## COUNCIL

## Tuesday, 7 March 2006

**Present:** Councillor Mrs M Gray (Mayor), Councillor M Wilson (Deputy Mayor), Councillors K Ball, E Bell, T Bedford, A Birchall, T Brown, Brownlee, Mrs P Case, H Caunce, A Cullens, F Culshaw, M Davies, D Dickinson, Mrs D Dickinson, D Edgerley, A Gee, D Gee, P Goldsworthy, T Gray, H Heaton, C Hoyle, Miss I Iddon, M Lees, R Lees, L Lennox, R Livesey, A Lowe, M Lowe, P Malpas, T McGowan, Miss J Molyneaux, G Morgan, M Perks, G Russell, E Smith, S Smith, Mrs J Snape, R Snape, C Snow, J Walker, Mrs S Walsh, A Whittaker and J Wilson

#### 06.C.15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Buckley and Parr.

#### 06.C.16 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

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

## 06.C.17 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 January 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

#### 06.C.18 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed a delegation of Members and Officers from Wyre Borough Council who were attending the meeting to see how we debate and consider reports.

The Mayor informed Members of the following:

- (a) A Ladies Luncheon Women of Achievement be held at The Pines Hotel, on Tuesday, 16 March 2006.
- (b) A boat trip on Sunday, 19 March from 1.00pm to 5.00pm with 60's music band 'Full Circle'
- (c) An army event on Saturday, 25 March between 9.00am and 5.00pm in Astley Park.
- (d) A fashion show with Cameo held on Wednesday, 26 April at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

## 06.C.19 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Development Control Committee presented a report summarising the more significant proposals considered at a meeting of the Committee held on 14 February 2006.

**RESOLVED - That the report be noted.** 

## 06.C.20 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND PANELS

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented a report summarising the principal matters discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 19 January 2006 and the Special meeting held on 16 February 2006 as well as a brief summary of the recent activities and matters discussed at meetings of the Customer, Community and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

**RESOLVED - That the report be noted.** 

## 06.C.21 ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTMENTS PANEL

RESOLVED - That the Special Committee for the Chief Executives Appointment be reconstituted as the Chief Officer Appointments Panel with the membership remaining the same with Councillors J Wilson (Chair), Ball, Mrs Case, Edgerley, Goldsworthy, Hoyle and R Snape.

## 06.C.22 CORPORATE STRATEGY 2006/07 - 2008/09

The Executive Member for Customers, Policy and Performance presented a report seeking approval of the draft Corporate Strategy for 2006/07 - 2008/09.

The draft Strategy set out the Council's vision, priorities and strategic objectives for the next three year period up to 2009 and identified a series of measures, targets and key proposals for delivery in 2006/07.

The Strategy had been developed through a series of focus meetings and consultation sessions with Council Members, Officers and community groups to highlight the relevant issues raised during the Authority's Comprehensive Performance Assessment and to report the adopted Community Strategy's five priorities.

The key projects identified in the draft Strategy had influenced the budget consideration for 2006/07, and progress on the achievements of the projects would be reviewed annually.

RESOLVED - That the Corporate Strategy for 2006/07 and 2008/09 as presented be approved.

#### 06.C.23 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT 2006/07

The Executive Member for Customers, Policy and Performance presented a report seeking approval of the Performance Agreement for 2006/07.

The aim of the Performance Agreement was to ensure delivery in 2006/07 of the key projects that will contribute to the achievement of the new priorities and strategic objectives identified in the Corporate Strategy for 2006/07 and 2008/09.

While overall responsibility for each of the projects would be assigned annually to an Executive Member and a Group Director, Chief Officers and senior managers would be responsible for the day to day project management of the initiatives. Subsequently, all elements of the Performance Agreement would be monitored through the Council's performance management database (Performance Plus), with periodic reports being presented to the Executive Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny bodies.

RESOLVED - That the Performance Agreement for 2006/07 as presented be approved.

### 06.C.24 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2006/07

The Executive Leader presented a report seeking the Council's endorsement of the draft timetable of meetings for the 2006/07 Municipal Year from the Annual Meeting on 16 May 2006.

With the exception of the summer holiday period, the timetable proposed a six weekly cycle of Council and Licensing and Safety Committee meetings, and an average four week frequency of meetings of the Executive Cabinet, Development Control Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its Associate Panels. The draft schedule also took account of local school holiday weeks and the need to arrange appropriate meetings in line with the budget scrutiny exercise. In addition, dates had been allocated for two further meetings of the three Area Forum pilots, three Borough/Parish Council Liaison meetings, monthly Member Development Steering Group meetings and Member Learning Hours and quarterly meetings of a number of the liaison meetings.

RESOLVED - That the timetable of meetings to be held during the 2006/07 Municipal Year as presented be approved.

#### 06.C.25 AMENDMENTS TO DESIGNATED POLLING PLACES

The Executive Leader presented a report proposing a number of amendments to the location and designation of Polling Places within the Borough.

The alterations were recommended after taking account of operational experiences during the 2005 elections, requests to consider newly available attendance facilities and the recent closure of a current polling place.

### RESOLVED - 1) That the following amendments to Polling Places be approved.

- Clayton-le-Woods and Whittle-le-Woods (Register 10B)
   The substitution of Whittle Village Hall, Union Street for the current designated station at Whittle-le-Woods, Primary School, Preston Road.
- Clayton-le-Woods North (Register 11A)
   The substitution of the current designated station at Clayton Youth and Community Centre, Manor Road by two stations at St Bede's School (Old School), Preston Road and Clayton-le-Woods Primary School (Old School), Back Lane, Clayton-le-Woods.
- Chorley North East (Registers 6A and 6B)
   The substitution of the current designated station and St Joseph's RC Primary School, Railway Road, Chorley by a mobile station to be located on the car park between All Seasons Leisure Centre and the former Bentwoods Factory.
  - 2) That the above new polling stations be designated as Polling Places for Chorley.

## 06.C.26 GENERAL REPORT

The Executive Leader presented a report summarising the more significant items of business dealt with at a meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 9 February 2006 and a non-scheduled meeting on 23 February 2006.

## RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

(Councillor Lennox declared an interest in relation to a question raised during the above item regarding the Housing Revenue Account reserves of £150,000 and the allocation of £100,000 for the replacement of soffits in HRA properties in the Longfield Estate, Coppull. She remained in the meeting, but did not take part in the discussion).

# 06.C.27 STATUTORY REPORT ON THE BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY FOR 2006/07 - 2008/09

The Director of Finance submitted a report 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 estimates and the adequacy of the Council's reserves. Good practice was for such advise to be set within the context of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy which should cover both revenue and capital spending issues also includes specific requirements arising from the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

RESOLVED - 1) That the advice of the Chief Finance Officer under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as set out in the submitted report be noted and the Council have regard to it when considering the budget for 2006/07.

2) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2006/07 - 2008/09, including the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators as shown in Appendix to the submitted report be approved.

## 06.C.28 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2006/07

The Leader of the Council presented a report seeking the Council's approval of the Executive Cabinets budget spending proposals for 2006/07.

The Executive Leader explained that the proposals had been formulated to feed directly into the Council's key objectives, targets and action for 2006/07 and beyond. The Council's priorities address the key issues identified and codified in the updated Corporate Strategy. The Corporate Strategy represents the Council's contribution to achieving the objectives and outcomes specified.

The report set out the Executive Cabinet's proposals, including appendices relating to budget consultation responses, including the Executive's response to issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to its review of the budget and savings and growth items.

It was moved by the Executive Leader and seconded by the Deputy Leader of the Council that the Executive Cabinets budget proposals to achieve a total budget requirement of £13,751,100, as detailed in the submitted report, be approved.

In terms of the total Council Tax bill, when the precepts of the County Council, Police and Fire Authorities were taken into account the average bill across the Borough including Parish precepts would increase by 5.1% or 127p per week at Band D. Excluding Parish precepts the increase will be 4.9% or 120p. The Borough increase equates to 4.8% or 15 per week on the average Band D property.

In respect of the budget proposals for 2006/07 it was moved by Councillor Goldsworthy and seconded by Councillor Mrs Case that the budget and estimates of the Executive Cabinet be amended as follows:

	£	£
2006/2007 Budgeted Net expenditure as per the Executive's Recommendation		13,751,100
Add back Removal of car parking yield increase		23,000
Less Removal of proposed growth items:	(35,000)	

Appointment of Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and local research Additional expenditure on communication	(59,000)	
Staffing support to the Local Strategic Partnership	(24,000)	
		(118,000)
Reduction in staffing levels  Equalities & Diversity Officer  Communications Team	(07.000)	
Further reduction of 2 vacant posts consequent upon the Senior Management restructure	(37,000) (63,000) (43,200)	
Other Reductions  Delete the Communications budget  Remove subscription to North West Regional		(143,200)
Assembly	(31,000) (5,000)	
D : IN : E ::		(36,000)
Revised Net Expenditure		13,476,900

At this level of expenditure the average Band D Council Tax for the Borough Council's services would remain at the level set in 2005/06 of £163.63 and that the Council Tax resolution be amended accordingly.

In accordance with the requirement of Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, to provide the Council with the Chief Finance Officer's views on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of resources in the budget proposals, the Director of Finance submitted a report on the risks and robustness of the alternative budget proposals.

A request was made under the Council Procedure Rule 17(2) for a recorded vote on the Conservative Group amendment.

For: Councillors Bedford, Bell, Mrs Case, Caunce, Cullens, Culshaw, D Dickinson, Mrs D Dickinson, Goldsworthy, Mrs M Gray, Heaton, Livesey, Malpas, Morgan, Perks, Russell, Mrs Smith, E Smith, S Smith and Walker. (20)

Against: Councillors Ball, Birchall, Brown, Brownlee, Davies, Edgerley, A Gee, D Gee, T Gray, Hoyle, Iddon, M Lees, R Lees, Lennox, A Lowe, M Lowe, McGowan, Miss Molyneaux, Mrs J Snape, R Snape, Snow, Mrs Walsh, Whittaker, J Wilson and Mrs Wilson. (25)

Absentions: None.

The necessary formal resolutions on the setting of the 2006/07 Council Tax for the Borough to reflect the Council's net revenue requirements together with the necessary additions to meet Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Police Authority, Lancashire Fire Authority and Parish Council precepts were moved by the Executive Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED - 1) That it be noted that acting under delegated powers the Director of Finance calculated the amount of 34,744.40 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2006/07 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) 34,744.40 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) Part of the Council's Area

Parish of:	Adlington	1,964.10
	Anderton	475.20
	Anglezarke	15.30
	Astley Village	1,117.50
	Bretherton	282.70
	Brindle	455.80
	Charnock Richard	666.90
	Clayton le Woods	4,747.60
	Coppull	2,350.70
	Croston	1,029.60
	Cuerden	41.40
	Eccleston	1,533.30
	Euxton	3,215.80
	Heapey	379.20
	Heath Charnock	801.40
	Heskin	348.80
	Hoghton	361.50
	Mawdesley	755.80
	Rivington	53.90
	Ulnes Walton	258.60
	Wheelton	392.30
	Whittle le Woods	1,750.30
	Withnell	1,252.20
	All other parts of the Council's area	10,494.50
	Total	34,744.40

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 of more special items relate.

- 2) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2006/07 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
  - (a) £41,090,589 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) £26,804,065 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) £14,286,524 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) £7,791,688 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) £186.94 being the amount at 2(c) above less the amount at 2(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(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) £1,224,985 being the aggregated amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
- (g) £151.69 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;
- (h) Part of the Council's Area

		£
Parish of:	Adlington	178.43
	Anderton	161.69
	Anglezarke	151.69
	Astley Village	196.02
	Bretherton	179.81
	Brindle	167.66
	Charnock Richard	186.28
	Clayton le Woods	211.93
	Coppull	196.71
	Croston	180.39
	Cuerden	184.92
	Eccleston	182.56
	Euxton	198.49
	Heapey	190.83
	Heath Charnock	178.74
	Heskin	173.07
	Hoghton	167.62
	Mawdesley	183.44
	Rivington	172.09
	Ulnes Walton	167.15
	Wheelton	177.27
	Whittle le Woods	187.88
	Withnell	180.05
	All other parts of	
	the Council's area	177.55

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

	Valuation Bands							
	A	В	£	D	E	F	G	Н
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of:								
Adlington	118.95	138.78	158.60	178.43	218.08	257.73	297.38	356.85
Anderton	107.79	125.76	143.72	161.69	197.62	233.55	269.48	323.37
Anglezarke	101.12	117.98	134.83	151.69	185.39	219.10	252.81	303.37
Astley Village	130.68	152.46	174.24	196.02	239.58	283.15	326.71	392.05
Bretherton	119.87	139.85	159.83	179.81	219.77	259.73	299.68	359.62
Brindle	111.77	130.40	149.03	167.66	204.92	242.18	279.44	335.32
Charnock Richard	124.19	144.88	165.58	186.28	227.67	269.07	310.46	372.56
Clayton le Woods	141.29	164.84	188.38	211.93	259.03	306.12	353.22	423.86
Coppull	131.14	153.00	174.85	196.71	240.42	284.14	327.85	393.42
Croston	120.26	140.30	160.35	180.39	220.47	260.56	300.65	360.78
Cuerden	123.28	143.83	164.38	184.92	226.02	267.11	308.20	369.85
Eccleston	121.70	141.99	162.27	182.56	223.13	263.69	304.26	365.11
Euxton	132.33	154.38	176.44	198.49	242.60	286.71	330.82	396.98
Неареу	127.22	148.42	169.63	190.83	233.24	275.64	318.05	381.66
Heath Charnock	119.16	139.02	158.88	178.74	218.46	258.17	297.89	357.47
Heskin	115.38	134.61	153.84	173.07	211.53	249.99	288.44	346.13
Hoghton	111.75	130.37	148.99	167.62	204.87	242.12	279.37	335.24
Mawdesley	122.29	142.67	163.05	183.44	224.20	264.96	305.73	366.87
Rivington	114.73	133.85	152.97	172.09	210.34	248.58	286.82	344.19
Ulnes Walton	111.44	130.01	148.58	167.15	204.30	241.44	278.59	334.31
Wheelton	118.18	137.87	157.57	177.27	216.66	256.05	295.44	354.53
Whittle le Woods	125.25	146.13	167.00	187.88	229.63	271.38	313.13	375.75
Withnell	120.04	140.04	160.05	180.05	220.07	260.08	300.09	360.11
All other parts of								
the Council's area	118.37	138.10	157.83	177.55	217.01	256.47	295.92	355.11

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 2006/07 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	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Precepting authority								
Lancashire County Council	664.57	775.33	886.09	996.85	1,218.37	1,439.89	1,661.42	1,993.70
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	36.47	42.55	48.63	54.71	66.87	79.03	91.18	109.42
Lancashire Police Authority	75.39	87.96	100.52	113.09	138.22	163.35	188.48	226.18

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 2005/2006 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

## (j) Part of the Council's Area

				<u>Valuation</u>				
	_	_	_	<u>Bands</u>	_	_	_	
	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of:								
Adlington	895.38	1,044.62	1,193.84	1,343.08	1,641.54	1,940.00	2,238.46	2,686.15
Anderton	884.22	1,031.60	1,178.96	1,326.34	1,621.08	1,915.82	2,210.56	2,652.67
Anglezarke	877.55	1,023.82	1,170.07	1,316.34	1,608.85	1,901.37	2,193.89	2,632.67
Astley Village	907.11	1,058.30	1,209.48	1,360.67	1,663.04	1,965.42	2,267.79	2,721.35
Bretherton	896.30	1,045.69	1,195.07	1,344.46	1,643.23	1,942.00	2,240.76	2,688.92
Brindle	888.20	1,036.24	1,184.27	1,332.31	1,628.38	1,924.45	2,220.52	2,664.62
Charnock Richard	900.62	1,050.72	1,200.82	1,350.93	1,651.13	1,951.34	2,251.54	2,701.86
Clayton le Woods	917.72	1,070.68	1,223.62	1,376.58	1,682.49	1,988.39	2,294.30	2,753.16
Coppull	907.57	1,058.84	1,210.09	1,361.36	1,663.88	1,966.41	2,268.93	2,722.72
Croston	896.69	1,046.14	1,195.59	1,345.04	1,643.93	1,942.83	2,241.73	2,690.08
Cuerden	899.71	1,049.67	1,199.62	1,349.57	1,649.48	1,949.38	2,249.28	2,699.15
Eccleston	898.13	1,047.83	1,197.51	1,347.21	1,646.59	1,945.96	2,245.34	2,694.41
Euxton	908.76	1,060.22	1,211.68	1,363.14	1,666.06	1,968.98	2,271.90	2,726.28
Неареу	903.65	1,054.26	1,204.87	1,355.48	1,656.70	1,957.91	2,259.13	2,710.96
Heath Charnock	895.59	1,044.86	1,194.12	1,343.39	1,641.92	1,940.44	2,238.97	2,686.77
Heskin	891.81	1,040.45	1,189.08	1,337.72	1,634.99	1,932.26	2,229.52	2,675.43
Hoghton	888.18	1,036.21	1,184.23	1,332.27	1,628.33	1,924.39	2,220.45	2,664.54
Mawdesley	898.72	1,048.51	1,198.29	1,348.09	1,647.66	1,947.23	2,246.81	2,696.17
Rivington	891.16	1,039.69	1,188.21	1,336.74	1,633.80	1,930.85	2,227.90	2,673.49
Ulnes Walton	887.87	1,035.85	1,183.82	1,331.80	1,627.76	1,923.71	2,219.67	2,663.61
Wheelton	894.61	1,043.71	1,192.81	1,341.92	1,640.12	1,938.32	2,236.52	2,683.83
Whittle le Woods	901.68	1,051.97	1,202.24	1,352.53	1,653.09	1,953.65	2,254.21	2,705.05
Withnell	896.47	1,045.88	1,195.29	1,344.70	1,643.53	1,942.35	2,241.17	2,689.41
All other parts of								
the Council's area	894.80	1,043.94	1,193.07	1,342.20	1,640.47	1,938.74	2,237.00	2,684.41

<sup>5.</sup> That the Director of Finance and his officers be authorised to take any action necessary to ensure collection and recovery of the Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates.

## EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL TAX SETTING RESOLUTION

#### **RESOLUTION 1**

- (a) 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 2006/07 we estimate that a £1.00 Council Tax at Band D would raise £34,744.40 in the Chorley area.
- (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 £1,964.10.

## **RESOLUTION 2**

- (a) This is the grand total of money which the Council estimates it will spend on all services in 2006/07. It also includes £535,399 which Parish Councils need to run their services.
- (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, housing rents, government grants in respect of benefits, etc.
- (c) This is the difference between 2(a) and 2(b) and is in effect the Council's and Parishes net spending on services.
- (d) This is the amount that the Government will contribute towards the cost of our services. Also included is extra Council Tax resulting from new properties and expected collection rates in previous years.
- (e) The difference between 2(c) and 2(d) is £6,494,836 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 £186.94 is the average Band D Council Tax for all Borough and Parish services.
- (f) The total of all the amounts needed from Council Taxpayers by the Parish Councils in the area and for Chorley Borough Special Expenses.
- (g) This is the Band D Council Tax for Chorley Borough Council's own services, ie excluding Parish Council spending and Special Expenses
- (h) This table shows the Band D Council Tax for all parishes <u>including</u> the cost of the Parish Councils and Chorley Borough Council. For example, Adlington's Band D Council Tax is £151.69 for Chorley Borough services and £8.79 for Adlington Town Council services and £17.95 for Chorley Borough Special Expenses.

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

Band A	$^6/_9$ ths of Band D
Band B	<sup>7</sup> <sub>9</sub> ths of Band D
Band C	<sup>8</sup> <sub>9</sub> ths of Band D
Band D	<sup>9</sup> <sub>9</sub> ths of Band D
Band E	<sup>11</sup> / <sub>9</sub> ths of Band D
Band F	13/9 ths of Band D
Band G	15/9 ths of Band D
Band H	$^{18}/_{9}$ ths of Band D

For Adlington Band A, for example, the charge is £178.43 x 6  $\div$  9 = £118.95; for Band B it is £178.43 x 7  $\div$  9 = £138.78.

## **RESOLUTION 3**

Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire Authority and Lancashire Police Authority are separate bodies who have worked out their own estimates of spending and income for 2006/07 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 Parish Councils. For example, the Band D for Adlington is £1,343.08 made up as follows:

	£
Lancashire County Council (as in 4 above) Lancashire Fire Authority (as in 4 above) Lancashire Police Authority (as in 4 above) Chorley Borough Council (as in 3(g) above) Adlington Town Council Special Expenses	996.85* 54.71* 113.09* 151.69 8.79 17.95

<sup>\*</sup> These values have to be confirmed by the precepting authority

## **RESOLUTION 5**

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

## 06.C.29 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/07 TO 2008/09

The Executive Leader presented a report of the Director of Finance on proposals for the revision of the 2005/06 Capital Programme and the formulation of the Capital Programme for 2006/07 to 2008/09.

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the revised Capital Programme agreed in January 2006 had totalled £15,749,770, but the latest forecast, after taking account of slippages to 2006/07 and additional expenditure on the Strategic Regional Site at Euxton, had revealed a reduction in total expenditure of £15,202,760.

The report identified in Appendix 1, the Category A and B schemes included in the three year Capital Programme from 2006/07 to 2008/09, classified into the respective corporate priorities, the expenditure for which totalled, £14,659,970, after taking account of charges to the phasing of programmes and slippage of expenditure in other schemes.

The report also included, at Appendix 2, a list of reserve schemes in respect of which outline business cases have been presented to the Capital Programme Board. The Executive Cabinet was asked to determine which, if any, of the reserve Category C schemes, will be added to the three year Capital Programme. The Cabinet, considered that until feasible business cases had been produced and the revenue consequences identified, it would be unwise to make firm commitments on the reserve schemes.

RESOLVED 1) That the reduction of the 2005/06 Capital Programme from £15,749,770 to £15,202,760, be approved.

- 2) That the Capital Programme for 2006/07 to 2008/09 comprising the Category A and B schemes identified in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, at a total expenditure of £14,659,970, be approved.
- 3) That approval be deferred of any schemes from the reserve list pending further detailed consideration of the relative merits and costs of each individual scheme.

# 06.C.30 TO CONSIDER THE NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8

The following Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with provision of Rule 8 of the Council Procedure Rules was moved by Councillor Bell and seconded by Councillor Goldsworthy,

"That this Borough Council agrees to undertake a comprehensive consultation exercise with Chorley residents exploring their views regarding the restoration of the town's original motto 'Beware' which was replaced by "Be Aware" in 1988."

An amendment was moved by Councillor R Snape and seconded by Councillor Iddon as follows:

"That the Director of Finance investigate the costings of this exercise and bring it with the support of the Chief Executive to the Executive Cabinet and then to Council".

Councillor Bell accepted the amendment to the Notice of Motion. The amendment was put to the vote and the Mayor declared it carried.

RESOLVED - That the Director of Finance investigates the costings of this exercise and bring it with the support of the Chief Executive to the Executive Cabinet and then to Council."

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Mayor