

18 February 2014

Special Council

You are invited to attend a special meeting of the Council to be held in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley on **Tuesday, 25th February 2014 commencing at 6.30 pm.**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 7 January 2014 (Pages 5 - 10)**
3. **Declarations of Any Interests**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda.

If you have a pecuniary interest you must withdraw from the meeting. Normally you should leave the room before the business starts to be discussed. You do, however, have the same right to speak as a member of the public and may remain in the room to enable you to exercise that right and then leave immediately. In either case you must not seek to improperly influence a decision on the matter.

4. **Mayoral Announcements**
5. **Public Questions**

Members of the public who have requested the opportunity to ask question(s) on any item(s) on the agenda will have three minutes to put their question(s) to the relevant Councillor. Members of the public will be allowed to ask one short supplementary question.

6. **Recorded Votes at Budget Meetings (Pages 11 - 12)**

Members are advised that from 25 February 2014, there is a new requirement under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 for how councillors voted on decisions at budget meetings, to be recorded in the minutes. This includes votes on any proposed amendments.

The relevant correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government is attached and Council Procedure Rules will be revised in due course.

For the purpose of the Budget Council recorded votes will be used prior to adopting the Standing orders as per the attached letter.

7. **Review of the Council Tax Support Scheme and Discounts and Exemptions (Pages 13 - 20)**

The attached report of the Chief Executive was agreed at Executive Cabinet on 16 January 2014 and requires full Council approval.

8. **General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget and Council Tax for 21014/15 (Pages 21 - 40)**

To seek approval to recommendations from the Executive contained in a report of the Chief Executive and within the appendices listed below.

APPENDIX A

- a) Appendix A1 - Council Tax Resolution (to follow)
- b) Appendix A2 - Council's Pay Policy (Pages 41 - 50)
- c) Appendix A3 - Fees and Charges (Pages 51 - 52)
- d) Appendix A4 - Business Rates: Local Discounts Discretionary Rate Relief Policy (Pages 53 - 56)

APPENDIX B

- e) Appendix B1 - Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2016/17 (Pages 57 - 58)
- f) Appendix B2 - Capital Programme Financing 2014/15 to 2016/2017 (Pages 59 - 60)
- g) Appendix B3 - Developer Contributions 2014/15 to 2016/17 (Pages 61 - 62)

APPENDIX C

- h) Appendix C - Budget Investment Package 2014/15 (Pages 63 - 70)
- i) Appendix C1 - Project Mandates for Budget Investment (Pages 71 - 138)

APPENDIX D

- j) Appendix D - Treasury Strategies and Prudential Indicators 2014/15 to 2016/17 (Pages 139 - 158)

APPENDIX E

- k) Appendix E - Report of the Statutory Finance Officer (Pages 159 - 166)

APPENDIX F

- l) Appendix F - Medium Term Financial Strategy (Pages 167 - 184)
- m) Appendix F1 - Analysis of Budget Variations 2014/15 to 2016/17 (Pages 185 - 188)

APPENDIX G

- n) Appendix G - Significant Budget Movements from 2013/14 (Pages 189 - 190)
- o) Appendix G1 - Base Budget Review (Pages 191 - 192)

APPENDIX H

- p) Appendix H - Special Expenses and Parish Precepts (to follow)

APPENDIX I

- q) Appendix I - Budget Consultation 2014/15 (Pages 193 - 200)

APPENDIX J

- r) Appendix J - Assessing the Impact of the 2014/15 Budget Proposals (Pages 201 - 208)

9. Call In Procedures (Pages 209 - 212)

The attached report was agreed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2014 and is referred to Council for approval as a change to the Constitution.

10. Any other item(s) the Mayor decides is/are urgent

Yours sincerely



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PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS/SPEAKING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Questions should be submitted to the Democratic Services Section by midday, two working days prior to each Council meeting to allow time to prepare appropriate responses and investigate the issue if necessary (12 Noon on the Friday prior to the meeting).
- A maximum period of 3 minutes will be allowed for a question from a member of the public on an item on the agenda. A maximum period of 30 minutes to be allocated for public questions if necessary at each ordinary Council meeting, excluding the Annual Meeting.
- The question to be answered by the Executive Member with responsibility for the service area or whoever is most appropriate.
- On receiving a reply the member of the public will be allowed to ask one supplementary question.
- Members of the public will be able to stay for the rest of the meeting should they so wish but will not be able to speak on any other agenda item upon using their allocated 3 minutes.