

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held in the Town Hall, Morecambe, at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 March 2017, when the following Members were present:-

Robert Redfern (Mayor)

Jon Barry

June Ashworth

Stuart Bateson

Eileen Blamire

Tracy Brown

Nathan Burns

Ian Clift

Claire Cozler

Rob Devey

Andrew Gardiner

Mel Guilding

Tim Hamilton-Cox

Colin Hartley

Brendan Hughes

Joan Jackson

Ronnie Kershaw

James Leyshon

Roger Mace

Abi Mills

Margaret Pattison

Sylvia Rogerson

Elizabeth Scott

Susan Sykes

Oscar Thynne

David Whitaker

John Wild

Peter Williamson

Paul Woodruff

Carla Brayshaw (Deputy Mayor)

Sam Armstrong

Lucy Atkinson

Alan Biddulph

Dave Brookes

Abbott Bryning

Darren Clifford

Brett Cooper

Sheila Denwood

Charlie Edwards

Nigel Goodrich

Janet Hall

Janice Hanson

Helen Helme

Caroline Jackson

Andrew Kay

Geoff Knight

Karen Leytham

Terrie Metcalfe

Rebecca Novell

John Reynolds

Ron Sands

Roger Sherlock

Malcolm Thomas

Andrew Warriner

Anne Whitehead

Nicholas Wilkinson

Phillippa Williamson

Peter Yates

96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Susie Charles and Jane Parkinson.

97 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2017 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

98 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members advised of the following interests at this stage:

Councillor Novell reported that she would declare a disclosable pecuniary interest, should there be any reference to the Marsh Community Centre during budget setting, as the Manager of the Centre. Councillor Barry informed the Mayor that he would declare a personal, non-pecuniary interest in the Centre.
(Minute No.104 refers.)

99 ANNOUNCEMENTS - HONORARY ALDERMAN PAT QUINTON

The Mayor reported the sad death of Honorary Alderman Pat Quinton.

Mrs Quinton was elected in May 1987 for Caton Ward and then Lower Lune Valley when the boundaries changed in 2003. She was Mayor in 2001/2 and sat on the Council's Cabinet until she retired in May 2007. Pat was also a County Councillor from 1993 to 2001 in Lancaster Rural South division.

The Mayor informed Councillors that a service would be taking place at Caton Institute on Wednesday 15 March at 2.30pm.

Members stood in a minute's silence in her memory.

100 ANNOUNCEMENTS - CHARITY RACE NIGHT

The Mayor announced that he would be holding a Charity Race Night on Friday 24 March at Lancaster Town Hall. This would be his final big fundraising event. Tickets were on sale from the Mayor's office priced £10, to include a hotpot supper.

Before moving on to the next agenda item, the Mayor reminded Members that there was a lot of business to be discussed at the meeting. He asked all Councillors to debate with respect for one another so that the items on the agenda could be dealt with efficiently.

101 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11

The Mayor advised that no questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11.

102 PETITIONS AND ADDRESSES

The Chief Executive informed Members that she had not received any petitions or requests to address Council in accordance with the requirements set out in the Council's Petition Scheme. However, she wished to make Members aware that there was currently an e-petition running on the Council's website with over 300 signatures, asking the Council to grant an extension to the proposed closing date of Hornby Community Pool to allow the local community time to establish a trust to manage the pool.

The Chief Executive informed Council that, although the required notice had not been given for the petition to be presented for debate at the meeting, she understood that reference would be made to it during debate on the budget.

103 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader presented her report updating Members on various issues since her last report to Council. She then responded to a number of questions from Councillors.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

104 BUDGET FRAMEWORK 2017/2021

The Mayor explained that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 20.7, which was introduced in February 2014 to comply with regulations, a recorded vote would be taken in respect of budget setting, and recommendations (1) & (2) of the report would be 'budget decisions' within the terms of the regulations.

Councillor Whitehead presented a report setting out Cabinet's budget proposals and responded to questions from Members. The Chief Officer (Resources) also responded to Members' questions.

Councillor Whitehead moved, seconded by Councillor Blamire:

"That the recommendations, as set out in the report, be approved."

The Mayor informed Council that he had been given notice of alternative budget proposals from the Conservative Group. Papers containing the proposals had been circulated at the start of the meeting. By way of an amendment, Councillor Peter Williamson moved the proposals, seconded by Councillor Phillippa Williamson (figures are appended to these minutes):

"(1) That Council rescinds the following decision taken on 01 February regarding council tax (minute 89):

- that a City Council tax increase of £5 for 2017/18, together with a year on year target of £5 for future years, subject to local referendum thresholds, be approved."

(15 signatories had signed the motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.1 of the Council's Constitution, which stated that "A motion or amendment to rescind a decision made at a meeting of Council within the past 6 months cannot be moved unless the notice of motion is signed by at least 15 members, being a quorum of the Council.")

- (2) That in place of that earlier decision, Council approves a freeze in the City Council tax rate for 2017/18, together with a target for a year on year freeze for future years.
- (3) That to fit with the above, a General Fund Revenue Budget of £15.637M for 2017/18 be approved, resulting in a Council Tax Requirement of £8.421M excluding parish precepts, and a Band D basic City Council tax rate of £208.97.
- (4) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) be approved as set out at Appendix A of the report, subject to it being amended to reflect the following:
 - (a) That the amended General Fund revenue budget proposals (as appended) be approved.
 - (b) That the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2017/18 be approved as set out at Annex 2 of the report, but subject to future transfer to a housing association (as appended).
 - (c) That the Policy and Statement on Provisions and Reserves as set out at Annexes 3 and 4 of the report be approved, but subject to amendment in line with the papers appended.
 - (d) That the General Fund Capital Programme as set out at Annex 5 of the report be approved, but subject to amendment in line with the papers appended.
 - (e) That the Council Housing Capital Programme for 2017/18 be approved, as set out at Annex 6 of the report, but subject to future transfer to a housing association (as appended).
 - (f) That the budget transfer (virements and carry forwards) limits be approved, as set out at Annex 7 of the report.
- (5) That Council notes the Section 151 Officer's advice regarding robustness of budget estimates, the adequacy of reserves and balances and the affordability of borrowing."

There was a lengthy debate and at the conclusion of the debate Members took a recorded vote on the amendment and it was lost. The outcome of the recorded vote was:

For the proposition

Councillors Bateson, Cooper, Edwards, Gardiner, Goodrich, Guilding, Helme, Joan Jackson, Mace, Rogerson, Sykes, Thomas, Wild, Peter Williamson, Phillippa Williamson and Yates (16)

Against the proposition

Councillors Armstrong, Atkinson, Barry, Biddulph, Blamire, Brayshaw, Brookes, Brown, Bryning, Burns, Clifford, Clift, Cozler, Denwood, Devey, Hall, Hamilton-Cox, Hanson, Hartley, Hughes, Caroline Jackson, Kay, Kershaw, Leytham, Leyshon, Metcalfe, Mills, Pattison, Redfern, Reynolds, Sands, Scott, Sherlock, Thynne, Warriner, Whitaker, Whitehead and Wilkinson. (38)

Abstentions

Councillors Ashworth, Knight, Novell and Woodruff. (4)

(There was a ten minute adjournment at this point, in line with Council Procedure Rule 10.1. Council re-convened at 8.25pm)

(Councillor Novell, having previously declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, left the council chamber before the next amendment was proposed and returned when the discussion on the amendment was over.)

The Green Group had submitted a paper with five separate amendments, which had been distributed to Councillors. Each amendment was proposed in turn, the first amendment by Councillor Barry, seconded by Councillor Brookes:

“That the Marsh Community Centre grant is continued for 2017/18 and that the amount of £14,000 is financed from reducing the contribution to General Fund balances. Any future support is decided as part of the ongoing Voluntary and Faith Sector Commissioning of Services Review.”

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Leytham requested an adjournment to consider the amendments from the Green Group. The request was seconded by Councillor Whitehead. A vote was taken on the proposal to adjourn, which was clearly carried.

(The meeting adjourned at 8.30pm and re-convened at 8.45pm)

Councillor Leytham made it clear that the amendment was likely to be accepted as a friendly amendment if the proposer and seconder agreed to change the words ‘General Fund’ to ‘Housing Revenue Account’. Councillors Barry and Brookes agreed to this and their amendment was accepted by Councillors Whitehead and Blamire as a friendly amendment to their budget proposals.

Councillor Barry proposed the next amendment, seconded by Councillor Hamilton-Cox:

“That 50% of the projected savings on the street cleaning budget is used to employ additional cleaning staff from 2017/18 (one full time equivalent cleaner costs £23k). This would be to offset the 112 as week reduction in hours for street cleaners in the budget. If the current re-organisation of contracts means that the 112 hours per week reduction is service neutral, then additional cleaning staff would improve services, thus boosting tourism and the well-being of residents. The funding should come from reducing the contribution to General Fund balances.

This was not accepted as a friendly amendment. There was a short debate before a vote was taken and the amendment was lost.

Councillor Brookes proposed the third Green Group amendment:

“That proposals to spend the £500,000 allocated to economic development reserve are not delegated to officers but are taken to Cabinet so that the proper Council scrutiny procedures can take place.”

This was seconded by Councillor Goodrich. It was not accepted as a friendly amendment by Councillors Whitehead and Blamire.

Debate followed, during which the Chief Officer (Resources) clarified the decision making arrangements for the economic development reserve, making it clear that any decisions taken by officers over the key decision threshold of £50k would be Officer Delegated Decisions which would be recorded in the usual way and subject to the required call-in period of 5 working days.

The Mayor called for a vote and, with 27 Councillors voting for the amendment, and 30

voting against, the amendment was lost.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox proposed the next amendment, seconded by Councillor Goodrich:

“That the Council conducts a property review in 2017/18 with a view to saving money on buildings needed to carry out its operations and to reduce corporate property capital expenditure in-year. That the results are presented to Cabinet and full Council so that they can be fed into the budget process.”

After a short debate, a vote was taken. 25 Members voted for the amendment and 32 voted against. The amendment was lost.

The final amendment from the Green Group was proposed by Councillor Caroline Jackson and seconded by Councillor Barry:

“That Cabinet comes up with a renewable energy proposal in 2017/18 from the £1.8m in the invest to save reserve. That this proposal is used to generate money for the Council and to contribute to the Council’s efforts to combat Climate Change.”

The amendment was not accepted as a friendly amendment and a short debate followed. The amendment was clearly lost when put to the vote.

Councillor Peter Williamson then put forward a further budget amendment, seconded by Councillor Mace:

“That, subject to the local community declaring their interest, Council grants an extension of six months from the proposed closing date of Hornby Pool to allow time for the local community to establish a Community Trust to manage the pool and agrees that the cost of operating the pool for this additional six month period be charged to reserves.”

There was extensive debate on the amendment before a vote was taken and the amendment was lost with 24 Members voting ‘for’ and 29 ‘against’.

(There was a further five minute adjournment at this point)

Councillor Wilkinson then proposed a further amendment which was accepted as a friendly amendment by Councillors Whitehead and Blamire:

“That, subject to the local community declaring their interest, Council grants an extension of six months from the proposed closing date of Hornby Pool to allow time for the local community to establish a Community Trust to manage the pool and agrees that the cost of mothballing the pool (i.e. equipment and building maintained) for this additional six month period be charged to reserves.”

There were no further amendments and a recorded vote was taken on the original budget proposals incorporating the friendly amendments relating to the Marsh Community Centre and Hornby Community Pool. A recorded vote was taken:

For the proposition

Councillors Armstrong, Ashworth, Atkinson, Biddulph, Blamire, Brayshaw, Brown, Bryning, Burns, Clifford, Clift, Cozler, Denwood, Devey, Hall, Hanson, Hartley, Hughes, Kershaw, Leyshon, Leytham, Metcalfe, Pattison, Reynolds, Sands, Scott, Sherlock, Thynne, Warriner, Whitaker and Whitehead. (32)

Against the proposition

Councillors Bateson, Clift, Edwards, Gardiner, Goodrich, Guilding, Hamilton-Cox, Helme, Joan Jackson, Mace, Rogerson, Sykes, Thomas, Wild, Wilkinson, Peter Williamson, Phillippa Williamson and Yates. (18)

Abstentions

Councillors Barry, Brookes, Caroline Jackson, Knight, Mills and Redfern. (6)

Resolved:

- (1) That the General Fund Revenue Budget of £15.839M for 2017/18 be approved, resulting in a Council Tax Requirement of £8.623M excluding parish precepts, and a Band D basic City Council tax rate of £213.97.
- (2) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) be approved as set out at Appendix A of the report, subject to Council agreeing the following:
 - (a) That the supporting General Fund revenue budget proposals be approved, as summarised at Annexes 1 and 10 of the report.

That, subject to the local community declaring their interest, Council grants an extension of six months from the proposed closing date of Hornby Pool to allow time for the local community to establish a Community Trust to manage the pool and agrees that the cost of mothballing the pool (i.e. equipment and building maintained) for this additional six month period be charged to reserves.
 - (b) That the Housing Revenue Account budgets and future years' projections be approved, as set out at Annex 2 of the report subject to the following:

That the Marsh Community Centre grant continues for 2017/18 and that the amount of £14,000 is financed from reducing the contribution to Housing Revenue Account balances. Any future support is decided as part of the ongoing Voluntary and Faith Sector Commissioning of Services Review.
 - (c) That the Policy and Statement on Provisions and Reserves be approved, as set out at Annexes 3 and 4 of the report, subject to the following:
 - (d) That the General Fund Capital Programme be approved, as set out at Annex 5 of the report.
 - (e) That the Council Housing Capital Programme be approved, as set out at Annex 6 of the report.
 - (f) That the budget transfer (virements and carry forwards) limits be approved, as set out at Annex 7 of the report.
- (3) That Council notes the Section 151 Officer's advice regarding robustness of budget estimates, the adequacy of reserves and balances and the affordability of borrowing.

(In view of the time spent on debating the budget, the Mayor announced that the reports about Member Development Mandatory Training and the minutes of Cabinet (Items 11 and 16 on the agenda) would be deferred to the April Council meeting.)

105 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2017/18

Councillor Whitehead introduced a Cabinet report seeking approval for the Council's Treasury Management Framework for 2017/18 onwards, including all the various elements as required under relevant legislation and the associated Code of Practice.

Councillor Whitehead and the Chief Officer (Resources) responded to questions from Councillors.

The recommendation in the report was moved by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Blamire.

There was a short debate before a vote was taken on the motion, which was carried.

Resolved:

That the Treasury Management Framework and associated Prudential Indicators, as set on in Appendices A to C of the report, be approved.

106 COMMITTEE TIMETABLE 2017/18

Councillor Hall presented a report of Council Business Committee, asking Council to approve a timetable of meetings for the 2017/18 municipal year. She proposed the recommendations, as set out in the report, seconded by Councillor Reynolds.

Councillor Ashworth, seconded by Councillor Blamire, proposed an amendment to proposal (1) by way of providing an alternative timetable to the one set out at Appendix 1 of the report. The alternative timetable had been circulated to members at the start of the meeting.

The proposer and seconder of the original motion accepted the alternative timetable as a friendly amendment to proposal (1).

Councillor Devey then proposed a further amendment, which was also accepted as a friendly amendment:

"That there be no change to the start time of Annual Council."

It was noted that Annual Council was a meeting in two parts, with the Mayor-making at noon on Friday generally being referred to as "Annual Council" and second part, dealing with appointments for the new Municipal Year and starting at 6.30pm on the Monday after Mayor-making generally being referred to as "Annual Business Council." Officers clarified that the recommendation to change the start time proposed in the report referred to part two of the Annual Council meeting, not Mayor-making.

The motion, complete with friendly amendments, was carried when put to the vote.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Committee Timetable for 2017/18 be approved. (Copy appended to these minutes)
- (2) That:
 - a) The start time of the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) be changed from 4pm

to 5pm and Personnel Committee to start at 6:10pm, 'or at the rise of JCC, whichever is the later' with the Chairman to use their discretion regarding an earlier start for JCC depending on the amount of business to be considered.

- b) The venue for Audit Committee be changed from Morecambe Town Hall to Lancaster Town Hall.

107 COUNCIL TAX 2017/18

The Chief Officer (Resources) submitted a report seeking Council's approval for Council tax rates for the district for 2017/18.

The Chief Officer (Resources) and Leader of the Council responded to a question from a Councillor.

Councillor Whitehead proposed recommendations (1)-(6), as set out in the report. Councillor Blamire seconded the proposition.

There was no debate and a vote was taken on the proposal, which was clearly carried.

Resolved:

- (1) That it be noted that, under delegated powers in accordance with section 84 of the Local Government Act 2003, the following amounts have been calculated for the year 2017/18, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) made under section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the "Act"):
 - (a) 40,300.00 being the amount of its council tax base for the whole district [item T in the formula in section 31B of the Act];
 - (b) 16,450.81 being the amount of its council tax base for the non-parished part of the district; and
 - (c)

Parish	Tax Base	Parish	Tax Base
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	138.36	Nether Kellet	266.59
Arkholme-with-Cawood	166.13	Over Kellet	341.98
Bolton-le-Sands	1,620.00	Over Wyresdale	122.74
Borwick	93.87	Overton	347.35
Burrow-with-Burrow	90.51	Priest Hutton	89.27
Cantsfield	56.48	Quernmore	234.56
Carnforth	1,594.29	Roeburndale	21.47
Caton-with-Littledale	1,048.13	Scotforth	142.88
Claughton	52.81	Silverdale	820.85
Cockerham	269.80	Slyne-with-Hest	1,287.72
Ellel	972.44	Tatham	215.75
Gressingham	84.46	Thurnham	238.17
Halton-with-Aughton	958.91	Tunstall	62.04
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	657.65	Warton	841.90
Hornby-with-Farleton	341.54	Wennington	56.55
Ireby and Leck	111.69	Whittington	168.41
Melling-with-Wrayton	141.51	Wray-with-Botton	212.96
Middleton	197.48	Yealand Conyers	109.44
Morecambe Town Council	9,515.86	Yealand Redmayne	156.64

being the amounts of its council tax base for each parish within the district.

- (2) That in accordance with section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, it be noted that there are no expenses to be treated as the City Council's special expenses.
- (3) That the following amounts be now calculated by the City Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act, as amended by the Localism Act 2011:
 - (a) £140,481,994.03 being the aggregate of the amounts which the City 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) £131,273,275.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the City Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
 - (c) £9,208,719.03 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the City 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) £585,719.03 being the aggregate amount of all special items (parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
 - (e) £8,623,000.00 being the council tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding parish precepts);
 - (f) £228.50 being the amount at 3(c) above [Item R], all divided by the amount at 1(a) above [Item T], calculated by the City Council, in accordance with section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (including parish precepts);
 - (g) £213.97 being the amount at 3(f) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(d)

above by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the City 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 district to which no parish precept relates.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Tax Rate £</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Tax Rate £</i>
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	238.97	Nether Kellet	242.10
Arkholme-with-Cawood	234.23	Over Kellet	237.66
Bolton-le-Sands	232.93	Over Wyresdale	226.19
Borwick	224.62	Overton	242.17
Burrow-with-Burrow	225.02	Priest Hutton	236.37
Cantsfield	213.97	Quernmore	227.61
Carnforth	244.70	Roeburndale	213.97
Caton-with-Littledale	242.90	Scotforth	227.13
Claughton	213.97	Silverdale	251.67
Cockerham	243.62	Slyne-with-Hest	252.80
Ellel	241.47	Tatham	235.96
Gressingham	230.90	Thurnham	233.28
Halton-with-Aughton	246.65	Tunstall	279.17
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	227.33	Warton	236.02
Hornby-with-Farleton	252.79	Wennington	277.97
Ireby and Leck	257.69	Whittington	237.69
Melling-with-Wrayton	274.99	Wray-with-Botton	253.69
Middleton	249.42	Yealand Conyers	237.81
Morecambe Town Council	233.56	Yealand Redmayne	244.68

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(g) above the amounts of the parish precepts relating to dwellings in those parts of the district mentioned above, divided in each case by the relevant amount at 1(c) above, calculated by the City 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 the district to which parish precepts relate.

(h) VALUATION BANDS

<i>Area</i>	<i>Band A</i>	<i>Band B</i>	<i>Band C</i>	<i>Band D</i>	<i>Band E</i>	<i>Band F</i>	<i>Band G</i>	<i>Band H</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Non Parished Area	142.65	166.42	190.20	213.97	261.52	309.07	356.62	427.94
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	159.31	185.87	212.42	238.97	292.07	345.18	398.28	477.94
Arkholme-with-Cawood	156.15	182.18	208.20	234.23	286.28	338.33	390.38	468.46
Bolton-le-Sands	155.29	181.17	207.05	232.93	284.69	336.45	388.22	465.86
Borwick	149.75	174.70	199.66	224.62	274.54	324.45	374.37	449.24
Burrow-with-Burrow	150.01	175.02	200.02	225.02	275.02	325.03	375.03	450.04
Cantsfield	142.65	166.42	190.20	213.97	261.52	309.07	356.62	427.94
Carnforth	163.13	190.32	217.51	244.70	299.08	353.46	407.83	489.40
Caton-with-Littledale	161.93	188.92	215.91	242.90	296.88	350.86	404.83	485.80
Claughton	142.65	166.42	190.20	213.97	261.52	309.07	356.62	427.94
Cockerham	162.41	189.48	216.55	243.62	297.76	351.90	406.03	487.24

Ellel	160.98	187.81	214.64	241.47	295.13	348.79	402.45	482.94
Gressingham	153.93	179.59	205.24	230.90	282.21	333.52	384.83	461.80
Halton-with-Aughton	164.43	191.84	219.24	246.65	301.46	356.27	411.08	493.30
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	151.55	176.81	202.07	227.33	277.85	328.37	378.88	454.66
Hornby-with-Farleton	168.53	196.61	224.70	252.79	308.97	365.14	421.32	505.58
Ireby and Leck	171.79	200.43	229.06	257.69	314.95	372.22	429.48	515.38
Melling-with-Wrayton	183.33	213.88	244.44	274.99	336.10	397.21	458.32	549.98
Middleton	166.28	193.99	221.71	249.42	304.85	360.27	415.70	498.84
Morecambe Town Council	155.71	181.66	207.61	233.56	285.46	337.36	389.27	467.12
Nether Kellet	161.40	188.30	215.20	242.10	295.90	349.70	403.50	484.20
Over Kellet	158.44	184.85	211.25	237.66	290.47	343.29	396.10	475.32
Over Wyresdale	150.79	175.93	201.06	226.19	276.45	326.72	376.98	452.38
Overton	161.45	188.35	215.26	242.17	295.99	349.80	403.62	484.34
Priest Hutton	157.58	183.84	210.11	236.37	288.90	341.42	393.95	472.74
Quernmore	151.74	177.03	202.32	227.61	278.19	328.77	379.35	455.22
Roeburndale	142.65	166.42	190.20	213.97	261.52	309.07	356.62	427.94
Scotforth	151.42	176.66	201.89	227.13	277.60	328.08	378.55	454.26
Silverdale	167.78	195.74	223.71	251.67	307.60	363.52	419.45	503.34
Slyne-with-Hest	168.53	196.62	224.71	252.80	308.98	365.16	421.33	505.60
Tatham	157.31	183.52	209.74	235.96	288.40	340.83	393.27	471.92
Thurnham	155.52	181.44	207.36	233.28	285.12	336.96	388.80	466.56
Tunstall	186.11	217.13	248.15	279.17	341.21	403.25	465.28	558.34
Warton	157.35	183.57	209.80	236.02	288.47	340.92	393.37	472.04
Wennington	185.31	216.20	247.08	277.97	339.74	401.51	463.28	555.94
Whittington	158.46	184.87	211.28	237.69	290.51	343.33	396.15	475.38
Wray-with-Botton	169.13	197.31	225.50	253.69	310.07	366.44	422.82	507.38
Yealand Conyers	158.54	184.96	211.39	237.81	290.66	343.50	396.35	475.62
Yealand Redmayne	163.12	190.31	217.49	244.68	299.05	353.43	407.80	489.36

being the amounts given by multiplying the relevant amounts at 3(g) or 3(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 City 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.

- (4) That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 the Lancashire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and the Lancashire Fire Authority have issued precepts to the City Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each category of the dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the following table.

Valuation Band	Lancashire County Council £	Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire £	Lancashire Fire Authority £
A	814.49	110.30	43.67

B	950.24	128.68	50.94
C	1,085.99	147.07	58.22
D	1,221.74	165.45	65.50
E	1,493.24	202.22	80.06
F	1,764.74	238.98	94.61
G	2,036.23	275.75	109.17
H	2,443.48	330.90	131.00

- (5) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(i) and 4 above, the City Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of council tax for 2017/18 for each part of its area for each of the categories of dwellings.

Area	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Non Parished Area	1,111.11	1,296.28	1,481.48	1,666.66	2,037.04	2,407.40	2,777.77	3,333.32
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	1,127.77	1,315.73	1,503.70	1,691.66	2,067.59	2,443.51	2,819.43	3,383.32
Arkholme-with-Cawood	1,124.61	1,312.04	1,499.48	1,686.92	2,061.80	2,436.66	2,811.53	3,373.84
Bolton-le-Sands	1,123.75	1,311.03	1,498.33	1,685.62	2,060.21	2,434.78	2,809.37	3,371.24
Borwick	1,118.21	1,304.56	1,490.94	1,677.31	2,050.06	2,422.78	2,795.52	3,354.62
Burrow-with-Burrow	1,118.47	1,304.88	1,491.30	1,677.71	2,050.54	2,423.36	2,796.18	3,355.42
Cantsfield	1,111.11	1,296.28	1,481.48	1,666.66	2,037.04	2,407.40	2,777.77	3,333.32
Carnforth	1,131.59	1,320.18	1,508.79	1,697.39	2,074.60	2,451.79	2,828.98	3,394.78
Caton-with-Littledale	1,130.39	1,318.78	1,507.19	1,695.59	2,072.40	2,449.19	2,825.98	3,391.18
Claughton	1,111.11	1,296.28	1,481.48	1,666.66	2,037.04	2,407.40	2,777.77	3,333.32
Cockerham	1,130.87	1,319.34	1,507.83	1,696.31	2,073.28	2,450.23	2,827.18	3,392.62
Ellel	1,129.44	1,317.67	1,505.92	1,694.16	2,070.65	2,447.12	2,823.60	3,388.32
Gressingham	1,122.39	1,309.45	1,496.52	1,683.59	2,057.73	2,431.85	2,805.98	3,367.18
Halton-with-Aughton	1,132.89	1,321.70	1,510.52	1,699.34	2,076.98	2,454.60	2,832.23	3,398.68
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	1,120.01	1,306.67	1,493.35	1,680.02	2,053.37	2,426.70	2,800.03	3,360.04
Hornby-with-Farleton	1,136.99	1,326.47	1,515.98	1,705.48	2,084.49	2,463.47	2,842.47	3,410.96
Ireby and Leck	1,140.25	1,330.29	1,520.34	1,710.38	2,090.47	2,470.55	2,850.63	3,420.76
Melling-with-Wrayton	1,151.79	1,343.74	1,535.72	1,727.68	2,111.62	2,495.54	2,879.47	3,455.36
Middleton	1,134.74	1,323.85	1,512.99	1,702.11	2,080.37	2,458.60	2,836.85	3,404.22
Morecambe Town Council	1,124.17	1,311.52	1,498.89	1,686.25	2,060.98	2,435.69	2,810.42	3,372.50
Nether Kellet	1,129.86	1,318.16	1,506.48	1,694.79	2,071.42	2,448.03	2,824.65	3,389.58
Over Kellet	1,126.90	1,314.71	1,502.53	1,690.35	2,065.99	2,441.62	2,817.25	3,380.70
Over Wyresdale	1,119.25	1,305.79	1,492.34	1,678.88	2,051.97	2,425.05	2,798.13	3,357.76
Overton	1,129.91	1,318.21	1,506.54	1,694.86	2,071.51	2,448.13	2,824.77	3,389.72
Priest Hutton	1,126.04	1,313.70	1,501.39	1,689.06	2,064.42	2,439.75	2,815.10	3,378.12
Quernmore	1,120.20	1,306.89	1,493.60	1,680.30	2,053.71	2,427.10	2,800.50	3,360.60
Roeburndale	1,111.11	1,296.28	1,481.48	1,666.66	2,037.04	2,407.40	2,777.77	3,333.32

Scotforth	1,119.88	1,306.52	1,493.17	1,679.82	2,053.12	2,426.41	2,799.70	3,359.64
Silverdale	1,136.24	1,325.60	1,514.99	1,704.36	2,083.12	2,461.85	2,840.60	3,408.72
Slyne-with-Hest	1,136.99	1,326.48	1,515.99	1,705.49	2,084.50	2,463.49	2,842.48	3,410.98
Tatham	1,125.77	1,313.38	1,501.02	1,688.65	2,063.92	2,439.16	2,814.42	3,377.30
Thurnham	1,123.98	1,311.30	1,498.64	1,685.97	2,060.64	2,435.29	2,809.95	3,371.94
Tunstall	1,154.57	1,346.99	1,539.43	1,731.86	2,116.73	2,501.58	2,886.43	3,463.72
Warton	1,125.81	1,313.43	1,501.08	1,688.71	2,063.99	2,439.25	2,814.52	3,377.42
Wennington	1,153.77	1,346.06	1,538.36	1,730.66	2,115.26	2,499.84	2,884.43	3,461.32
Whittington	1,126.92	1,314.73	1,502.56	1,690.38	2,066.03	2,441.66	2,817.30	3,380.76
Wray-with-Botton	1,137.59	1,327.17	1,516.78	1,706.38	2,085.59	2,464.77	2,843.97	3,412.76
Yealand Conyers	1,127.00	1,314.82	1,502.67	1,690.50	2,066.18	2,441.83	2,817.50	3,381.00
Yealand Redmayne	1,131.58	1,320.17	1,508.77	1,697.37	2,074.57	2,451.76	2,828.95	3,394.74

- (6) That it be determined that the City Council's basic amount of council tax for 2017/18 is not excessive, when compared with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), and therefore the City Council is not required to hold a local referendum.

108 PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2017/18

The Chief Executive's report on the Pay Policy Statement 2017/18 was considered by Council. Councillors' questions on the report were responded to by the Chief Executive.

Councillor Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Blamire, proposed:

"That the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18, appended to the report, be approved for publication."

There was no debate. Council voted on the proposition, which was clearly carried.

Resolved:

That the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 appended to the report, be approved for publication.

109 QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

The Mayor advised that Councillor Scott had submitted a question for Councillor Hanson to the Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rules. He asked if she would be prepared to accept a written answer after the meeting, in view of the lateness of the hour. Councillor Scott agreed.

Mayor

(The meeting finished at 11.25 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these Minutes,
please contact Debbie Chambers, Democratic Services - telephone (01524) 582057 or email
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General Fund Revenue Budget 2016/17 to 2020/21

Conservative Group Budget Proposals

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
BUDGET PROJECTIONS					
Original Revenue Budget / Forecast	16,258	15,180	17,221	17,427	
Allowing for budgeted contribution to Balances	56	165			
Changes to Budget Projections - <i>Cabinet 17 January</i>	304	(313)	(922)	(836)	- 18,069
Base Budget Changes after Cabinet 17 January					
Capital Financing - MRP Changes	-	(98)	4	4	4
Government Grants - Universal Credit Support	-	(105)	-	-	-
Standby Allowance - <i>approved Personnel Cttee 31 Jan 17</i>	-	20	20	20	20
Members Allowances - <i>approved Council 01 Feb 17</i>	-	2	2	2	2
Other Minor Net Changes	-	49	27	25	(45)
Current Growth Proposals (Excluding Economic Growth Reserve)		173	0	0	0
Conservative Group Budget Proposals:					
Savings	-	(1,121)	(4,644)	(4,864)	(5,084)
Growth	-	1,225	3,200	3,000	1,950
Net Additional Contributions to Reserves					
Existing Contribution to Reserves	-	535	-	-	-
Conservative Group Additional Contributions	-	90	371	86	26
Reduced Contribution to Balances	(39)	-	-	-	-
General Fund Revenue Budget	16,523	15,637	15,279	14,864	14,942
Settlement Funding Assessment:					
Revenue Support Grant	(2,652)	(1,605)	(941)	(200)	0
Retained Business Rates	(5,250)	(5,357)	(5,530)	(5,726)	(5,880)
Business Rates - Safety Net Adjustment	394	401	415	429	441
Business Rates - Tariff Adjustment	288	280	289	299	310
Renewable Energy Income - Updated Forecasts	(947)	(935)	(965)	(994)	(1,015)
Estimated Collection Fund Surplus	(60)	-	-	-	-
Council Tax Requirement	8,296	8,421	8,547	8,672	8,798
Target Council Tax Requirement <i>(To fit with a 0% council tax increase)</i>	8,296	8,421	8,547	8,672	8,798
Latest Budget Deficit / (Surplus)	0	0	0	0	0

COUNCIL TAX	Impact on Council Tax	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	<i>Tax Base Projections</i>	39,700	40,300	40,900	41,500	42,100
	Band D City Council Tax Rate	£208.97	£208.97	£208.97	£208.97	£208.97
	<i>Year on Year Increase (£'s)</i>	£5.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<i>Year on Year Increase (%)</i>	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

UNALLOCATED BALANCES	General Fund Unallocated Balance	
		£M
	Original Projected Balance as at 31 March 2016	(4.128)
	Budgeted Contribution	(0.056)
	2015/16 Actual Underspend	(0.331)
	2016/17 Forecast Underspend	0.039
	Projected Balances as at 31 March 2017	(4.476)
	Budgeted Contribution	(0.165)
	Projected Balances as at 31 March 2018	(4.641)
	Less Agreed Minimum Level of Balances	1.500
	Available Balances	(3.141)

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS - 2017/18 TO 2020/21

	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020/21 £000's
General Fund Net Revenue Budget	15,839	16,200	16,481	17,887
Removal of Labour Cabinet Budget Proposals:				
Add back Labour Cuts	104	152	161	163
Less Economic Growth Reserve contribution	(500)	0	0	0
Revised General Fund Net Revenue Budget Forecast	15,443	16,352	16,642	18,050
Compared to General Fund Revenue Budget to fit with 0% Council Tax increase	15,637	15,279	14,864	14,942
Inherited Estimated Budget (Surplus)/Deficit from Labour	(194)	1,073	1,778	3,108
Savings - Total £15.9m				
Environmental Services - outsourcing	0	(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Transfer of Council Housing to Housing Association (savings on support costs)	0	(680)	(680)	(680)
Legal Services - outsourcing/partnership	0	(100)	(100)	(100)
Asset Review (Restructuring of Portfolio) Savings	0	(300)	(400)	(500)
Restructuring savings	(721)	(1,544)	(1,544)	(1,544)
Reduction in support to leisure/arts facilities	(400)	(520)	(640)	(760)
Investments - Total £9m (after eliminating Labour deficit)				
Heysham Gateway - £3M over 4 years	250	1,250	1,000	500
Lancaster City Centre - £3M over 4 years	250	750	1,000	1,000
Rural Economy - Over £3M over 4 years for:				
Extension of 100% Rural Rate Relief and other Rural Support	250	250	250	250
Carnforth railway station feasibility study	75			
Community Pool (Carnforth, Heysham & Hornby)	200	200	200	200
Compulsory purchase & upgrade of Lune Valley Cycle Track	200	500	300	
Improvement of Bull Beck car park & other rural public spaces		250	250	
Overall Surplus to put to reserves - following planned £9m investments & absorption of Labour deficit	(90)	(371)	(86)	(26)

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET - 2017/18 TO 2020/21

SUMMARY OF SAVINGS AND GROWTH OPTIONS - 2018/19 ONWARDS

SERVICE	PROPOSAL
PHASE 2 - 2018/19 SAVINGS AND GROWTH OPTIONS TO BE EXPLORED	
POTENTIAL SAVINGS	
<i>New Budget Proposals</i>	
Resources (Property Group)	Asset Review - restructuring of portfolio
Environmental Services	Market Testing & Benchmarking of all services
Leisure, Arts Facilities & Tourism	Reduction in theatre subsidies
Leisure, Arts Facilities & Tourism	VIC's Rationalisation
Organisational restructuring	Natural wastage; delayering; job evaluation
Legal Services	Market Testing & Benchmarking of all services
Governance	Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector - Review of Commissioning Process
Health & Housing	Transfer of housing to Housing Association - savings on support costs
Health & Housing	Salt Ayre - Reduction in subsidy
POTENTIAL GROWTH	
<u>Lancaster & Morecambe Town Centre £3m investment</u>	
Regeneration& Planning	Expertise to lead partnership with University to create new college & supporting services
Environmental Services	New CCTV System (includes capital growth)
Environmental Services	Free car parking - for first 45 minutes
Regeneration& Planning	Canal Corridor - Expertise to seek a range of potential developers
Regeneration& Planning	Financial incentives to increase commercial occupancy in city centre to landlords to open empty premises
Regeneration& Planning	Financial incentives on city centre Council owned properties to increase occupancy
Regeneration& Planning	One off grant scheme for commercial premises to improve frontage
Regeneration& Planning	Explore relocation of industrial business on bulk road
Regeneration& Planning	Transport management - implement city centre traffic plan to make route changes & eliminate traffic lights
<u>Heysham Gateway £3m investment</u>	
Regeneration& Planning	Seek government support for Heysham Gateway Enterprise Zone
Regeneration& Planning	Using Local Development Orders to fast track planning
Regeneration& Planning	Highway infrastructure improvements
<u>Rural Communities £3m investment</u>	
Resources	100% rural rate relief
Regeneration& Planning	Prioritise planning which supports local businesses/communities
Leisure, Arts Facilities & Tourism	Retain Community Swimming Pools - Carnforth, Heysham & Hornby
Regeneration& Planning	Fund Carnforth Station Platform Extension Feasibility Study
Regeneration& Planning	Lune Valley Cycle Track - look to extend to Hornby
Regeneration& Planning	Bull Beck - Redesign and improve site
Resources	Rural enterprise one off grant scheme for small businesses

COMMITTEE TIMETABLE 2017/2018 Agreed at Council 1st March 2017

2017														2018	
	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May		
Mon	1 Bank Holiday								1 Bank Holiday					Mon	
Tue	2 Planning Site Visit			1					2 Planning Site Visit				1	Tue	
Wed	3			2			1		3 Overview and Scrutiny Committee				2	Wed	
Thur	4 ELECTION (County)	1 Licensing Reg Member Briefing		3			2 Council Business Committee		4 Licensing Reg	1	1		3	Thur	
Fri	5	2		4	1		3	1	5	2	2		4	Fri	
Sat	6	3	1	5	2		4	2	6	3	3		5	Sat	
Sun	7	4	2	6	3	1	5	3	7	4	4	1	6	Sun	
Mon	8 Planning	5	3	7	4	2	6 Planning Site Visit	4 Planning Site Visit	8 Planning	5 Planning	5 Planning	2 Bank Holiday	7 Bank Holiday	Mon	
Tue	9	6	4	8 Cabinet LTH	5 Cabinet MTH	3 Cabinet LTH	7 Cabinet MTH	5 Cabinet LTH	9	6 Budget and Performance Panel	6	3	8	Tue	
Wed	10	7 Overview & Scrutiny Committee	5	9	6 Audit	4	8	6	10	7 Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7 Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4 Overview and Scrutiny Committee	9 Planning	Wed	
Thur	11	8 Standards	6 Member Briefing	10	7 Member Briefing	5 Member Briefing	9 Member Briefing	7	11 Member Briefing	8 Licensing Reg Member Briefing	8 Council Business Committee	5 Member Briefing	10	Thur	
Fri	12 Annual Council	9	7	11	8	6	10	8	12	9	9	6 Planning	11 Annual Council	Fri	
Sat	13	10	8	12	9	7	11	9	13	10	10	7	12	Sat	
Sun	14	11	9	13	10	8	12	10	14	11	11	8	13	Sun	
Mon	15 Business Council	12	10	14 Planning Site Visit	11 Planning Site Visit	9 Planning Site Visit	13 Planning	11 Planning	15	12	12	9	14 Business Council	Mon	
Tue	16	13	11 Budget and Performance Panel	15	12 Budget and Performance Panel	10	14 Budget and Performance Panel	12 JCC Personnel	16 Cabinet MTH	13 Cabinet LTH	13	10	15	Tue	
Wed	17	14 Audit	12 Overview and Scrutiny	16	13	11	15 Council	13	17	14	14	11 Council	16	Wed	
Thur	18	15 Licensing Act	13 Licensing Reg	17	14	12 Licensing Reg	16	14	18 Standards	15	15 Member Briefing	12	17	Thur	
Fri	19	16	14	18	15	13	17	15	19	16	16	13	18	Fri	
Sat	20	17	15	19	16	14	18	16	20	17	17	14	19	Sat	
Sun	21	18	16	20	17	15	19	17	21	18	18	15	20	Sun	
Mon	22 Planning site visit	19 Planning Site Visit	17 Planning Site Visit	21 Planning	18 Planning	16 Planning	20	18	22	19	19	16	21	Mon	
Tue	23	20 JCC Personnel	18	22	19	17	21	19	23 Budget & Perf Panel - MTH	20	20 Cabinet MTH	17	22	Tue	
Wed	24	21	19 Council	23	20 Overview and Scrutiny Committee	18 Overview and Scrutiny Committee	22 Overview and Scrutiny Committee	20 Council	24 Audit	21	21	18	23	Wed	
Thur	25	22 Council Bus Com	20	24	21	19	23 Licensing Reg	21	25	22	22 Licensing Reg	19	24	Thur	
Fri	26	23	21	25	22	20	24	22	26	23	23	20	25	Fri	
Sat	27	24	22	26	23	21	25	23	27	24	24	21	26	Sat	
Sun	28	25	23	27	24	22	26	24	28	25	25	22	27	Sun	
Mon	29 Bank Holiday	26 Planning Cabinet MTH	24 Planning	28 Bank Holiday	25	23	27	25 Bank Holiday	29 Planning Site Visit	26 Planning Site Visit	26 Planning Site Visit	23	28 Bank Holiday	Mon	
Tue	30	27	25	29	26	24	28	26 Bank Holiday	30	27	27	24 Cabinet LTH	29	Tue	
Wed	31 Planning	28	26	30	27 Council	25	29	27	31 Council	28 Budget Council	28	25	30	Wed	
Thur		29	27	31 Licensing Reg	28	26	30 Licensing Act	28			29	26	31	Thur	
Fri		30	28		29	27		29			30 Bank Holiday	27		Fri	
Sat			29		30	28		30			31	28		Sat	
Sun			30			29		31				29		Sun	
Mon			31			30						30 Planning Site Visit		Mon	
Tue						31								Tue	

Meeting Start Times/Venues 2017/18: Agreed by Council 1st March 2017

(LTH = Lancaster Town Hall) (MTH = Morecambe Town Hall)

Meeting	Venue(s)	Start Time
Annual Council (Ceremonial)	Ashton Hall, LTH	12 noon
Annual Council (Business)	Council Chamber MTH	6.30pm
Council	MTH	6.00pm
Council Business Committee	MTH	6.00pm
Cabinet	Alternating between LTH & MTH	6.00pm
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	MTH	6.00pm
Budget and Performance Panel	LTH The stakeholder meeting in January 2017 to be held in MTH commencing at 6.00pm.	6.10pm
Licensing Regulatory Committee	LTH	1.00pm
Licensing Act Committee	LTH	2.00pm
Planning & Highways Regulatory Committee	LTH	10.30am
Personnel Committee ¹	LTH	6.10pm ²
JCC	LTH	5.00pm ³
Audit Committee	LTH	6.10pm
Standards Committee ⁴	LTH	6.10pm

Points to note:

- The Appeals Committee is convened as and when necessary at LTH with no set day or time.
- Evening meetings at Lancaster Town Hall start at 6.10pm, not 6pm.

¹ The Personnel Committee will begin earlier in the day if the meeting is convened to hear a specific employment case.

² Personnel Committee to meet at 6.10pm 'or at the rise of JCC, whichever is the later'.

³ The Chairman can use his/her discretion for the start time of JCC depending on how much business is to be transacted.

⁴ The Standards Committee will begin earlier in the day if the meeting is convened for a hearing.