

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held in the Town Hall, Morecambe, at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 February 2022, when the following Members were present:-

Geoff Knight (Deputy Mayor)	Tony Anderson
Paul Anderton	Fabiha Askari
Mandy Bannon	Phillip Black
Alan Biddulph	Victoria Boyd-Power
Dave Brookes	Abbott Bryning
Keith Budden	Roger Cleet
Tim Dant	Roger Dennison
Gina Dowding	Jason Firth
Kevin Frea	Andrew Gardiner
June Greenwell	Mel Guilding
Tim Hamilton-Cox	Janice Hanson
Colin Hartley	Tricia Heath
Ross Hunter	Caroline Jackson
Debbie Jenkins	Sarah Knight
Erica Lewis	Cary Matthews
Stuart Morris	Faye Penny
Joyce Pritchard	Robert Redfern
Alistair Sinclair	Paul Stubbins
Luke Taylor	Malcolm Thomas
Sandra Thornberry	Katie Whearty
David Whitaker	Anne Whitehead
John Wild	Jason Wood
Peter Yates	Joanna Young

114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Austen-Baker, Gerry Blaikie, Darren Clifford, Adrian De La Mare, Merv Evans, Mike Greenall, Joan Jackson, Mandy King, Jack Lenox, Abi Mills, Jean Parr and Oliver Robinson.

115 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2022 were signed by the Deputy Mayor as a correct record.

The Deputy Mayor clarified the voting procedure for the meeting. Recorded votes would be needed for certain decisions, which were budget decisions as defined in regulations. He would make it clear if a recorded vote was required. However, for all other votes, he would ask for a show of hands for those 'for', 'against' or abstaining. Votes would only be counted if the outcome was not clear.

116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

117 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

The Deputy Mayor had authorised one item of urgent business regarding the appointment of an interim Chief Executive. He informed Councillors that this item would be taken after item 6, questions from the public.

118 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11

The Deputy Mayor advised that a question had been received from a member of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11. He invited Mrs Barbara Walker to put her question to the Council.

Mrs Walker asked Councillor Lewis, the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services including South Lancaster Growth/Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF):

What is the size (in £ pounds) of the financial and other economic risks that Lancaster City Council has taken on, with the J33/9185 houses decision in August 2021; and how are you managing it?

Councillor Lewis replied:

As we have previously discussed, there is not 9,185 houses in South Lancaster. Planning applications will come forward independently and be assessed through the usual planning route. So, the decision that was taken last August wasn't to agree to 9,185 homes being built, as I know you and I have previously discussed. As was also discussed at that meeting in August, Lancaster City Council's financial contribution to the South Lancaster Growth Catalyst is £4.6M.

The various phases of the road and housing construction will be managed and coordinated as a partnership with Lancashire County Council, Lancaster City Council, Homes England and the individual housing developers.

The £140M of award of Housing Infrastructure Funds provided by Central Government is specifically for road infrastructure and would not have been used to support any other project. Lancaster City's Councils contribution of £4.6M, is required by Government as a local match funding contribution. It is funded through the City Council's own borrowing, as part of the Capital Programme and is a long-standing Council priority.

Funding has therefore been included in future budgets for this project and the decision has not displaced any other projects as a consequence.

We manage the risk along with our partners within our standard risk and assurance frameworks and again one of things that is most important for this project is strong and clear political leadership and that we are move with all due haste to get in place our Section 106 agreements; because any delay in progressing that puts in jeopardy the amount of contributions that we can collect from developers to support the much needed infrastructure that this programme will bring to South Lancaster.

The Deputy Mayor asked Mrs Barber if she would like to put a supplementary question and Mrs Barber confirmed that the supplementary question she had in mind had already been answered in Councillor Lewis's reply.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Mrs Barber for coming to the Council meeting to ask her question.

119 URGENT BUSINESS - APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Councillor Hamilton-Cox, Chair of the Chief Executive Recruitment Committee (CERC), presented a report of the committee seeking approval for appointment to the role of Interim Chief Executive. This would be on a fixed term basis whilst the recruitment process for the substantive role was completed and potentially to the point when the permanent postholder started their appointment. Councillor Hamilton-Cox clarified that the appointment would be for a minimum of three months as per the minutes of the 13 January meeting of the CERC.

There were no questions.

Councillor Hamilton-Cox proposed:

"That:

- (1) Council approves the offer of appointment to be made to Mark Davies as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service for a fixed term.
- (2) The fixed term interim arrangement will be for a minimum of three months and less than six months and will commence at the end of the current Chief Executive Post holder's contract."

There was no debate and the proposition was clearly carried when put to the vote.

Resolved:

That:

- (1) Council approves the offer of appointment to be made to Mark Davies as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service for a fixed term.

- (2) The fixed term interim arrangement will be for a minimum of three months and less than six months and will commence at the end of the current Chief Executive Post holder's contract.

120 PETITIONS AND ADDRESSES

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

121 LEADER'S REPORT

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

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

122 BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2022-2023

Councillor Whitehead, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, presented Cabinet's final budget proposals to allow Council to complete its revenue budget setting for 2022/23. She responded to Councillors' questions.

Councillor Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Hamilton-Cox, proposed:

- "(1) That the General Fund Revenue Budget of £21.254M for 2022/23 be approved, resulting in a Council Tax Requirement of £10.176M, excluding parish precepts, and a Band D basic City Council tax rate of £241.95.
- (2) That the supporting General Fund Revenue Budget proposals be approved, as summarised at Appendices A and B of the report.
- (3) That the budget transfer (virements and carry forwards) limits be approved as set out in Appendix D of the report.
- (4) That Council notes the Section 151 Officer's advice regarding robustness of budget estimates, the adequacy of reserves and balances, specifically the advice that the minimum level of balances be retained at £3.5M, to provide for added uncertainty."

There was a short debate, during which Councillor Gardiner asked Councillor Whitehead if she would agree to set up a new financial committee for the next twelve months comprising of the Chief Executive, Section 151 Officer, Financial Director, Portfolio holder for finance and four main group leaders.

At the conclusion of the debate, Councillor Whitehead addressed this request in her summing up. She invited Councillor Gardiner to join the Financial Resilience Group (FRG) which had been set up a few years ago and was open to members of all parties. Currently there were approximately ten members meeting quarterly to discuss issues of financial resilience. Councillor Whitehead said that Councillor Gardiner would be very welcome to attend and suggest items for the agenda. The FRG was a body where all parties could come together to discuss financial issues.

A recorded vote was then taken on the proposition when the votes were recorded as follows:

For the proposition: Councillors Anderson, Anderton, Askari, Bannon, Biddulph, Black, Boyd-Power, Brookes, Bryning, Dant, Dennison, Dowding, Firth, Frea, Greenwell, Hamilton-Cox, Hanson, Hartley, Heath, Hunter, Jackson (Caroline), Jenkins, Knight (Geoff), Knight (Sarah), Lewis, Matthews, Penny, Pritchard, Sinclair, Stubbins, Taylor, Thornberry, Whearty, Whitaker, Whitehead, Wood, Young (37).

Against the proposition: None.

Abstentions: Councillors Budden, Cleet, Gardiner, Guilding, Morris, Thomas, Wild and Yates (8).

Resolved:

- (1) That the General Fund Revenue Budget of £21.254M for 2022/23 be approved, resulting in a Council Tax Requirement of £10.176M, excluding parish precepts, and a Band D basic City Council tax rate of £241.95.
- (2) That the supporting General Fund Revenue Budget proposals be approved, as summarised at Appendices A and B of the report.
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- (4) That Council notes the Section 151 Officer's advice regarding robustness of budget estimates, the adequacy of reserves and balances, specifically the advice that the minimum level of balances be retained at £3.5M, to provide for added uncertainty.

123 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET FRAMEWORK 2022 TO 2026

Councillor Matthews, the Cabinet Member for Housing, introduced the Housing Revenue Account Budget Framework 2022 to 2026. The report presented Cabinet's final budget proposals in relation to the Housing Revenue Account to allow the Council to complete its budget setting for 2022/23 and update its financial strategy to 2026.

Councillor Matthews then took questions from Councillors and agreed to supply Councillor Guilding, Champion for the Disabilities, with information about services for disabled residents, in the form of a written answer.

There were no further questions and Councillor Matthews, seconded by Councillor Heath, proposed:

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

There was no debate and the proposal was clearly carried when put to the vote.

Resolved:

- (1) That Cabinet's recommendation to approve the council housing rent levels for 2022/23, as set in accordance with statutory requirements, be noted.
- (2) That the Housing Revenue Account budgets and future years' projections be

approved, as set out in Appendix A of the report.

- (3) That the revenue additional budget proposals be approved, as set out in section 3.5 of the report.
- (4) That the Council Housing Capital Programme be approved, as set out in Appendix B of the report.
- (5) That the minimum level of HRA unallocated balances be retained at £500,000 from 01 April 2022, and that the full Statement on Reserves and Balances, as set out at Appendix C of the report, be approved.
- (6) 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.

124 CAPITAL STRATEGY AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 TO 2025/26

Councillor Whitehead introduced the report for the next item, Capital Strategy and Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2025/26. She presented Cabinet's final budget proposals to allow the Council to approve a General Fund Capital Programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26 and a Capital Strategy 2022/23.

When introducing the report, Councillor Whitehead referred to the composition of the Capital Assurance Group, set out on page 69 of the agenda and added that the Cabinet Members for Sustainable Economic Prosperity and Economic Recovery would also be invited to all meetings.

Councillor Whitehead responded to questions before proposing the recommendations set out in the report, seconded by Councillor Hamilton-Cox.

Following a short debate, a vote was taken and the proposition was clearly carried.

Resolved:

- (1) That the General Fund Capital Programme be approved, as set out at Appendix A of the report, subject to resolution (2), below.
- (2) That the Capital Strategy (Incorporating the Capital Investment Strategy: Investing in the Future) at Appendix B of the report, be approved.

125 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022/23

The Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23 was presented to Council by Councillor Whitehead. The report set out the 2022/23 framework for Council's approval.

There were no questions. Councillor Whitehead proposed the recommendation set out in the report, seconded by Councillor Hamilton-Cox.

No one wished to debate the proposal, which was clearly carried when put to the vote.

Resolved:

- (1) That the report be noted.

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

126 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY UPDATE 2022/23 TO 2025/26

The Chief Finance Officer had submitted a report to provide an update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23-2025/26.

Councillor Whitehead presented the report and responded to questions. The report was for noting.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

127 COUNCIL TAX 2022/23 (Pages 10 - 15)

The Chief Finance Officer had submitted a report seeking Council's approval for the 2022/23 Council rates for the district.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Whitehead and seconded by Councillor Hamilton-Cox.

A recorded vote was taken on the proposals, as required by regulations, without the need for debate.

Votes were recorded as follows:

For the proposition: Councillors Anderton, Askari, Bannon, Biddulph, Black, Boyd-Power, Brookes, Bryning, Budden, Cleet, Dant, Dennison, Dowding, Firth, Frea, Gardiner, Greenwell, Guilding, Hamilton-Cox, Hanson, Hartley, Heath, Hunter, Jackson (Caroline), Jenkins, Knight (Geoff), Knight (Sarah), Lewis, Matthews, Morris, Penny, Pritchard, Sinclair, Stubbins, Taylor, Thomas, Thornberry, Whearty, Whitaker, Whitehead, Wild, Wood, Yate, Young (44).

Against the proposition: None.

Abstentions: None.

The vote was unanimous and the full resolution, including all the Council Tax tables, is shown on the appended document.

128 PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT APPOINTMENTS THE APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS FROM 2023/24 TO 2027/28

The Chief Finance Officer had submitted a report setting out proposals for appointing an external auditor to the Council for the accounts for the five-year period from 2023/24.

Councillor Stubbins, the Chair of the Audit Committee, introduced the report and responded to questions. He then proposed:

"That approval is given to opt into the Public Sector Audit Appointments arrangements for the appointment of External Auditors from 2023/24."

Councillor Hamilton-Cox seconded the proposal.

There was no debate and the proposition was clearly carried when put to the vote.

Resolved:

That approval is given to opt into the Public Sector Audit Appointments arrangements for the appointment of External Auditors from 2023/24.

129 ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS

Council considered a report of the Head of Democratic Services advising Council of the calculations relating to the allocation of seats in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 following a change in the political composition of the Council.

Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Wood, proposed that the recommendation, as set out in the report, be approved.

There was no debate. The Deputy Mayor called for a vote, which was clearly carried.

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Part 4 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the City Council approves the calculations and allocation of seats set out in the report, including the adjustment set out in the table in 2.2 of the report, and paragraph 2.3 of the report.

130 APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Deputy Mayor informed Councillors that, to effect the adjustment Council had just agreed (minute 129 refers) Councillor Gardiner had passed his Conservative Group seat on the Appeals Committee to the Morecambe Bay Independents Group. Councillor Geoff Knight had been appointed to that seat by his group.

The Head of Democratic Services informed Councillors that, following the last meeting, there had been two changes to committee memberships. The Independent Group had replaced Councillor Evans on the Licensing Committee with Councillor Cleet and Councillor Gardiner had been appointed to the vacant Conservative seat on the same committee.

131 QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 (Pages 16 - 18)

The Deputy Mayor advised that four questions had been received by the Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

One question had been received from Councillor Whitaker to Councillor Dowding regarding Yorkshire Street in the West End of Morecambe.

Three questions had been received from Councillor Pritchard to Councillor Matthews regarding improvements to properties and thermal imaging.

Details of the questions and answers together with any supplementary questions and responses are appended to the minutes.

132 MINUTES OF CABINET

Council considered the Cabinet minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2022.

Resolved:

That the minutes be noted.

Mayor

(The meeting finished at 7.33 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these minutes,
please contact Debbie Chambers, Democratic Services - email dchambers@lancaster.gov.uk**

Resolved unanimously:

(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 2022/23, 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) 42,060.00 being the amount of its council tax base for the whole district [item T in the formula in section 31B of the Act];
- (b) 24,595.31 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	147.29	Nether Kellet	276.27
Arkholme-with-Cawood	171.21	Over Kellet	350.80
Bolton-le-Sands	1,685.70	Over Wyresdale	126.23
Borwick	87.72	Overton	376.60
Burrow-with-Burrow	104.36	Priest Hutton	94.75
Cantsfield	57.86	Quernmore	243.95
Carnforth	1,650.22	Roeburndale	21.47
Caton-with-Littledale	1,094.59	Scotforth	170.42
Claughton	58.40	Silverdale	822.34
Cockerham	293.90	Slyne-with-Hest	1,302.67
Ellel	1,061.26	Tatham	212.05
Gressingham	85.73	Thurnham	236.65
Halton-with-Aughton	1,086.34	Tunstall	63.52
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	657.04	Warton	887.99
Hornby-with-Farleton	342.80	Wennington	60.40
Ireby and Leck	111.44	Whittington	164.17
Melling-with-Wrayton	148.40	Wray-with-Botton	215.56
Middleton	221.20	Yealand Conyers	111.92
Morecambe Town Council	9,640.62	Yealand Redmayne	151.47

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 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act, as amended by the Localism Act 2011:

- (a) £115,651,666.98 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) £104,505,567.00 being the aggregate of the amounts which the City Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
- (c) £11,146,099.98 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) £969,682.98 being the aggregate amount of all special items (parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
- (e) £10,176,417.00 being the council tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding parish precepts);
- (f) £265.00 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) £241.95 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>Parish</i>	<i>Tax Rate £</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Tax Rate £</i>
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	279.97	Nether Kellet	280.73
Arkholme-with-Cawood	262.61	Over Kellet	265.61
Bolton-le-Sands	263.59	Over Wyresdale	257.79
Borwick	253.35	Overton	269.64
Burrow-with-Burrow	261.11	Priest Hutton	273.61
Cantsfield	241.95	Quernmore	255.07
Carnforth	296.49	Roeburndale	241.95
Caton-with-Littledale	274.55	Scotforth	255.45
Cloughton	241.95	Silverdale	298.73
Cockerham	272.01	Slyne-with-Hest	291.85
Ellel	272.66	Tatham	270.49
Gressingham	269.94	Thurnham	268.99
Halton-with-Aughton	281.47	Tunstall	328.54
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	258.86	Warton	265.38
Hornby-with-Farleton	288.56	Wennington	359.95
Ireby and Leck	301.17	Whittington	278.50
Melling-with-Wrayton	327.94	Wray-with-Botton	286.16
Middleton	308.32	Yealand Conyers	268.75
Morecambe Town Council	286.06	Yealand Redmayne	282.80

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
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Non Parished Area	161.30	188.18	215.07	241.95	295.72	349.48	403.25	483.90
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	186.65	217.75	248.86	279.97	342.19	404.40	466.62	559.94
Arkholme-with-Cawood	175.07	204.25	233.43	262.61	320.97	379.33	437.68	525.22
Bolton-le-Sands	175.73	205.01	234.30	263.59	322.17	380.74	439.32	527.18
Borwick	168.90	197.05	225.20	253.35	309.65	365.95	422.25	506.70
Burrow-with-Burrow	174.07	203.09	232.10	261.11	319.13	377.16	435.18	522.22
Cantsfield	161.30	188.18	215.07	241.95	295.72	349.48	403.25	483.90
Carnforth	197.66	230.60	263.55	296.49	362.38	428.26	494.15	592.98
Caton-with-Littledale	183.03	213.54	244.04	274.55	335.56	396.57	457.58	549.10
Cloughton	161.30	188.18	215.07	241.95	295.72	349.48	403.25	483.90
Cockerham	181.34	211.56	241.79	272.01	332.46	392.90	453.35	544.02
Ellel	181.77	212.07	242.36	272.66	333.25	393.84	454.43	545.32
Gressingham	179.96	209.95	239.95	269.94	329.93	389.91	449.90	539.88
Halton-with-Aughton	187.65	218.92	250.20	281.47	344.02	406.57	469.12	562.94
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	172.57	201.34	230.10	258.86	316.38	373.91	431.43	517.72
Hornby-with-Farleton	192.37	224.44	256.50	288.56	352.68	416.81	480.93	577.12
Ireby and Leck	200.78	234.24	267.71	301.17	368.10	435.02	501.95	602.34
Melling-with-Wrayton	218.63	255.06	291.50	327.94	400.82	473.69	546.57	655.88
Middleton	205.55	239.80	274.06	308.32	376.84	445.35	513.87	616.64
Morecambe TC	190.71	222.49	254.28	286.06	349.63	413.20	476.77	572.12
Nether Kellet	187.15	218.35	249.54	280.73	343.11	405.50	467.88	561.46
Over Kellet	177.07	206.59	236.10	265.61	324.63	383.66	442.68	531.22
Over Wyresdale	171.86	200.50	229.15	257.79	315.08	372.36	429.65	515.58
Overton	179.76	209.72	239.68	269.64	329.56	389.48	449.40	539.28
Priest Hutton	182.41	212.81	243.21	273.61	334.41	395.21	456.02	547.22
Quernmore	170.05	198.39	226.73	255.07	311.75	368.43	425.12	510.14
Roeburndale	161.30	188.18	215.07	241.95	295.72	349.48	403.25	483.90
Scotforth	170.30	198.68	227.07	255.45	312.22	368.98	425.75	510.90
Silverdale	199.15	232.35	265.54	298.73	365.11	431.50	497.88	597.46
Slyne-with-Hest	194.57	226.99	259.42	291.85	356.71	421.56	486.42	583.70
Tatham	180.33	210.38	240.44	270.49	330.60	390.71	450.82	540.98
Thurnham	179.33	209.21	239.10	268.99	328.77	388.54	448.32	537.98
Tunstall	219.03	255.53	292.04	328.54	401.55	474.56	547.57	657.08
Warton	176.92	206.41	235.89	265.38	324.35	383.33	442.30	530.76
Wennington	239.97	279.96	319.96	359.95	439.94	519.93	599.92	719.90
Whittington	185.67	216.61	247.56	278.50	340.39	402.28	464.17	557.00
Wray-with-Botton	190.77	222.57	254.36	286.16	349.75	413.34	476.93	572.32
Yealand Conyers	179.17	209.03	238.89	268.75	328.47	388.19	447.92	537.50
Yealand Redmayne	188.53	219.96	251.38	282.80	345.64	408.49	471.33	565.60

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 2022/23 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	1,009.53	157.63	51.51
B	1,177.78	183.91	60.10
C	1,346.04	210.18	68.68
D	1,514.29	236.45	77.27
E	1,850.80	288.99	94.44
F	2,187.31	341.54	111.61
G	2,523.82	394.08	128.78
H	3,028.58	472.90	154.54

- (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 2022/23 for each part of its area for each of the categories of dwellings.

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Non Parished Area	1,379.97	1,609.97	1,839.97	2,069.96	2,529.95	2,989.94	3,449.93	4,139.92
Aldcliffe-with-Stodday	1,405.32	1,639.54	1,873.76	2,107.98	2,576.42	3,044.86	3,513.30	4,215.96
Arkholme-with-Cawood	1,393.74	1,626.04	1,858.33	2,090.62	2,555.20	3,019.79	3,484.36	4,181.24
Bolton-le-Sands	1,394.40	1,626.80	1,859.20	2,091.60	2,556.40	3,021.20	3,486.00	4,183.20
Borwick	1,387.57	1,618.84	1,850.10	2,081.36	2,543.88	3,006.41	3,468.93	4,162.72
Burrow-with-Burrow	1,392.74	1,624.88	1,857.00	2,089.12	2,553.36	3,017.62	3,481.86	4,178.24
Cantsfield	1,379.97	1,609.97	1,839.97	2,069.96	2,529.95	2,989.94	3,449.93	4,139.92
Carnforth	1,416.33	1,652.39	1,888.45	2,124.50	2,596.61	3,068.72	3,540.83	4,249.00
Caton-with-Littledale	1,401.70	1,635.33	1,868.94	2,102.56	2,569.79	3,037.03	3,504.26	4,205.12
Cloughton	1,379.97	1,609.97	1,839.97	2,069.96	2,529.95	2,989.94	3,449.93	4,139.92
Cockerham	1,400.01	1,633.35	1,866.69	2,100.02	2,566.69	3,033.36	3,500.03	4,200.04
Ellel	1,400.44	1,633.86	1,867.26	2,100.67	2,567.48	3,034.30	3,501.11	4,201.34
Gressingham	1,398.63	1,631.74	1,864.85	2,097.95	2,564.16	3,030.37	3,496.58	4,195.90
Halton-with-Aughton	1,406.32	1,640.71	1,875.10	2,109.48	2,578.25	3,047.03	3,515.80	4,218.96
Heaton-with-Oxcliffe	1,391.24	1,623.13	1,855.00	2,086.87	2,550.61	3,014.37	3,478.11	4,173.74

Hornby-with-Farleton	1,411.04	1,646.23	1,881.40	2,116.57	2,586.91	3,057.27	3,527.61	4,233.14
Ireby and Leck	1,419.45	1,656.03	1,892.61	2,129.18	2,602.33	3,075.48	3,548.63	4,258.36
Melling-with-Wrayton	1,437.30	1,676.85	1,916.40	2,155.95	2,635.05	3,114.15	3,593.25	4,311.90
Middleton Morecambe Town Council	1,424.22	1,661.59	1,898.96	2,136.33	2,611.07	3,085.81	3,560.55	4,272.66
Nether Kellet	1,409.38	1,644.28	1,879.18	2,114.07	2,583.86	3,053.66	3,523.45	4,228.14
Over Kellet	1,405.82	1,640.14	1,874.44	2,108.74	2,577.34	3,045.96	3,514.56	4,217.48
Over Wyresdale	1,395.74	1,628.38	1,861.00	2,093.62	2,558.86	3,024.12	3,489.36	4,187.24
Over Wyresdale	1,390.53	1,622.29	1,854.05	2,085.80	2,549.31	3,012.82	3,476.33	4,171.60
Overton	1,398.43	1,631.51	1,864.58	2,097.65	2,563.79	3,029.94	3,496.08	4,195.30
Priest Hutton	1,401.08	1,634.60	1,868.11	2,101.62	2,568.64	3,035.67	3,502.70	4,203.24
Quernmore	1,388.72	1,620.18	1,851.63	2,083.08	2,545.98	3,008.89	3,471.80	4,166.16
Roeburndale	1,379.97	1,609.97	1,839.97	2,069.96	2,529.95	2,989.94	3,449.93	4,139.92
Scotforth	1,388.97	1,620.47	1,851.97	2,083.46	2,546.45	3,009.44	3,472.43	4,166.92
Silverdale	1,417.82	1,654.14	1,890.44	2,126.74	2,599.34	3,071.96	3,544.56	4,253.48
Slyne-with-Hest	1,413.24	1,648.78	1,884.32	2,119.86	2,590.94	3,062.02	3,533.10	4,239.72
Tatham	1,399.00	1,632.17	1,865.34	2,098.50	2,564.83	3,031.17	3,497.50	4,197.00
Thurnham	1,398.00	1,631.00	1,864.00	2,097.00	2,563.00	3,029.00	3,495.00	4,194.00
Tunstall	1,437.70	1,677.32	1,916.94	2,156.55	2,635.78	3,115.02	3,594.25	4,313.10
Warton	1,395.59	1,628.20	1,860.79	2,093.39	2,558.58	3,023.79	3,488.98	4,186.78
Wennington	1,458.64	1,701.75	1,944.86	2,187.96	2,674.17	3,160.39	3,646.60	4,375.92
Whittington	1,404.34	1,638.40	1,872.46	2,106.51	2,574.62	3,042.74	3,510.85	4,213.02
Wray-with-Botton	1,409.44	1,644.36	1,879.26	2,114.17	2,583.98	3,053.80	3,523.61	4,228.34
Yealand Conyers	1,397.84	1,630.82	1,863.79	2,096.76	2,562.70	3,028.65	3,494.60	4,193.52
Yealand Redmayne	1,407.20	1,641.75	1,876.28	2,110.81	2,579.87	3,048.95	3,518.01	4,221.62

- (6) That it be determined that the City Council's basic amount of council tax for 2022/23 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.

Council meeting 23 February 2022
Questions on notice from Members

(1) Councillor Whitaker asked Councillor Dowding:

Given the Derelict Space on Corner of Yorkshire Street as you turn off from Regent Road it is apparent this land has been derelict and left in a poor state since the building was knocked down following a fire a few years ago. It is a consequently a major concern given that we have businesses and people wanting to bring Yorkshire Street back into a place for people to visit so it is essential something positive is done with this land.

Can I ask The Cabinet Member what efforts on The Part of The Council have been done to deal with this derelict land-in relation to tidying this land up and bringing back into use?

Councillor Dowding replied:

The Council has made contact with the landowner who has agreed to clear all the vegetation and resecure the site hoarding. In addition, the landowner has also agreed to obtain professional advice on the matter of the exposed gable wall that has been left in poor condition. The owner has been requested by the Council that this should be progressed within weeks rather than months.

The Council is actively monitoring the situation.

As his supplementary question, **Councillor Whitaker asked:**

Do you agree with me that the community could be given the opportunity to bring it back into use and should there be debate with the local community?

Councillor Dowding replied:

Yes, I agree that this would make an ideal pocket park however there would be land ownership issues and maintenance costs to consider in whether that would be at all possible. Councillor Dowding agreed to look into it further.

(2) From Councillor Pritchard to Councillor Matthews:

The Council has retro fit some Council owned houses. When will we be able to see the data from these improvements to the energy efficiency of these houses?

We are very excited by the completion of the first phase of whole house refurbishment and retrofit works to 19 properties at Mount Avenue on Beaumont. The project was designed and managed by our Repairs and Maintenance Service with remaining properties on this estate due to be completed in the next financial year. Following the success of this scheme, we intend to invest a further £4m in similar projects over the next 4 years.

The potential energy efficiency improvements for tenants and carbon emission reductions are significant. Current estimates envisage an annual reduction of 30% carbon emissions per household. We are currently engaging with Mount Avenue resident to help turn potential savings into reality. To gain a better understanding of energy use tenants have volunteered to take part in a long-term study in partnership with Lancaster University. Over the heating season, devices have been fitted monitoring energy use before and after the works. The data will be collected over the year and the following heating season and will inform the design of future projects, as well as advice to tenants to make energy more affordable, and contribute to carbon reduction ambitions we share. We will of course share the results of this when available.

Council Housing has a target of achieving an EPC 'C' band rating or better for all our properties by 2030. We take a whole house, fabric first approach, undertaking an energy assessment, occupancy survey and condition survey. Any deficiencies in energy performance are identified and an energy plan is generated recommending specific improvement measures specific to that property. Additionally, across our stock we continue to upgrade and install the most energy efficient components. A typical energy loss model of a house demonstrates the benefits of improving the performance of walls, floors and roofs. Energy performance plays a big part in all our procurement decisions, from new doors and windows, gas & electrical appliances, ventilation and depth of insulation.

(3) From Councillor Pritchard to Councillor Matthews:

This could be helpful to the rest of our district, helping people make decisions on improvements to their properties, eg. heat pumps, solar panels, solar water heaters and thermal cladding, are a few things to be considered, so do we have any knowledge of which would make the biggest difference to a property?

Properties should be treated individually or grouped together where we have strong knowledge of property types / components, and there are still many complexities linked to this area of work in terms of technology available, cost of installation, impact on energy bills for residents and access to locally qualified providers. This continues to be an evolving landscape.

Within Council Housing we have undertaken training to bring in-house our energy performance certification and we assess, and design energy improvement works to those properties assessed. For example, by fitting Solar PV panels where the installation will generate the greatest benefit, typically to sheltered accommodation. We are beginning to assess the potential of district heating schemes and have installed our first heat pump with more planned.

However we also appreciate that residents across the district also need support and advice. Our Home Improvement Agency supports older and disabled residents to remain safe, warm and secure in their own homes. Last year the HIA recruited a dedicated Energy Retrofit Technical Officer to assist vulnerable residents receiving Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG), to improve the energy efficiency of their homes at the same time. Since last summer over 55 grant applicants have been assisted with a range of measures including, boiler repairs/servicing, new heating systems, replacement window/doors, loft, under floor and cavity wall insulation. The HIA has also secured funding to provide DFG applicants with free energy advice and minor energy improvement measures such as, LED bulbs and draughtproofing.

We are currently working on a business case to establish the options for extending this approach to other householders who want this expert advice on a charged for basis as a trusted provider.

Councillor Pritchard asked, by way of a supplementary question: *You mentioned local providers for insulation and things like that, where would we go to for a list of local providers?*

Councillor Matthews replied that there was a shortage of local providers but she would get a list to Councillor Pritchard.

(4) From Councillor Pritchard to Councillor Matthews:

As a Council, do we have a thermal imaging camera? These are excellent for showing where the heat is being lost from a house.

We recognise thermal imaging is potentially a useful diagnostic, alongside our current assessment techniques described above. We have access to a camera for specific surveys. We use it, for example, to identify cold spots around window and door openings and roof heat loss. Thermal imaging has also been used to diagnose moisture, dampness and leaks to diagnose repairs affecting thermal efficiency.

By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Pritchard asked: *If we have, could it be used by residents in our district, so they could be better informed about where the heat is being lost from their homes?*

Achieving actual savings depends on energy performance of the building, and to large extent the energy choices made, how residents control their energy use and the habits and routines and of each household. As previously mentioned typical energy loss models of a house demonstrates the benefits of improving the performance of walls, floors and roofs.

In our Council owned homes to help make informed decisions about energy, all new tenants are supported by a visit from our Energy Support Officer, providing energy advice, helping tenants economically use appliances and controls and apply for available grants. We also identify any problems, recommend measures, or make interventions to assist the tenant.

In other properties more vulnerable residents can be supported with advice and interventions via our HIA.