



# MINUTES

## Council

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, 5 March 2018
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Members Present:</b>	Mayor (Councillor John Singleton JP) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Raymond Thomas)  Councillors Ben Aitken, Christine Akeroyd, Frank Andrews, Peter Anthony, Tim Ashton, Brenda Blackshaw, Julie Brickles, Karen Buckley, Maxine Chew, Alan Clayton, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, Michael Cornah, David Donaldson, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Trevor Fiddler, Richard Fradley, Gail Goodman JP, Neil Harvey, Paul Hayhurst, Angela Jacques, John Kirkham, Cheryl Little, Kiran Mulholland, Edward Nash, Graeme Neale, Jayne Nixon, Linda Nulty, Sandra Pitman, Richard Redcliffe, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood, Roger Small, Viv Willder.
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Morrison, Paul Walker, Paul O'Donoghue, Paul Swindells, Ian Curtis, Simon Stott, Katharine McDonnell, Sharon Wadsworth, Colin Dockery, Kassie Navarasi
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Four members of the public were present.

### Prayers

Prayers were offered by Ian Curtis, Head of Governance.

#### 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.

There were none on this occasion.

#### 2. Budget Council Rules

The Mayor reminded members of the procedure rules for Budget Council and drew their attention to page 3 of the evening's agenda papers.

#### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

#### 4. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting in the new chamber, he offered his thanks to the members and officers for all their hard work.

He mentioned the All at Sea event and all who have contributed to the mayoral charity events.

Minutes – Council – 5 March 2018

He advised that the Respect Awards evening would be held on Tuesday 10 April. 38 nominations had been received from the schools in Fylde. David Cam, DL would present the award and all nominees would receive a certificate.

The Mayor's Ball on Friday 23 March at Woodlands Suite, Ribby Hall.

5. Chief Executive's Communications

The Chief Executive provided instruction on how to use the new microphones.

6. Questions from Members of the Council

There were no questions from members of the Council.

7. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

Decision Items

8. Medium Term Financial Strategy Update, including General Fund, Capital Programme and Treasury Management for 2017/18 to 2021/22

Councillor Susan Fazackerley, Leader of the Council, introduced the budget for 2018/19. She advised another year of sound financial management. She expressed how proud she was that the Council had gone from strength to strength in challenging circumstances whilst continuing to deliver quality services. She thanked members and officers for their diligence in contributing to the success of the council.

She commented that it was due to the vision and financial prudence of members and officers that had allowed the council to continue to support two swimming pools, a theatre and the refurbishment of the town hall including the new council chamber.

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

Councillor Karen Buckley, Chairman of Finance and Democracy Committee, started her presentation of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, with thanks to 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.

She advised that all the recommendations, with exception of the council tax resolution, had been considered in committee.

Councillor Buckley commented on the risks set out in the report, such as the revised New Homes Bonus policy; business rates retention had also been revised to 75% retention; and the Fair Funding review consultation was ongoing. Whilst the continuation of the Lancashire Business Rate Pool had been confirmed for the next 12 months but not yet for 2019/20. The employers' offer of a 2% staff pay award had not been accepted by the unions.

She advised that these outlined risk explained the approach for budget setting for 2018/19 and the recommendation to increase Council Tax by 2.99% which equated to an average Band D rise of £5.85 per annum.

Recommendations from committees had been considered including the proposed £20,000 contribution to the Community Projects Fund; public realm schemes in Ansdell, Kirkham and St Annes; a development scheme for Staining Playing Fields, and provision for arts storage.

Councillor Buckley provided an overview of the recommendations and the relevant related appendices which contained details of the budget proposals, the special expenses policy, fees and charges, the treasury management strategy, and council tax.

Councillor Buckley concluded her presentation by highlighting the Section 151 Officer's opinion that the Council's finances were in a robust position for the life of the forecast.

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

(Councillor Hayhurst entered the room during Councillor Buckley's presentation)

Minutes – Council – 5 March 2018

Councillor Small, Councillor Nixon, Councillor Harvey, Councillor Redcliffe, Councillor Pitman and Councillor Little spoke in support of the proposed budget.

Councillor Nulty expressed concern over the levels of funds held in reserves.

Councillor Buckley summed up by offering reassurance regarding the level of reserves, which she stated were not comparatively excessive, and provided opportunities for investment, but also safeguarded the future of the council in light of future financial constraints.

In the absence of further debate on the budget, Councillor Silverwood, having indicated earlier, proposed an amendment which was seconded by Councillor Nulty. The amendment stated;

*“For the purpose of our accounts being open and transparent, I propose once again, as last year, that the cost of the green waste service is accounted for separately in the accounts.”*

Following a debate, a recorded vote was taken and the amendment was LOST.

***Votes for the proposal (5) – Councillors Chew, Clayton, P Collins, Nulty and Silverwood.***

***Votes against the proposal (29) – Councillors Aiken, Akeroyd, Andrews, Anthony, Ashton, Blackshaw, Buckley, D Collins, Cornah, Donaldson, Fazackerley, Fiddler, Fradley, Goodman, Harvey, Hayhurst, Jacques, Kirkham, Little, Nash, Neale, Nixon, Pitman, Redcliffe, Settle, Singleton, Small, Thomas and Willder.***

***Abstentions (2) Councillor Brickles, Mulholland***

As the amendment was lost, a further amendment was moved by Councillor Nulty, having indicated earlier her intention to move the same;

*“The Arts Group be given a set of parameters to follow when discussing the future of the Fylde Art Collection, and any future decisions relating to the Arts Collection be fully debated by full council.”*

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Silverwood.

Following a debate, a recorded vote was taken and the amendment was LOST.

***Votes for the proposal (3) – Councillors Clayton, Nulty and Silverwood.***

***Votes against the proposal (31) – Councillors Aiken, Akeroyd, Andrews, Anthony, Ashton, Blackshaw, Brickles, Buckley, Chew, D Collins, Cornah, Donaldson, Fazackerley, Fiddler, Fradley, Goodman, Harvey, Hayhurst, Jacques, Kirkham, Little, Nash, Neale, Nixon, Pitman, Redcliffe, Settle, Singleton, Small, Thomas and Willder.***

***Abstentions (2) Councillor P Collins, Mulholland.***

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 (33) – Councillors Aiken, Akeroyd, Andrews, Anthony, Ashton, Blackshaw, Buckley, Chew, Clayton, D Collins, P Collins, Cornah, Donaldson, Fazackerley, Fiddler, Fradley, Goodman, Harvey, Hayhurst, Jacques, Kirkham, Little, Mulholland, Nash, Neale, Nixon, Pitman, Redcliffe, Settle, Singleton, Small, Thomas and Willder.***

***Votes against the proposal (0)***

***Abstentions (3) Councillor Brickles, Nulty and Silverwood***

The proposal was carried and it was thereby RESOLVED:

1. To approve and adopt the recommendations of the Finance and Democracy Committee as follows:
  - (a) The revised estimates for 2017/18 and the revenue budget for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix E, which includes recommended transfers to the Capital Investment Reserve in 2017/18 and 2018/19 equivalent to the balance of the revenue surplus for those years after allowing for all approved transfers to other reserves, currently estimated at £1.081m in 2017/18 and £0.844m in 2018/19;
  - (b) The budget proposals and changes to Reserves and Balances as set out in Appendices F & H;

## Minutes – Council – 5 March 2018

- (c) The updated Five Year Capital Programme as set out in Appendix G;
- (d) The updated Useable Reserves & Balances Policy as detailed in Appendix H;
- (e) An average Band D Council Tax of £201.61 for 2018/19 (excluding Town and Parish precepts), which is a 2.99% increase from the 2017/18 average Band D charge;
- (f) 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 2018/19 at the 2017/18 level plus 3.06%, that being £73.97 per band D property; and
  - the annual borough wide charge per property will be set for 2018/19 at the 2017/18 level plus 3.06%, that being £157.66 per band D property; and
  - the budget resource to be allocated to delivering concurrent services and chargeable as special expenses for 2018/19 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;
- (g) The schedule of fees and charges for 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix J;
- (h) The Treasury Management Policy set out in Appendix K;
- (i) The Treasury Management Strategy set out in Appendix L, which incorporates the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement, the Council's Borrowing Strategy, Investment Strategy, and Treasury Prudential Indicators and Limits.

## Council Tax Resolution

2. It be noted that the Section 151 Officer, under delegated authority, has on 11th December 2017 calculated:
  - (a) the Council Tax Base 2018/19 for the whole Council area as 29,751 [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:

<b>All Areas</b>	<b>29,751</b>
Unparished Areas – Lytham	<b>7,655</b>
Bryning-with-Warton	1,327
Elswick	428
Freckleton	1,956
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	197
Kirkham	2,241
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	210
Medlar-with-Wesham	1,333
Newton-with-Clifton	998
Ribby-with-Wrea	866
Singleton	428
Staining	868
St Annes	10,023
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	223
Weeton-with-Preese	290
Westby-with-Plumpton	708

3. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) is £5,998,099.
4. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-
  - a. **£45,503,247** Being the aggregate of the amounts with 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. £38,547,409** Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31(A)3 of the Act.
- c. £6,955,838** 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 31(A)4 of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- d. £233.80** 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. £2,265,380** 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	99,481	
Elswick	31,170	
Freckleton	103,590	
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	5,185	
Kirkham	207,273	
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	10,794	
Medlar-with-Wesham	61,865	
Newton-with-Clifton	55,163	
Ribby-with-Wrea	54,073	
Singleton	19,443	
Staining	61,373	
St Annes	207,965	741,401
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	11,060	
Weeton-with-Preese	16,504	
Westby-with-Plumpton	12,800	
Unparished Areas – Lytham		566,240

- f. £157.66** 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	232.63
Elswick	230.49
Freckleton	210.62
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	183.98
Kirkham	250.15
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	209.06
Medlar-with-Wesham	204.07
Newton-with-Clifton	212.93
Ribby-with-Wrea	220.10
Singleton	203.09
Staining	228.37
St Annes	252.38
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	207.26
Weeton-with-Preese	214.57
Westby-with-Plumpton	175.74
Unparished Areas – Lytham	231.63

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 the set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by 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	155.09	180.93	206.78	232.63	284.33	336.02	387.72	465.26
Elswick	153.66	179.27	204.88	230.49	281.71	332.93	384.15	460.98
Freckleton	140.41	163.82	187.22	210.62	257.42	304.23	351.03	421.24
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	122.65	143.10	163.54	183.98	224.86	265.75	306.63	367.96
Kirkham	166.77	194.56	222.36	250.15	305.74	361.33	416.92	500.30
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	139.37	162.60	185.83	209.06	255.52	301.98	348.43	418.12
Medlar-with-Wesham	136.05	158.72	181.40	204.07	249.42	294.77	340.12	408.14
Newton-with-Clifton	141.95	165.61	189.27	212.93	260.25	307.57	354.88	425.86
Ribby-with-Wrea	146.73	171.19	195.64	220.10	269.01	317.92	366.83	440.20
Singleton	135.39	157.96	180.52	203.09	248.22	293.35	338.48	406.18
Staining	152.25	177.62	203.00	228.37	279.12	329.87	380.62	456.74
St Annes including special expenses	168.25	196.30	224.34	252.38	308.46	364.55	420.63	504.76
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	138.17	161.20	184.23	207.26	253.32	299.38	345.43	414.52
Weeton-with-Preese	143.05	166.89	190.73	214.57	262.25	309.93	357.62	429.14
Westby-with-Plumpton	117.16	136.69	156.21	175.74	214.79	253.85	292.90	351.48
Lytham	154.42	180.16	205.89	231.63	283.10	334.58	386.05	463.26

4.1 To note that the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and Lancashire Combined Fire Authority have issued precepts for 2018/19 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 £
863.28	1,007.16	1,151.04	1,294.92	1,582.68	1,870.44	2,158.20	2,589.84

**Police Crime Commissioner for Lancashire**

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
118.30	138.02	157.73	177.45	216.88	256.32	295.75	354.90

**Lancashire Combined Fire Authority**

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
44.97	52.47	59.96	67.46	82.45	97.44	112.43	134.92

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 2018/19 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Total Council Tax for the 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	105.11	122.62	140.14	157.66	192.70	227.73	262.77	315.32
Lancashire County Council	863.28	1,007.16	1,151.04	1,294.92	1,582.68	1,870.44	2,158.20	2,589.84
Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner	118.30	138.02	157.73	177.45	216.88	256.32	295.75	354.90
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	44.97	52.47	59.96	67.46	82.45	97.44	112.43	134.92
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,131.66</b>	<b>1,320.27</b>	<b>1,508.87</b>	<b>1,697.49</b>	<b>2,074.71</b>	<b>2,451.93</b>	<b>2,829.15</b>	<b>3,394.98</b>
<b>Parish/Town Councils &amp; Special Expenses</b>								
Bryning-with-Warton	1,181.64	1,378.58	1,575.51	1,772.46	2,166.34	2,560.22	2,954.10	3,544.92
Elswick	1,180.21	1,376.92	1,573.61	1,770.32	2,163.72	2,557.13	2,950.53	3,540.64
Freckleton	1,166.96	1,361.47	1,555.95	1,750.45	2,139.43	2,528.43	2,917.41	3,500.90
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	1,149.20	1,340.75	1,532.27	1,723.81	2,106.87	2,489.95	2,873.01	3,447.62
Kirkham	1,193.32	1,392.21	1,591.09	1,789.98	2,187.75	2,585.53	2,983.30	3,579.96
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	1,165.92	1,360.25	1,554.56	1,748.89	2,137.53	2,526.18	2,914.81	3,497.78
Medlar-with-Wesham	1,162.60	1,356.37	1,550.13	1,743.90	2,131.43	2,518.97	2,906.50	3,487.80
Newton-with-Clifton	1,168.50	1,363.26	1,558.00	1,752.76	2,142.26	2,531.77	2,921.26	3,505.52
Ribby-with-Wrea	1,173.28	1,368.84	1,564.37	1,759.93	2,151.02	2,542.12	2,933.21	3,519.86
Singleton	1,161.94	1,355.61	1,549.25	1,742.92	2,130.23	2,517.55	2,904.86	3,485.84
Staining	1,178.80	1,375.27	1,571.73	1,768.20	2,161.13	2,554.07	2,947.00	3,536.40
St Annes including special expenses	1,194.80	1,393.95	1,593.07	1,792.21	2,190.47	2,588.75	2,987.01	3,584.42
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	1,164.72	1,358.85	1,552.96	1,747.09	2,135.33	2,523.58	2,911.81	3,494.18
Weeton-with-Preese	1,169.60	1,364.54	1,559.46	1,754.40	2,144.26	2,534.13	2,924.00	3,508.80
Westby-with-Plumpton	1,143.71	1,334.34	1,524.94	1,715.57	2,096.80	2,478.05	2,859.28	3,431.14
Lytham	1,180.97	1,377.81	1,574.62	1,771.46	2,165.11	2,558.78	2,952.43	3,542.92

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 2018/19 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 2018/19 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

## 9. Committee Membership Nomination

Councillor Sue Fazackerley proposed to nominate Councillor Sandra Pitman to the Planning Committee.

Councillor Karen Buckley seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED

1. To appoint Councillor Sandra Pitman to Planning Committee.

### **Fylde Borough Council copyright [2018]**

You may re-use this document/publication (not including logos) free of charge in any format or medium. You must re-use it accurately and not in a misleading context.

The material must be acknowledged as Fylde Borough Council copyright and you must give the title of the source document/publication.

Minutes – Council – 5 March 2018

Where we have identified any third party copyright material you will need to obtain permission from the copyright holders concerned.

This document/publication was also available on our website at [www.fylde.gov.uk](http://www.fylde.gov.uk)

Any enquiries regarding this document/publication should be sent to the Town Hall, St Annes Road West, St Annes FY8 1LW, or to [listening@fylde.gov.uk](mailto:listening@fylde.gov.uk).