

## PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held in the Town Hall, Morecambe, at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 February 2018, when the following Members were present:-

Roger Mace (Mayor)

Carla Brayshaw

Sam Armstrong

Lucy Atkinson

Eileen Blamire

Abbott Bryning

Ian Clift

Claire Cozler

Rob Devey

Kevin Frea

Nigel Goodrich

Janet Hall

Janice Hanson

Helen Helme

Caroline Jackson

Andrew Kay

Geoff Knight

Terrie Metcalfe

Rebecca Novell

Jean Parr

Robert Redfern

Sylvia Rogerson

Susan Sykes

Oscar Thynne

David Whitaker

John Wild

Peter Williamson

Peter Yates

Stuart Bateson (Deputy Mayor)

Jon Barry

June Ashworth

Alan Biddulph

Tracy Brown

Nathan Burns

Brett Cooper

Sheila Denwood

Charlie Edwards

Andrew Gardiner

Mel Guilding

Tim Hamilton-Cox

Colin Hartley

Brendan Hughes

Joan Jackson

Ronnie Kershaw

James Leyshon

Abi Mills

Jane Parkinson

Margaret Pattison

John Reynolds

Elizabeth Scott

Malcolm Thomas

Andrew Warriner

Anne Whitehead

Nicholas Wilkinson

Phillippa Williamson

**113 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dave Brookes, Susie Charles, Darren Clifford and Ron Sands.

**114 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

By way of a retrospective declaration, Councillor Hamilton-Cox advised the meeting that he had failed to declare a DPI on the empty homes report, which had been considered at the last Council meeting on 31 January 2018. He apologized to the meeting for this oversight.

**115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members advised of the following interests at this stage:

Councillor Scott declared a personal interest in the Budget Framework report in view of her being on the Friends of Williamson Park.

Councillor Scott declared a further personal interest in the Budget Framework report in view of her being an ex officio member of the Lancaster King's Own Regiment.

**116 ANNOUNCEMENTS - CHARITY DINNER**

The Mayor announced that he would be hosting a Charity Dinner on Saturday 24 March at Lancaster Town Hall. The guest speaker would be the High Sheriff of Lancashire, Robert Webb JP DL. 67 tickets had been sold but there were still some tickets available from the Mayor's office at a cost of £25, which included a 4-course meal.

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.

**117 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.

**118 PETITIONS AND ADDRESSES**

The Mayor informed Members that no petitions or requests to address Council had been received from members of the public.

**119 LEADER'S REPORT**

The Leader presented her report updating Members on various issues since her last report to Council. The Leader advised the meeting that she had been misinformed with regard to the cases of rickets in Morecambe and asked that the sentence be withdrawn. She responded to a number of questions from Councillors.

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

**120 BUDGET FRAMEWORK 2018 TO 2022**

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 Member's questions.

*Councillor Hanson advised the meeting that she would provide a written answer to Councillor Hamilton-Cox to update him with regard to Bold Street.*

Councillor Whitehead moved, seconded by Councillor Blamire:

"That the recommendations, as set out in the report be approved with the following updated recommendations to 2(a) & 2(c):

- 2(a) That the supporting General Fund revenue budget proposals be approved, as summarised at Annexes 1(i) and (ii), but with the addition of a budget of £30,000 to be used to implement the recommendations of the working group set up to reduce the use of plastic bottles and disposable cups, with the budget being financed from the Budget Support Reserve and its allocation being delegated to the Chief Officer (Environment) in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.
- 2(b) That the Policy and Statement on Provisions and Reserves be approved as set out at Annexes (4) and (5), allowing for the additional Budget Support Reserve adjustment included at 2(a) above."

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 Gardiner (figures are appended to these minutes):

"(1) That Council rescinds the following decision taken on 31 January regarding council tax (minute 104):

- the approval of a City Council tax increase of 2.99% for 2018/19, together with a year on year target of 2.99% 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 2018/19, 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 £15.941M for 2018/19 be approved, resulting in a Council Tax Requirement of £8.816M excluding parish precepts, and a Band D basic City Council tax rate of £213.97.
- (4) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) be approved as set out at Appendix A, subject to it being amended to reflect the following:
  - a. That the amended General Fund revenue budget proposals (as attached) be approved.
  - b. That the Housing Revenue Account budgets and future years' projections be approved, as set out at Annex 3, but the future of the service be subject to appraisal regarding its future transfer to a housing association (as attached).
  - c. That the Policy and Statement on Provisions and Reserves as set out at Annexes 4 and 5 be approved, but subject to amendment in line with the attached.
  - d. That the General Fund Capital Programme as set out at Annex 6 be approved, but subject to amendment in line with the attached.
  - e. That the Council Housing Capital Programme for 2018/19 be approved, as set out at Annex 7, subject to the outcome of appraisal regarding its future transfer to a housing association (as attached).
  - f. That the budget transfer (virements and carry forwards) limits be approved, as set out at Annex 8.
- (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 a recorded vote was requested in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.4.

A recorded vote was taken 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, Parkinson, Rogerson, Sykes, Thomas, Wild, Peter Williamson, Phillippa Williamson and Yates (17)

Against the proposition

Councillors Armstrong, Atkinson, Barry, Biddulph, Blamire, Brayshaw, Brown, Bryning, Burns, Clift, Cozler, Denwood, Devey, Frea, Hall, Hamilton-Cox, Hanson, Hartley, Hughes, Caroline Jackson, Kay, Kershaw, Knight, Leyshon, Metcalfe, Mills, Novell, Parr, Pattison, Redfern, Reynolds, Scott, Thynne, Warriner,

Whitaker, Whitehead, Wilkinson (37)

Abstentions

Councillor Ashworth (1)

***(The meeting adjourned at 7.55pm and reconvened at 8.05pm)***

The Green Group had submitted a paper with six amendments, which had been distributed to Councillors. Each amendment was proposed in turn, the first amendment by Councillor Hamilton-Cox, seconded by Councillor Novell:

“(1) Relief of extreme poverty (£20k) - The Greens propose that the City Council should allocate £20k in the 18-19 budget to fund vouchers for food and utilities through the local Citizen Advice Bureau offices in Lancaster and Morecambe, contingent on city council and CAB agreeing detailed criteria for their distribution.

*Financed by removing the £20k for the review of the constitution. Review to be carried out by the next legal officer as part of their duties.”*

This was not accepted as a friendly amendment by Councillors Whitehead and Blamire. There was a short debate before a vote was taken and the amendment was clearly lost.

Councillor Barry proposed the next amendment, seconded by Councillor Mills:

“(2) Secondary Parks fund of £30,000 - Williamson Park is in good condition and has good infrastructure. However, many other parks (e.g. Scotch Quarry, Quay Meadow, Greaves Park) are either in a poor condition in terms of infrastructure or receive little or no cleansing. This money could be used to improve the infrastructure of our parks (e.g. paths) and/or to improve their cleanliness.

*Financed by reducing expenditure on Marketing from £75k to £45k.”*

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

Councillor Novell proposed the third Green Group amendment, seconded by Councillor Caroline Jackson:

“(3) Additional sup[port for Voluntary Sector organisations of £30K - The City Council should increase its support to Voluntary Sector organisations dealing with the effects of Universal Credit. The organisations to benefit from this money should be decided after a report to Cabinet.

*Financed by Welfare Reforms Reserve (currently 93k)”*

This was not accepted as a friendly amendment. A vote was taken on the amendment which was clearly lost.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox proposed amendments 4, 5 & 6, seconded by Councillor Barry:

The money for amendments 4) to 6) will be sourced from the business rates retention reserve (£4.666m at 31-03-2018) and £200k transferred to a new

'localising the economy' reserve. This in turn will be the source for funding feasibility work - in partnership as described below - on programmes to develop sustainable building skills and Gigabit city. The promotion of local procurement already has £20k earmarked but the reserve could be drawn on for this purpose too.

(4) Pump-priming sustainable homes skills development (£50k) - This proposal would need to be subject to a report to Full Council to develop the idea but need to have resources identified now. Can be about both design and build of new homes, and retro-fitting existing homes: latter is probably more important. The project would link in with Lancaster & Morecambe college and Lancaster University.

*Financed from 'localising the economy' reserve."*

(5) Digital Lancaster - identifying and helping to deliver office space requirements of growing digital businesses

(6) Digital Lancaster - Gigabit city. Superfast broadband provision in urban areas, but especially for local digital businesses.

*Financed from 'localising the economy' reserve."*

Amendments 4, 5 & 6 were not accepted as friendly amendments by Councillors Whitehead and Blamire. After a short debate a vote was taken and amendments 4, 6 & 6 were lost.

There were no further amendments and a recorded vote was taken on the original budget proposals as set out in the report, with updated recommendations to 2(a) & (c).

#### For the proposition

Councillors Armstrong, Atkinson, Biddulph, Blamire, Brayshaw, Brown, Bryning, Burns, Clift, Cozler, Denwood, Devey, Frea, Hall, Hanson, Hartley, Hughes, Kay, Kershaw, Leyshon, Metcalfe, Parr, Pattison, Redfern, Reynolds, Scott, Thynne, Warriner, Whitaker and Whitehead. (30)

#### Against the proposition

Councillors Bateson, Cooper, Edwards, Gardiner, Goodrich, Guilding, Joan Jackson, Novell, Parkinson, Rogerson, Sykes, Wilkinson, Peter Williamson, Phillippa Williamson and Yates. (15)

#### Abstentions

Councillors Ashworth, Barry, Hamilton-Cox, Caroline Jackson, Knight, Mace, and Mills. (7)

#### **Resolved:**

- (1) That the General Fund Revenue Budget of £16.204M for 2018/19 be approved, resulting in a Council Tax Requirement of £9.079M excluding parish precepts, and a Band D basic City Council tax rate of £220.36.
- (2) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) be approved as set out at Appendix A, subject to Council agreeing the following:
  - (a) That the supporting General Fund revenue budget proposals be approved, as summarised at Annexes 1(i) and (ii), but with the addition of a budget of £30,000 to be used to implement the recommendations of the working group set up to reduce the use

of plastic bottles and disposable cups, with the budget being financed from the Budget Support Reserve and its allocation being delegated to the Chief Officer (Environment) in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.

- (b) That the Housing Revenue Account budgets and future years' projections be approved, as set out at Annex 3.
  - (c) That the Policy and Statement on Provisions and Reserves be approved as set out at Annexes (4) and (5), allowing for the additional Budget Support Reserve adjustment included at 2(a) above.
  - (d) That the General Fund Capital Programme be approved, as set out at Annex 6.
  - (e) That the Council Housing Capital Programme be approved, as set out at Annex 7.
  - (f) That the budget transfer (virements and carry forwards) limits be approved, as set out at Annex 8.
- (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.

## 121 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018/19

Councillor Whitehead introduced a report seeking approval for the Council's Treasury Management Framework for 2018/19 onwards, including all the various elements as required under relevant legislation and the associated Code of Practice.

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

A vote was taken on the proposition, which was clearly carried.

### ***Resolved:***

- (1) That the Treasury Management Framework and associated Prudential Indicators, as set out in Appendices B to D of the report, be approved.

## 122 COUNCIL TAX 2018/19

- (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 2018/19, 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) 41,200.00 being the amount of its council tax base for the whole district [item T in the formula in section 31B of the Act];
  - (b) 16,969.23 being the amount of its council tax base for the non-parished part of

the district; and

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Tax Base</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Tax Base</b>
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	145.41	Nether Kellet	268.41
Arkholme-with-Cawood	167.88	Over Kellet	342.71
Bolton-le-Sands	1,682.52	Over Wyresdale	122.27
Borwick	89.04	Overton	348.54
Burrow-with-Burrow	101.95	Priest Hutton	87.81
Cantsfield	55.58	Quernmore	238.06
Carnforth	1,660.31	Roeburndale	21.77
Caton-with-Littledale	1,073.93	Scotforth	144.29
Claughton	55.79	Silverdale	818.62
Cockerham	265.28	Slyne-with-Hest	1,304.36
Ellel	1,021.49	Tatham	213.43
Gressingham	85.74	Thurnham	235.93
Halton-with-Aughton	966.53	Tunstall	63.52
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	663.97	Warton	863.16
Hornby-with-Farleton	345.08	Wennington	57.13
Ireby and Leck	116.31	Whittington	164.69
Melling-with-Wrayton	144.13	Wray-with-Botton	213.11
Middleton	213.15	Yealand Conyers	111.33
Morecambe Town Council	9,603.95	Yealand Redmayne	153.59

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 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act, as amended by the Localism Act 2011:
  - (a) £141,495,753.09 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) £131,798,312.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the City Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
  - (c) £9,697,441.09 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) £618,541.09 being the aggregate amount of all special items (parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
  - (e) £9,078,900.00 being the council tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding parish precepts);
  - (f) £235.37 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) £220.36 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.

(h)

<i><b>Parish</b></i>	<i><b>Tax Rate £</b></i>	<i><b>Parish</b></i>	<i><b>Tax Rate £</b></i>
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	245.12	Nether Kellet	248.30
Arkholme-with-Cawood	240.62	Over Kellet	244.00
Bolton-le-Sands	239.70	Over Wyresdale	232.63
Borwick	231.59	Overton	249.05
Burrow-with-Burrow	235.07	Priest Hutton	243.14
Cantsfield	220.36	Quernmore	238.00
Carnforth	250.76	Roeburndale	220.36
Caton-with-Littledale	250.16	Scotforth	232.28
Claughton	220.36	Silverdale	262.85
Cockerham	249.57	Slyne-with-Hest	266.36
Ellel	248.14	Tatham	243.01
Gressingham	242.87	Thurnham	239.86
Halton-with-Aughton	256.04	Tunstall	298.16
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	235.89	Warton	242.30
Hornby-with-Farleton	259.98	Wennington	284.36
Ireby and Leck	264.29	Whittington	245.83
Melling-with-Wrayton	289.75	Wray-with-Botton	260.85
Middleton	253.20	Yealand Conyers	244.20
Morecambe Town Council	239.95	Yealand Redmayne	252.91

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.

- (i) VALUATION BANDS

Area	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
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**COUNCIL**

**28TH FEBRUARY 2018**

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Non Parished Area	146.91	171.39	195.88	220.36	269.33	318.30	367.27	440.72
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	163.41	190.65	217.88	245.12	299.59	354.06	408.53	490.24
Arkholme-with-Cawood	160.41	187.15	213.88	240.62	294.09	347.56	401.03	481.24
Bolton-le-Sands	159.80	186.43	213.07	239.70	292.97	346.23	399.50	479.40
Borwick	154.39	180.13	205.86	231.59	283.05	334.52	385.98	463.18
Burrow-with-Burrow	156.71	182.83	208.95	235.07	287.31	339.55	391.78	470.14
Cantsfield	146.91	171.39	195.88	220.36	269.33	318.30	367.27	440.72
Carnforth	167.17	195.04	222.90	250.76	306.48	362.21	417.93	501.52
Caton-with-Littledale	166.77	194.57	222.36	250.16	305.75	361.34	416.93	500.32
Cloughton	146.91	171.39	195.88	220.36	269.33	318.30	367.27	440.72
Cockerham	166.38	194.11	221.84	249.57	305.03	360.49	415.95	499.14
Ellel	165.43	193.00	220.57	248.14	303.28	358.42	413.57	496.28
Gressingham	161.91	188.90	215.88	242.87	296.84	350.81	404.78	485.74
Halton-with-Aughton	170.69	199.14	227.59	256.04	312.94	369.84	426.73	512.08
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	157.26	183.47	209.68	235.89	288.31	340.73	393.15	471.78
Hornby-with-Farleton	173.32	202.21	231.09	259.98	317.75	375.53	433.30	519.96
Ireby and Leck	176.19	205.56	234.92	264.29	323.02	381.75	440.48	528.58
Melling-with-Wrayton	193.17	225.36	257.56	289.75	354.14	418.53	482.92	579.50
Middleton	168.80	196.93	225.07	253.20	309.47	365.73	422.00	506.40
Morecambe Town Council	159.97	186.63	213.29	239.95	293.27	346.59	399.92	479.90
Nether Kellet	165.53	193.12	220.71	248.30	303.48	358.66	413.83	496.60
Over Kellet	162.67	189.78	216.89	244.00	298.22	352.44	406.67	488.00
Over Wyresdale	155.09	180.93	206.78	232.63	284.33	336.02	387.72	465.26
Overton	166.03	193.71	221.38	249.05	304.39	359.74	415.08	498.10
Priest Hutton	162.09	189.11	216.12	243.14	297.17	351.20	405.23	486.28
Quernmore	158.67	185.11	211.56	238.00	290.89	343.78	396.67	476.00
Roeburndale	146.91	171.39	195.88	220.36	269.33	318.30	367.27	440.72
Scotforth	154.85	180.66	206.47	232.28	283.90	335.52	387.13	464.56
Silverdale	175.23	204.44	233.64	262.85	321.26	379.67	438.08	525.70
Slyne-with-Hest	177.57	207.17	236.76	266.36	325.55	384.74	443.93	532.72
Tatham	162.01	189.01	216.01	243.01	297.01	351.01	405.02	486.02
Thurnham	159.91	186.56	213.21	239.86	293.16	346.46	399.77	479.72
Tunstall	198.77	231.90	265.03	298.16	364.42	430.68	496.93	596.32
Warton	161.53	188.46	215.38	242.30	296.14	349.99	403.83	484.60
Wennington	189.57	221.17	252.76	284.36	347.55	410.74	473.93	568.72
Whittington	163.89	191.20	218.52	245.83	300.46	355.09	409.72	491.66
Wray-with-Botton	173.90	202.88	231.87	260.85	318.82	376.78	434.75	521.70
Yealand Conyers	162.80	189.93	217.07	244.20	298.47	352.73	407.00	488.40
Yealand Redmayne	168.61	196.71	224.81	252.91	309.11	365.31	421.52	505.82

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 2018/19 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.

<b>Valuation Band</b>	<b>Lancashire County Council £</b>	<b>Police &amp; Crime Commissioner for Lancashire £</b>	<b>Lancashire Fire Authority £</b>
A	863.28	118.30	44.97
B	1,007.16	138.02	52.47
C	1,151.04	157.73	59.96
D	1,294.92	177.45	67.46
E	1,582.68	216.88	82.45
F	1,870.44	256.32	97.44
G	2,158.20	295.75	112.43
H	2,589.84	354.90	134.92

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

<b>Area</b>	<b>Band A</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band C</b>	<b>Band D</b>	<b>Band E</b>	<b>Band F</b>	<b>Band G</b>	<b>Band H</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Non Parished Area	1,173.46	1,369.04	1,564.61	1,760.19	2,151.34	2,542.50	2,933.65	3,520.38
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	1,189.96	1,388.30	1,586.61	1,784.95	2,181.60	2,578.26	2,974.91	3,569.90
Arkholme-with-Cawood	1,186.96	1,384.80	1,582.61	1,780.45	2,176.10	2,571.76	2,967.41	3,560.90
Bolton-le-Sands	1,186.35	1,384.08	1,581.80	1,779.53	2,174.98	2,570.43	2,965.88	3,559.06
Borwick	1,180.94	1,377.78	1,574.59	1,771.42	2,165.06	2,558.72	2,952.36	3,542.84
Burrow-with-Burrow	1,183.26	1,380.48	1,577.68	1,774.90	2,169.32	2,563.75	2,958.16	3,549.80
Cantsfield	1,173.46	1,369.04	1,564.61	1,760.19	2,151.34	2,542.50	2,933.65	3,520.38
Carnforth	1,193.72	1,392.69	1,591.63	1,790.59	2,188.49	2,586.41	2,984.31	3,581.18
Caton-with-Littledale	1,193.32	1,392.22	1,591.09	1,789.99	2,187.76	2,585.54	2,983.31	3,579.98

Claughton	1,173.46	1,369.04	1,564.61	1,760.19	2,151.34	2,542.50	2,933.65	3,520.38
Cockerham	1,192.93	1,391.76	1,590.57	1,789.40	2,187.04	2,584.69	2,982.33	3,578.80
Ellel	1,191.98	1,390.65	1,589.30	1,787.97	2,185.29	2,582.62	2,979.95	3,575.94
Gressingham	1,188.46	1,386.55	1,584.61	1,782.70	2,178.85	2,575.01	2,971.16	3,565.40
Halton-with-Aughton	1,197.24	1,396.79	1,596.32	1,795.87	2,194.95	2,594.04	2,993.11	3,591.74
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	1,183.81	1,381.12	1,578.41	1,775.72	2,170.32	2,564.93	2,959.53	3,551.44
Hornby-with-Farleton	1,199.87	1,399.86	1,599.82	1,799.81	2,199.76	2,599.73	2,999.68	3,599.62
Ireby and Leck	1,202.74	1,403.21	1,603.65	1,804.12	2,205.03	2,605.95	3,006.86	3,608.24
Melling-with-Wrayton	1,219.72	1,423.01	1,626.29	1,829.58	2,236.15	2,642.73	3,049.30	3,659.16
Middleton	1,195.35	1,394.58	1,593.80	1,793.03	2,191.48	2,589.93	2,988.38	3,586.06
Morecambe Town Council	1,186.52	1,384.28	1,582.02	1,779.78	2,175.28	2,570.79	2,966.30	3,559.56
Nether Kellet	1,192.08	1,390.77	1,589.44	1,788.13	2,185.49	2,582.86	2,980.21	3,576.26
Over Kellet	1,189.22	1,387.43	1,585.62	1,783.83	2,180.23	2,576.64	2,973.05	3,567.66
Over Wyresdale	1,181.64	1,378.58	1,575.51	1,772.46	2,166.34	2,560.22	2,954.10	3,544.92
Overton	1,192.58	1,391.36	1,590.11	1,788.88	2,186.40	2,583.94	2,981.46	3,577.76
Priest Hutton	1,188.64	1,386.76	1,584.85	1,782.97	2,179.18	2,575.40	2,971.61	3,565.94
Quernmore	1,185.22	1,382.76	1,580.29	1,777.83	2,172.90	2,567.98	2,963.05	3,555.66
Roeburndale	1,173.46	1,369.04	1,564.61	1,760.19	2,151.34	2,542.50	2,933.65	3,520.38
Scotforth	1,181.40	1,378.31	1,575.20	1,772.11	2,165.91	2,559.72	2,953.51	3,544.22
Silverdale	1,201.78	1,402.09	1,602.37	1,802.68	2,203.27	2,603.87	3,004.46	3,605.36
Slyne-with-Hest	1,204.12	1,404.82	1,605.49	1,806.19	2,207.56	2,608.94	3,010.31	3,612.38
Tatham	1,188.56	1,386.66	1,584.74	1,782.84	2,179.02	2,575.21	2,971.40	3,565.68
Thurnham	1,186.46	1,384.21	1,581.94	1,779.69	2,175.17	2,570.66	2,966.15	3,559.38
Tunstall	1,225.32	1,429.55	1,633.76	1,837.99	2,246.43	2,654.88	3,063.31	3,675.98
Warton	1,188.08	1,386.11	1,584.11	1,782.13	2,178.15	2,574.19	2,970.21	3,564.26
Wennington	1,216.12	1,418.82	1,621.49	1,824.19	2,229.56	2,634.94	3,040.31	3,648.38
Whittington	1,190.44	1,388.85	1,587.25	1,785.66	2,182.47	2,579.29	2,976.10	3,571.32
Wray-with-Botton	1,200.45	1,400.53	1,600.60	1,800.68	2,200.83	2,600.98	3,001.13	3,601.36
Yealand Conyers	1,189.35	1,387.58	1,585.80	1,784.03	2,180.48	2,576.93	2,973.38	3,568.06
Yealand Redmayne	1,195.16	1,394.36	1,593.54	1,792.74	2,191.12	2,589.51	2,987.90	3,585.48

- (6) That it be determined that the City Council's basic amount of council tax for 2018/19 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.

## 123 PAY POLICY STATEMENT

The Chief Executive's report on the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 was considered by Council. Councillors' questions on the report were responded to by the Chief Executive.

Prior to tabling a recommendation, Councillor Atkinson advised the meeting that she would accept a friendly amendment that in future the Pay Policy Statement would be considered by the Personnel Committee, prior to being discussed at Council. Councillor Atkinson

further informed the meeting that she intended that the Pay Policy Statement would be reviewed by the Personnel Committee in April.

Councillor Atkinson, proposed, seconded by Councillor Kershaw:

“That the Pay Policy Statement for 2018/19 appended to the report, be approved for publication.”

By way of an amendment, Councillor Goodrich proposed that the current policy be renewed for twelve months and Councillor Atkinson requested an adjournment to seek clarification as to whether this was possible.

***The meeting adjourned at 9.25pm and reconvened at 9.35pm***

Councillor Atkinson advised the meeting that for legal reasons the Pay Policy Statement had to be agreed that night and that in view of the changes it contained it was not possible for the current policy to be rolled over for a further year.

By way of an amendment, which was accepted as a friendly amendment by the proposer of the original proposition, Councillor Goodrich proposed:

“That all future Pay Policy Statements be considered by the Personnel Committee, prior to being tabled at Council and that the Pay Policy Statement for 2018/19 be brought back to Council within a couple of months after having been reviewed by the Personnel Committee.”

By way of an amendment Councillor Caroline Jackson proposed that the policy be agreed without section 6.15, paragraph 2, section 10.4 and section 12.1.

The Mayor advised the meeting that legal advice would need to be sought. The Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services advised that whilst the first two sections could be removed, he would recommend that section 12.1 remain.

Councillor Atkinson advised that she would not accept this as a friendly amendment.

At this point Councillor Atkinson proposed the following revised recommendations:

- “(1) That the Pay Policy Statement for 2018-19 be approved.
- (2) That all future Pay Policy Statements be considered by the Personnel Committee, prior to being forwarded to Council.
- (3) That the Pay Policy Statement 2018-19 be considered by Council by July 2018 when any further amendments can be considered post Personnel Committee meeting.”

By way of a further amendment Councillor Goodrich proposed, seconded by Councillor Gardiner:

“That a time limit of 12 months be put on section 12.1.”

Councillor Atkinson advised that she would not accept this as a friendly amendment but confirmed that the Personnel Committee would review all of the Pay Policy Statement.

At this point Councillor Caroline Jackson withdrew her amendment.

Council then voted on Councillor Goodrich’s amendment, which had been seconded by Councillor Gardiner.

On being put to the vote 19 voted in favour of the amendment, 27 against and 2 abstained whereupon the Mayor declared the amendment lost.

Members then voted on the original proposition, as revised, which on being put to the vote was clearly carried.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the Pay Policy Statement for 2018-19 be approved.
- (2) That all future Pay Policy Statements be considered by the Personnel Committee, prior to being forwarded to Council.
- (3) That the Pay Policy Statement 2018-19 be considered by Council by July 2018 when any further amendments can be considered post Personnel Committee meeting.

**124 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - LANCASTER CANAL REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP**

Council considered a report submitted by the Chief Executive with regard to a request from the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership (LCRP) Project Manager for Council to appoint a Member to attend the quarterly executive meetings of the LCRP.

Members agreed that Council should appoint to the partnership and nominations were sought.

Councillor Hanson was nominated by Councillor Metcalfe and seconded by Councillor Brown. Councillor Yates was nominated by Councillor Gardiner and seconded by Councillor Goodrich.

On being put to the vote 27 Members voted for Councillor and 19 voted for Councillor Yates, whereupon Councillor Hanson was appointed.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the basis of the appointment to the LCRP be by way of nomination and voting at Council: and
- (2) That Councillor Hanson be appointed to the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership

**125 DESIGNATION OF MONITORING OFFICER**

***The Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Democratic Services Manager left the Council Chamber at this point, both having an interest in the following report.***

Council considered a report submitted by the Chief Executive to enable the Council to designate an officer to be Monitoring Officer with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Members asked a number of questions to which the Chief Executive responded.

Councillor Peter Williamson proposed, seconded by Councillor Gardiner:

“That Mrs Chambers remains Monitoring Officer for the time being with Mr Brown's appointment referred to the Personnel Committee for the Committee to proceed as they

see fit and proper with regard to the City Council's policies."

During a lengthy debate, the Mayor agreed to a request to adjourn the meeting in order for the Labour Group to consider the proposition.

***The meeting adjourned at 10.45pm and reconvened at 11.05pm.***

By way of an amendment, Councillor Leyshon proposed, seconded by Councillor Hanson:

"That the recommendation as set out in the report be approved, with the following addition: "this Council recommends that the Personnel Committee reviews the process for recruiting Chief Officers at the earliest opportunity."

Councillor Peter Williamson did not accept this as a friendly amendment.

After a lengthy debate, Members voted on the amendment, which was clearly carried.

The amendment, which had now become the substantive motion, was subject to a second vote and was, again, clearly carried.

***Resolved:***

- (1) That the Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services, David Brown, be designated as the Council's Monitoring Officer with effect from 1 March 2018.
- (2) That the Council recommends that the Personnel Committee review the process for recruiting Chief Officers at the earliest opportunity.

***The Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Democratic Services Manager returned to the Council Chamber at this point.***

**126 QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

At this point in view of the lateness of the hour the Mayor informed Councillors that consideration of the remaining items of the agenda would be deferred to the next Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**127 MINUTES OF CABINET**

Consideration of this item was deferred to the Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

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Mayor

(The meeting finished at 11.42 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these Minutes,  
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## General Fund Revenue Budget Projections 2017/18 to 2021/22

### Conservative Group Budget Proposals

BUDGET PROJECTIONS		2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000	2021/22 £'000
	Original Revenue Budget / Forecast	15,839	16,200	16,481	17,887	19,523
	Changes to Budget Projections as at Cabinet 16 January	222	71	455	839	231
	<b>Base Budget Changes after Cabinet 16 January</b>					
	Additional Govt Grants re Universal Credit/New Burdens		(154)	-	-	-
	Reduction in New Homes Bonus Grant	-	-	3	-	-
	Car Parking ( <i>Cabinet 13 January - subject to call-in</i> )	-	(38)	(38)	(38)	(38)
	Other net changes across all services	-	(2)	10	-	-
	<b>Current Budget Proposals (as amended):</b>					
	Savings Proposals	-	220	(420)	(433)	(438)
	Growth Proposals	-	131	100	35	20
	Contributions from Reserves re Budget Proposals	-	(974)	(219)	(18)	(2)
	<b>Conservative Group Budget Proposals:</b>					
	Savings Proposals	-	(78)	(5,323)	(5,646)	(5,770)
	Growth Proposals	-	25	3,575	2,800	1,750
	<b>Net Movements from Reserves Review</b>	-	154	-	-	-
	<b>Contribution from Unallocated Balances</b>	(222)	-	-	-	-
	<b>Conservative Group Additional Contributions To/(From) Unallocated Balances</b>	-	386	848	112	517
	<b>General Fund Revenue Budget</b>	<b>15,839</b>	<b>15,941</b>	<b>15,472</b>	<b>15,538</b>	<b>15,793</b>
	<b>Core Funding:</b>					
	Revenue Support Grant	(1,605)	(941)	(200)	-	-
	Net Retained Business Rates	(5,611)	(6,184)	(6,328)	(6,466)	(6,614)
	<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>8,623</b>	<b>8,816</b>	<b>8,944</b>	<b>9,072</b>	<b>9,179</b>
	<b>Estimated Council Tax Income</b> (to fit with a 0% council tax increase)	<b>8,623</b>	<b>8,816</b>	<b>8,944</b>	<b>9,072</b>	<b>9,179</b>
	<b>Resulting Base Budget Deficit / (Surplus)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<i>Original MTFs Savings Requirement</i>	-	512	994	2,103	N/A
	<i>Change</i>	+0	(512)	(994)	(2,103)	N/A



# CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS - 2018/19 TO 2021/22

	2018/19 £000's	2019/20 £000's	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
<b>General Fund Net Revenue Budget</b>	<b>16,204</b>	<b>16,664</b>	<b>18,318</b>	<b>19,344</b>
<b>Removal of Labour Cabinet Budget Proposals:</b>				
Consultancy spend on Williamson Park	(210)			
Consultancy spend on Salt Ayre	(75)			
Commercial & Digital Leadership Capacity	(71)	(138)		
New Senior Solicitor post (re Planning)	(30)	(42)	(45)	(47)
Reversal of Transfer from Reserves re above	386	180	45	47
Consultancy spend on Economic Development Initiatives	(210)	(112)	(1)	(1)
<b>Revised General Fund Net Revenue Budget Forecast</b>	<b>15,994</b>	<b>16,552</b>	<b>18,317</b>	<b>19,343</b>
<b>Compared to General Fund Revenue Budget to fit with 0% Council Tax increase</b>	<b>15,941</b>	<b>15,472</b>	<b>15,538</b>	<b>15,793</b>
<b>Inherited Estimated Budget Deficit from Labour</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>2,779</b>	<b>3,550</b>
<b><u>Savings over 4 years - Total £16.8m</u></b>				
<b>Workforce Restructuring &amp; Service Delivery Efficiencies</b>				
Legal Services - Shared Service (with other Local Authority @ 10% saving per annum)		(61)	(63)	(65)
Human Resources - Shared Service (with other Local Authority @ 10% saving per annum)		(68)	(68)	(69)
Regeneration Team - Reshaped @ 10%	(78)	(80)	(86)	(88)
Other restructuring savings c/fwd from 17/18 Budget		(1,544)	(1,544)	(1,544)
<b>Salt Ayre Leisure Centre Sale / Lease</b>				
Operating Costs (including internal support recharges & renewals)		(570)	(565)	(564)
<b>Environmental Services - outsourcing efficiencies</b>		(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
<b>Savings on support costs on transfer of housing to Housing Assn.</b>		(680)	(680)	(680)
<b>Savings - enabling community/business support for leisure/arts facilities</b>		(520)	(640)	(760)
<b>Savings - Asset Review (Restructuring of portfolio)</b>		(300)	(500)	(500)
<b><u>Investments - Total £8.1m</u></b>				
<b>Heysham Gateway - £2.75M over 3 years</b>		1,250	1,000	500
<b>Lancaster City Centre - £2.75M over 3 years</b>		750	1,000	1,000
<b>Rural Economy - Over £2.45M over 3 years for:</b>				
Extension of 100% Rural Rate Relief and other Rural Support		250	250	250
Carnforth town centre & railway station development		400		
Compulsory purchase & upgrade of Lune Valley Cycle Track		500	300	
Improvement of Bull Beck car park & other rural public spaces		250	250	
<b>Leisure/Arts Facilities - start up funding</b>		125		
<b>Architectural Assessments &amp; Surveys</b>	25	50		
<b>Overall Surplus to put to reserves - following planned £8.1m investments &amp; absorption of Labour deficit</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(668)</b>	<b>(67)</b>	<b>(470)</b>

## Impact of Conservative proposals on Unallocated Balances

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	2021/22 £
<b>Reserves brought forward</b>	<b>4,667,929</b>	<b>5,053,929</b>	<b>5,901,929</b>	<b>6,013,929</b>
<b>Add back Budget Support Reserve contributions no longer needed as a result of removing Labour Cabinet proposals</b>	<b>386,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>47,000</b>
<b>Add back Surplus from Conservative proposals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>668,000</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>470,000</b>
<b>Increased Unallocated Balances</b>	<b>5,053,929</b>	<b>5,901,929</b>	<b>6,013,929</b>	<b>6,530,929</b>