

Cabinet



Date	Wednesday 14 February 2007
Venue	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee members	John Coombes (Leader of the Council) Tim Ashton, Susan Fazackerley, Patricia Fieldhouse, Albert Pounder, Simon Renwick, Paul Rigby, Roger Small
Other Councillors	John Bennett, Maxine Chew, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw, Elizabeth Oades, Barbara Pagett, Fabian Wilson
Officers	Phil Woodward, Brian White, Christopher Kitchin, Peter Welsh

1. 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.

Cllr Coombes sought advice from officers that he had no personal / prejudicial interest in the matter of increased fees and charges included in the 2007/08 budget proposals. Officer advice confirmed this position.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 January 2007 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

3. Special urgency (Rule 16 Procedure Rules) Urgent business Cabinet procedure rules

There were no items of urgent business.

4. Revenue and Capital Budgets 2007/08

Brian White (Finance Executive Manager) presented a detailed report, (a copy of which was included with the agenda papers) which recommended revenue and capital budgets for 2007/08 and beyond, together with the suggested council tax levels in 2007/08.

The Cabinet agreed that potential savings identified as having a low to medium impact as detailed at appendix 4 of the report be utilised to balance the budget in 2007/08.

Mr White further informed the Cabinet that the council would be receiving an additional £60,000 by way of rebate from bus operators in respect of the concessionary travel scheme. It was agreed that this be used to support the revenue budget.

A number of service growth items were considered by the Cabinet from Appendix 1 of the report and several were recommended to be put forward to the Council for inclusion in the 2007/08 budget.

The Cabinet also considered proposals for the 2007/08 capital programme and agreed adjustments to the "A rated" capital growth bids listed in Appendix 2 of the report which made £147,000 available for investment in alternative capital schemes. As a consequence of these adjustments a number of "B rated" growth items would also be recommended to be put forward to the Council.

In reaching the decisions set out below, the Cabinet considered the details set out in the report and appendices before it at the meeting and RESOLVED-

1. To recommend to Council the net budget requirement of £10,246,600 in 2007/08 including those revenue growth items referred to above and highlighted in Appendix 1 of these minutes.
2. To recommend to Council a Borough band D council tax level of £160.98 for 2007/08. (An increase of 4.95%).
3. To recommend to Council a 5 year capital programme, (as highlighted at Appendix 2 of these minutes) to be reviewed and rolled forward on an annual basis.

In the opinion of the Chief Executive (in accordance with Paragraph 8, Part D of Appendix 5 of the Constitution - Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) the above decisions are deemed to be urgent, and, therefore, will not be subject to call-in. The subject of the report is to be considered by the meeting of the full council on the 1st March 2007. This action therefore negates the effect of a potential call-in.

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Revenue Bids incorporated into the 2007/08 Revenue Budget

Appendix 1

Finance Ref.		2007 /08 £	
5	Discretionary HMO licensing.	26,000	To be funded through LSP
6	Fylde CAB.	0	
11	ICT Business Continuity.	10,000	
1	Removal of spartina grass from amenity beach, St Annes.	8,000	
2	Highway tree planting programme.	8,500	
4	Britain in bloom entry.	3,000	
36	Low level lighting - Fairhaven.	4,000	
13	St Annes Car Park Study	1,500	
	Community Projects Fund	25,000	
	Total Revenue Bids Incorporated into Budget	60,000	

Appendix 2

Capital Programme 2007-2012

Finance Ref.		2007 /08	2008 /09	2009 /10	2010 /11	2011 /12
		£	£	£	£	£
56	DFG's	498,000	498,000	498,000	498,000	498,000
55	Housing Renewal grants.	295,000	295,000	295,000	295,000	295,000
44	Housing Renewal Loans	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
30	Kirkham Business Refurb	50,000	50,000	0	0	0
31	Classic Resort - CARS	25,000	25,000	25,000	50,000	50,000
53	Chimes	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	0
	Total of Rank A Capital bids	988,000	988,000	938,000	943,000	943,000
32	Promenade Lighting - St Annes	12,000	0	0	0	0
33	Transportable CCTV	22,000	22,000	22,000	0	0
34	Youth Facilities	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0
35	Lytham Cenotaph Refurbishment	55,000	0	0	0	0
43	New Memorial walls & Niches - Crematorium.	15,000	10,000	0	0	0
Parish Bid	Newton-fencing to enclose play equipment	8,000	0	0	0	0
Parish Bid	Newton recreational equipment	5,000	0	0	0	0
Parish Bid	Newton with Clifton - William Pickles Park	5,000	0	0	0	0
Parish Bid	Refurish Warton Sports Pavilion	25,000	0	0	0	0
	Total Recommended New Capital Schemes	1,150,000	1,035,000	975,000	943,000	943,000
	Current Commitments					
	Kirkham Memorial Gardens - Repairs	60,000	40,000	0	0	0
	Improvements to Cemetary and Cremetorium	0	0	800,000	0	0
	Car Park Improvements	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	Heritage Restoration of Ashton Gardens	645,100	645,100	645,100	0	0
	Total Current Commitments	735,100	715,100	1,475,100	30,000	30,000
	Total Recommended Capital Programme	1,885,100	1,750,100	2,450,100	973,000	973,000