

# COUNCIL

**Tuesday, 26 February 2008**

**Present:** Councillor Adrian Lowe (Mayor), Councillor Terry Brown (Deputy Mayor), Councillors Ken Ball, Nora Ball, Eric Bell, Judith Boothman, Alan Cain, Pat Case, Alan Cullens, Magda Cullens, Michael Davies, Mike Devaney, David Dickinson, Mrs Doreen Dickinson, Dennis Edgerley, Anthony Gee, Daniel Gee, Peter Goldsworthy, Mrs Marie Gray, Pat Haughton, Harold Heaton, Catherine Hoyle, Keith Iddon, Margaret Iddon, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, Margaret Lees, Roy Lees, Laura Lennox, Marion Lowe, Peter Malpas, Thomas McGowan, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Mick Muncaster, Mark Perks, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell, Edward Smith, Iris Smith, Shaun Smith, Joyce Snape, Ralph Snape, John Walker and Mrs Stella Walsh

## **08.C.117 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Henry Caunce and Mary Wilson.

## **08.C.118 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 December 2007 be confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

## **08.C.119 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS**

No Member declared an interest in relation to matters under consideration at the meeting.

## **08.C.120 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Charity Ball.

The Mayor thanked everyone who joined him and the Mayoress at the Charity Ball. It had been a great success and he hoped that everyone who attended enjoyed the night as much as they had. Due to the outstanding support received from local businesses and individuals, more than £2000 was raised.

Regimental Dinner.

The Mayor informed everyone that on Friday 28 March he would be holding a Regimental Dinner at the TA Barracks in Devonshire Road. The evening included a pre-dinner drinks reception and a five course meal. Tickets were priced at £40.00 and could be purchased from the Mayor's Secretary. As places were limited, tickets were allocated on a first come first served basis.

Charity Meal.

The Mayor informed everyone that following the next full Council meeting on 22 April, the final one for the Mayor, a Charity Meal would be taking place. The details had yet to be finalised but was likely to be at a Chinese Restaurant. Details to be circulated by the Mayor's Secretary.

Charity Dog Walk.

The Mayor informed Member that on Sunday 9 March a charity dog walk would be taking place to raise money for his Charity Appeal. The walk would be taking place at Yarrow Valley Country Park at 10.00 am. Cost was £3.00 per dog and there was no need to book.

#### **08.C.121 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There had been no requests from any member of the public to ask a question on any of the agenda items.

#### **08.C.122 GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX, 2008/09**

The Executive Leader presented a report putting forward proposals for the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax levels for 2008/09 as well as the Council's Capital Programme for 2008/09, which had received approval by the Executive Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 February 2008.

The report contained representations received in response to consultation on the draft budget proposals and which highlighted the key concerns that had been expressed by respondents.

The Executive Leader explained that the proposals had been formulated to achieve a number of objectives.

- Ensure the Council continued to deliver a balanced budget.
- The Council continued to deliver value for money for its residents.
- The Council continued to invest in frontline services and priorities.

In terms of the key messages, there were many positives to report.

- The proposed level of 2.5% Council Tax increase was well below the current rate of inflation.
- There would be significant investment in the continued improvement of front line services.
- Disruption to the current Council Services, which are performing well, had been kept to a minimum.

The report set out the Executive Cabinets proposals, including appendices relating to budget consultation responses, including the Executives response to issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to its review of the budget, the Council's Capital Programme and a note explaining the pooling arrangement with regard to concessionary travel.

Also appended to the report was a report of the Statutory Finance Officer to satisfy the provision of Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 requiring the officer to report independently to Members on the robustness of the budget and the risks contained in the budget.

In respect of the budget proposals it was moved by Councillor Alan Cullens (Executive Member for Resources) and seconded by Councillor Peter Goldsworthy (Executive Leader) that the budget and estimates of the Executive Cabinet be approved.

In respect of the budget proposals, the Council received a report by the Leader of the Labour Group on the Shadow Cabinets alternative budget.

It was moved by Councillor Dennis Edgerley and seconded by Councillor Terry Brown that the Shadow Cabinet's alternative budget, including the following amendments be approved.

Labour Group Proposals

Additional Street cleaning	£40,000
Reduce Provision Projects delivered by Partners.	£45,000
Projects delivered by Partners.	
£45,000	

The proposal was put to the vote and the Mayor declared it lost.

In respect of the budget proposals it was moved by Councillor Dennis Edgerley and seconded by Councillor Terry Brown that the following items contained in the Alternative Budget be approved.

<u>Additional Recurrent Expenditure</u>	<u>Labour Group Proposals</u>
Fund for physical improvement, neighbourhood and recreation grounds and lighting.	£200,000
Prevention of Homelessness Fund	£70,000

The amendment was put to the vote and the Mayor declared it lost.

It was moved by Councillor Alan Cullens (Executive Member for Resources) and seconded by Councillor Peter Goldsworthy (Executive Leader) that the following be approved.

- The necessary formal resolution in the setting of the 2008/09 Council Tax for the Borough to reflect the Council's net revenue estimates, together with the necessary addition to meet Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Police Authority, Lancashire Fire Authority and Parish Council precepts as set at in Appendix 8.
- The Council's Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 5 of the submitted report.
- The pooling arrangement with regard to concessionary transport as set out in Appendix 7 of the submitted report.
- The advice of the Statutory Finance Officer in relation to the robustness of the budget and the risks contained in the budget and the Treasury Management Strategy and its core principles as set out in Appendix 9 of the submitted report.
- The fees and charges increases and car park tariff changes as set out in Appendix 4 of the submitted report.
- The Councils Medium Term Financial Strategy as set out in Appendix 10 of the submitted report.

**RESOLVED –**

1. **That it be noted that acting under delegated powers the Director of Finance calculated the amount of 35,296.10 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2008/09 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local**

**Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**

- (a) *35,296.10 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax Base for the year.*
- (b) **being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.**

	<b>(b)Part of the Council's area</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
		<b>£</b>
<b>Parish of:</b>	Adlington	1,966.00
	Anderton	494.30
	Anglezarke	16.50
	Astley Village	1,110.10
	Bretherton	291.10
	Brindle	459.60
	Charnock Richard	671.90
	Clayton le Woods	4,735.80
	Coppull	2,351.90
	Croston	1,034.00
	Cuerden	41.10
	Eccleston	1,559.10
	Euxton	3,388.40
	Heapey	381.00
	Heath Charnock	797.10
	Heskin	347.30
	Hoghton	364.00
	Mawdesley	748.80
	Rivington	51.90
	Ulnes Walton	260.90
	Wheelton	395.80
	Whittle Woods	1,925.30
	Withnell	1,256.10
	All other parts of the Council's area	10,648.10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35,296.10</b>

2. **That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2008/09 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:**
- (a) **£43,067,230 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act;**
- (b) **£28,098,250 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act;**

- (c) £14,968,980 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year;
- (d) £8,221,000 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, Revenue Support Grant, increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;
- (e) £191.18 being the amount at 2(c) above less the amount at 2(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;
- (f) £1,260,003 being the aggregated amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
- (g) £155.48 being the amount at 2(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2(f) above by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relates;

<b>(h)Part of the Council's area</b>		
		<b>£</b>
<b>Parish of:</b>	Adlington	169.22
	Anderton	165.54
	Anglezarke	155.48
	Astley Village	201.21
	Bretherton	184.48
	Brindle	174.35
	Charnock Richard	196.47
	Clayton le Woods	216.67
	Coppull	202.47
	Croston	185.52
	Cuerden	191.00
	Eccleston	186.44
	Euxton	203.87
	Heapey	195.54
	Heath Charnock	181.79
	Heskin	187.45
	Hoghton	173.99
	Mawdesley	188.82
	Rivington	182.45
	Ulnes Walton	175.82
	Wheelton	182.82
	Whittle le Woods	192.82
	Withnell	186.33
	All other parts of the Council's area	181.80

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2(g) above to the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

(i) **Part of the Council's Area**

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	<b>Valuation Bands</b>							
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Parish of:</b>								
Adlington	112.81	131.62	150.42	169.22	206.82	244.43	282.03	338.44
Anderton	110.36	128.75	147.15	165.54	202.33	239.11	275.90	331.08
Anglezarke	103.64	120.93	138.19	155.48	190.02	224.57	259.12	310.95
Astley Village	134.14	156.50	178.85	201.21	245.92	290.64	335.35	402.42
Bretherton	122.99	143.48	163.98	184.48	225.48	266.47	307.47	368.96
Brindle	116.23	135.61	154.98	174.35	213.09	251.84	290.58	348.70
Charnock Richard	130.98	152.81	174.64	196.47	240.13	283.79	327.45	392.94
Clayton le Woods	144.45	168.52	192.60	216.67	264.82	312.97	361.12	433.34
Coppull	134.98	157.48	179.97	202.47	247.46	292.46	337.45	404.94
Croston	123.68	144.29	164.91	185.52	226.75	267.97	309.20	371.04
Cuerden	127.33	148.56	169.78	191.00	233.44	275.89	318.33	382.00
Eccleston	124.29	145.01	165.72	186.44	227.87	269.30	310.73	372.88
Euxton	135.91	158.57	181.22	203.87	249.17	294.48	339.78	407.74
Heapey	130.36	152.09	173.81	195.54	238.99	282.45	325.90	391.08
Heath Charnock	121.19	141.39	161.59	181.79	222.19	262.59	302.98	363.58
Heskin	124.97	145.79	166.62	187.45	229.11	270.76	312.42	374.90
Hoghton	115.99	135.33	154.66	173.99	212.65	251.32	289.98	347.98
Mawdesley	125.88	146.86	167.84	188.82	230.78	272.74	314.70	377.64
Rivington	121.63	141.91	162.18	182.45	222.99	263.54	304.08	364.90
Ulmes Walton	117.21	136.75	156.28	175.82	214.89	253.96	293.03	351.64
Wheelton	121.88	142.19	162.51	182.82	223.45	264.07	304.70	365.64
Whittle le Woods	128.55	149.97	171.40	192.82	235.67	278.52	321.37	385.64
Withnell	124.22	144.92	165.63	186.33	227.74	269.14	310.55	372.66
All other parts of the Council's area	121.20	141.40	161.60	181.80	222.20	262.60	303.00	363.60

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(g) and 2(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 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.

3. That it be noted that for the year 2008/09 the Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Police Authority, and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Precepting authority</b>								
Lancashire County Council *	718.04	837.71	957.39	<b>1,077.06</b>	1,316.41	1,555.75	1,795.10	2,154.12
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority *	40.11	46.79	53.48	<b>60.16</b>	73.53	86.90	100.27	120.32
Lancashire Police Authority*	90.64	105.75	120.85	<b>135.96</b>	166.17	196.39	226.60	271.92

4. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2(i) and 3 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2008/09 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

(i) Part of the Council's Area

Parish of:	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Adlington	961.60	1,121.86	1,282.14	1,442.40	1,762.94	2,083.48	2,404.01	2,884.80
Anderton	959.14	1,119.00	1,278.87	1,438.72	1,758.44	2,078.17	2,397.87	2,877.44
Anglezarke	952.44	1,111.18	1,269.93	1,428.66	1,746.14	2,063.63	2,381.11	2,857.32
Astley Village	982.93	1,146.74	1,310.58	1,474.39	1,802.04	2,129.68	2,457.33	2,948.78
Bretherton	971.77	1,133.74	1,295.71	1,457.66	1,781.58	2,105.52	2,429.44	2,915.32
Brindle	965.02	1,125.86	1,286.70	1,447.53	1,769.20	2,090.88	2,412.56	2,895.06
Charnock Richard	979.77	1,143.06	1,306.37	1,469.65	1,796.24	2,122.84	2,449.43	2,939.30
Clayton le Woods	993.24	1,158.76	1,324.32	1,489.85	1,820.93	2,152.01	2,483.10	2,979.70
Coppull	983.77	1,147.72	1,311.70	1,475.65	1,803.58	2,131.50	2,459.43	2,951.30
Croston	972.46	1,134.55	1,296.63	1,458.70	1,782.85	2,107.02	2,431.17	2,917.40
Cuerden	976.12	1,138.81	1,301.50	1,464.18	1,789.55	2,114.93	2,440.31	2,928.36
Eccleston	973.09	1,135.26	1,297.45	1,459.62	1,783.98	2,108.36	2,432.72	2,919.25
Euxton	984.70	1,148.82	1,312.94	1,477.05	1,805.28	2,133.53	2,461.76	2,954.10
Heapey	979.14	1,142.34	1,305.53	1,468.71	1,795.08	2,121.48	2,447.85	2,937.42
Heath Charnock	969.98	1,131.65	1,293.31	1,454.97	1,778.29	2,101.64	2,424.96	2,909.94
Heskin	973.76	1,136.05	1,298.35	1,460.63	1,785.21	2,109.80	2,434.40	2,921.26
Hoghton	964.78	1,125.57	1,286.39	1,447.17	1,768.77	2,090.36	2,411.96	2,894.34
Mawdesley	974.67	1,137.11	1,299.57	1,462.00	1,786.89	2,111.78	2,436.68	2,924.00
Rivington	970.42	1,132.16	1,293.90	1,455.63	1,779.10	2,102.59	2,426.06	2,911.26
Ulnes Walton	966.00	1,127.00	1,288.01	1,449.00	1,771.00	2,093.01	2,415.01	2,898.00
Wheelton	970.67	1,132.44	1,294.23	1,456.00	1,779.56	2,103.12	2,426.68	2,912.00
Whittle le Woods	977.33	1,140.23	1,303.12	1,466.00	1,791.77	2,117.57	2,443.34	2,932.00
Withnell	973.01	1,135.17	1,297.35	1,459.51	1,783.85	2,108.19	2,432.53	2,919.02
All other parts of the Council's area	969.99	1,131.65	1,293.33	1,454.98	1,778.31	2,101.65	2,424.98	2,909.96

5. That the Statutory Finance Officer and his officers be authorised to take any action necessary to ensure collection and recovery of the Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates.
6. That the Council's Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 5 of the submitted report be approved.

7. That the pooling arrangements with regard to concessionary transport as set out in Appendix 7 of the submitted report, be approved.
8. That the advice of the Statutory Finance Officer, under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 in relation to the robustness of the budget and the risks contained in the budget, and the Treasury Management Strategy and its core principles as set out in Appendix 9 of the submitted report, be approved.
9. That the fees and charges increases and car park tariff charges as set out in Appendix 4 of the submitted report, be approved.
10. That the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy as set out in Appendix 10 be approved.

<b>EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL TAX SETTING RESOLUTION</b>	
<b>RESOLUTION 1</b>	
<b>(a)</b>	Before we can calculate the Council Tax to be charged, we first have to calculate the Council Tax base. The Council Tax base is the amount which a Band D Council Tax of £1.00 would raise. For 2008/09 we estimate that a £1.00 Council Tax at Band D would raise £35,296.10 in the Chorley area.
<b>(b)</b>	This shows the "base" figure for each Parish in the area. For example, a £1.00 Band D Council Tax in Adlington would raise £1,966.00.
<b>RESOLUTION 2</b>	
<b>(a)</b>	This is the grand total of money which the Council estimates it will spend on services in 2008/09. It also includes £575,386 which Parish Councils need to spend on their services.
<b>(b)</b>	This is the grand total of money which the Council estimates it will receive from various sources in the year. This includes, for example, car park charges, investment income, government grants in respect of benefits, etc.
<b>(c)</b>	This is the difference between 2(a) and 2(b) and is in effect the Council's and Parishes net spending on services.
<b>(d)</b>	This is the amount that the Government will contribute towards the cost of services. Also included is extra Council Tax resulting from new properties and expected collection rates in previous years.
<b>(e)</b>	The difference between 2(c) and 2(d) is £6,747,980 and this is the amount we need to charge Council Taxpayers. This is divided by the base (see 1(a) above) and the resulting figure of £191.18 is the average Band D Council Tax for all Borough and Parish services.
<b>(f)</b>	The total of all the amounts needed from Council Taxpayers by the Parish Councils in the area and for Chorley Borough Special Expenses.
<b>(g)</b>	This is the Band D Council Tax for Chorley Borough Council's own services



**excluding Parish Council spending and Special Expenses**

**(h) This table shows the Band D Council Tax for all parishes including the cost of Parish Councils and Chorley Borough Council. For example, Adlington's Band D Council Tax is £155.48 for Chorley Borough services and £9.16 for Adlington Town Council services and £4.58 for Chorley Borough Special Expenses.**

(i) The rate for each property Band is calculated by reference to the Band D charge. The following ratios apply:

Band A	$\frac{6}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band B	$\frac{7}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band C	$\frac{8}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band D	$\frac{9}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band E	$\frac{11}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band F	$\frac{13}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band G	$\frac{15}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band H	$\frac{18}{9}$ ths of Band D

For Adlington Band A, for example, the charge is  $\text{£}169.22 \times 6 \div 9 = \text{£}112.81$ ; for Band B it is  $\text{£}169.22 \times 7 \div 9 = \text{£}131.62$ .

RESOLUTION 3

Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire Authority and Lancashire Police Authority are separate bodies who have worked out their own estimates of spend and income for 2007/08 and have set taxes in a similar way to Chorley Borough Council. This resolution notes their final decision.

RESOLUTION 4

This pulls together the Council Taxes for Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire Authority, Lancashire Police Authority, Chorley Borough Council and the Parsonage Councillors. For example, the Band D for Adlington is  $\text{£}1,442.40$  made up as follows:

	£
Lancashire County Council (as in 4 above)	1,077.06
Lancashire Fire Authority (as in 4 above)	60.16
Lancashire Police Authority (as in 4 above)	135.96
Chorley Borough Council (as in 3(g) above)	155.48
Adlington Town Council	9.16
Special Expenses	4.58

RESOLUTION 5

Formally authorise the necessary staff to take legal action to collect arrears as when this is necessary. For the vast majority of taxpayers, this is not needed

Mayor