freckleton	221.79
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	202.83
Kirkham	263.52
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	224.56
Medlar-with-Wesham	215.96
Newton-with-Clifton	234.46
Ribby-with Wrea	231.27
Singleton	218.45
Staining	245.97
St.Annes	270.68
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	218.43
Weeton-with-Preese	252.52
Westby-with-Plumpton	189.46
Unparished Areas - Lytham	248.04

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

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

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

Valuation Bands

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Bryning-with-Warton	170.33	198.71	227.10	255.49	312.27	369.04	425.82	510.98
Elswick	158.16	184.52	210.88	237.24	289.96	342.68	395.40	474.48
Freckleton	147.86	172.50	197.15	221.79	271.08	320.36	369.65	443.58
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	135.22	157.76	180.29	202.83	247.90	292.98	338.05	405.66
Kirkham	175.68	204.96	234.24	263.52	322.08	380.64	439.20	527.04
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	149.71	174.66	199.61	224.56	274.46	324.36	374.27	449.12
Medlar-with-Wesham	143.97	167.97	191.96	215.96	263.95	311.94	359.93	431.92
Newton-with-Clifton	156.31	182.36	208.41	234.46	286.56	338.66	390.77	468.92
Ribby-with Wrea	154.18	179.88	205.57	231.27	282.66	334.06	385.45	462.54
Singleton	145.63	169.91	194.18	218.45	266.99	315.54	364.08	436.90
Staining	163.98	191.31	218.64	245.97	300.63	355.29	409.95	491.94
St Annes including special expenses	180.45	210.53	240.60	270.68	330.83	390.98	451.13	541.36
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	145.62	169.89	194.16	218.43	266.97	315.51	364.05	436.86
Weeton-with-Preese	168.35	196.40	224.46	252.52	308.64	364.75	420.87	505.04
Westby-with-Plumpton	126.31	147.36	168.41	189.46	231.56	273.66	315.77	378.92
Lytham	165.36	192.92	220.48	248.04	303.16	358.28	413.40	496.08

4.1 To note that the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and Lancashire Combined Fire Authority have issued precepts for 2021/22 to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council’s area as indicated in the tables below.

Lancashire County Council

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
970.79	1,132.59	1,294.39	1,456.19	1,779.79	2,103.39	2,426.98	2,912.38

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
150.97	176.13	201.29	226.45	276.77	327.09	377.42	452.90

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
48.18	56.21	64.24	72.27	88.33	104.39	120.45	144.54

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2021/22 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

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

Valuation Bands

Council Tax Schedule	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Fylde Borough Council	112.55	131.31	150.07	168.83	206.35	243.87	281.38	337.66
Lancashire County Council	970.79	1,132.59	1,294.39	1,456.19	1,779.79	2,103.39	2,426.98	2,912.38
Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner	150.97	176.13	201.29	226.45	276.77	327.09	377.42	452.90
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	48.18	56.21	64.24	72.27	88.33	104.39	120.45	144.54
Sub - Total	1,282.49	1,496.24	1,709.99	1,923.74	2,351.24	2,778.74	3,206.23	3,847.48
Parish/Town Councils & Special Expenses								
Bryning-with-Warton	1,340.27	1,563.64	1,787.02	2,010.40	2,457.16	2,903.91	3,350.67	4,020.80
Elswick	1,328.10	1,549.45	1,770.80	1,992.15	2,434.85	2,877.55	3,320.25	3,984.30
Freckleton	1,317.80	1,537.43	1,757.07	1,976.70	2,415.97	2,855.23	3,294.50	3,953.40
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	1,305.16	1,522.69	1,740.21	1,957.74	2,392.79	2,827.85	3,262.90	3,915.48
Kirkham	1,345.62	1,569.89	1,794.16	2,018.43	2,466.97	2,915.51	3,364.05	4,036.86
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	1,319.65	1,539.59	1,759.53	1,979.47	2,419.35	2,859.23	3,299.12	3,958.94
Medlar-with-Wesham	1,313.91	1,532.90	1,751.88	1,970.87	2,408.84	2,846.81	3,284.78	3,941.74
Newton-with-Clifton	1,326.25	1,547.29	1,768.33	1,989.37	2,431.45	2,873.53	3,315.62	3,978.74
Ribby-with Wrea	1,324.12	1,544.81	1,765.49	1,986.18	2,427.55	2,868.93	3,310.30	3,972.36
Singleton	1,315.57	1,534.84	1,754.10	1,973.36	2,411.88	2,850.41	3,288.93	3,946.72
Staining	1,333.92	1,556.24	1,778.56	2,000.88	2,445.52	2,890.16	3,334.80	4,001.76
St Annes including special expenses	1,350.39	1,575.46	1,800.52	2,025.59	2,475.72	2,925.85	3,375.98	4,051.18
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	1,315.56	1,534.82	1,754.08	1,973.34	2,411.86	2,850.38	3,288.90	3,946.68
Weeton-with-Preese	1,338.29	1,561.33	1,784.38	2,007.43	2,453.53	2,899.62	3,345.72	4,014.86
Westby-with-Plumpton	1,296.25	1,512.29	1,728.33	1,944.37	2,376.45	2,808.53	3,240.62	3,888.74
Lytham	1,335.30	1,557.85	1,780.40	2,002.95	2,448.05	2,893.15	3,338.25	4,005.90

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 2021/22 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 2021/22 is excessive and consequently the billing authority is **not** required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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