

## **Minutes**

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber - County Hall, on Thursday, 21 February, 2013

### **Present:**

County Councillor John Shedwick (Chairman)

### **County Councillors**

M Devaney	K Ellard	M Parkinson
G Adam	C Evans	N Penney
T Aldridge	P Evans	M Perks
T Ashton	S Fishwick	T Pimblett
G Askew	M France	M Pritchard
A Atkinson	M Green	S Riches
R Bailey	Mrs J Hanson	P Rigby
M Barron	Dr Hassan	G Roper
Mrs R Blow	P Hayhurst	T Sharratt
M Brindle	H Henshaw	M Skilling
P Britcliffe	C Holtom	D M Smith
K Brown	K Iddon	D T Smith
T Brown	M Iqbal	P Steen
M Calvert	J Jackson	J Sumner
Mrs P Case	M Jewell	V Taylor
S Chapman	A Jones	A Thornton
Mrs S Charles	A Kay	C Wells
C Coates	A Knox	M Welsh
Mrs F Craig-Wilson	S Leadbetter	D Westley
C Crompton	P Malpas	G Wilkins
W Cropper	J Mein	Mrs V Wilson
F De Molfetta	P Mullineaux	T Winder
Mrs S Derwent	D O'Toole	B Winlow
G Driver	Mrs L Oades	K Young
J Eaton	M Otter	M Younis

### **1. Apologies and Announcements**

Apologies were presented on behalf of County Councillors K Bailey, C Briggs, C Grunshaw, G Jones, P McCann, Y Motala and S Wilkinson.

## 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Full Council was notified that the following Members wished to make declarations of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests, as listed, in accordance with the County Council's Code of Conduct for Members:

<b>Name of Councillor</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Nature of Interest (non-pecuniary unless stated)</b>
R Bailey	Item 3 – Report of the Cabinet	Wife is an elected member of the North West Ambulance Service and is a Trustee of the Lancashire Defibrillator Campaign.

## 3. Report of the Cabinet (Part A)

### Report of the Cabinet

County Councillor Geoff Driver, Leader of the Council, moved the Report of the Cabinet from its meeting on the 7 February 2013. In moving the report he outlined a number of adjustments to the proposals contained within it. Details of the adjustments were set out in a document circulated to all members, which is appended to these minutes as Annex 1. It contained recommendations on:

- (1) The Revenue Budget 2013/14;
- (2) The Council Tax and Precept 2013/14; and
- (3) The Capital Investment Strategy 2013/14 to 2015/16.

The motion was seconded by County Councillor Albert Atkinson, Deputy Leader. A note from the Chief Executive and the County Treasurer providing advice to members on the proposed adjustments was also circulated to all members and is appended as Annex 1a.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point for a period of fifteen minutes to give members the opportunity to read and consider the adjusted proposals.

On resumption of the meeting there then followed a period of debate.

County Councillor Jennifer Mein moved an Amendment to the Budget proposals on behalf of the Labour Group, which was seconded by County Councillor Ciaran Wells. A copy of the Amendment was circulated to all members and is set out at Annex 2 to these minutes.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point for a period of fifteen minutes to give members the opportunity to read and consider the Amendment.

On resumption of the meeting County Councillor R Bailey declared a Non Pecuniary Interest on the grounds that his wife was an elected member of the North West Ambulance Service and a Trustee of the Lancashire Defibrillator Campaign.

There then followed a period of debate.

The Leader of the Council, as the mover of the original Motion, had the right of reply at the close of the debate, however in accordance with Procedural Standing Order 15.2. (6.2) his speech could last no more than five minutes.

In accordance with Procedural Standing Order 9(1) County Councillor Tony Jones moved that Procedural Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Leader to complete his reply. The Motion was seconded by County Councillor Geoff Roper.

On being put to the vote the Motion was carried and it was

**Resolved:** That Procedural Standing Orders be suspended for the remainder of the Leader's reply to the Labour Group's Amendment.

The Leader completed his reply to the Labour Group's Amendment to the Budget proposals.

On being put to the vote the Labour Group's Amendment was lost.

County Councillor Bill Winlow then moved an Amendment to the Budget proposals on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group, which was seconded by County Councillor Mark Jewell. A copy of the Amendment was circulated to all members and is set out at Annex 3 to these minutes.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point to give members the opportunity to read and consider the Amendment.

On resumption of the meeting there followed a period of debate.

On being put to the vote the Liberal Democrat Group's Amendment was lost.

County Councillor Sam Riches moved an Amendment to the Budget proposals on behalf of the Green Group, which was seconded by County Councillor Chris Coates. A copy of the Amendment was circulated to all members and is set out at Annex 4 to these minutes.

There then followed a period of debate.

On being put to the vote the Green Group's Amendment was lost.

County Councillor Paul Hayhurst moved an Amendment to the Budget proposals on behalf of the Independent Group, which was seconded by County Councillor

Liz Oades. A copy of the Amendment was circulated to all members and is set out at Annex 5 to these minutes.

There then followed a period of debate.

On being put to the vote the Independent Group's Amendment was lost.

As no further amendments were moved, the Chair put the motion on the County Council's Budget and asked the Full Council to approve the recommendations of the Cabinet, as adjusted, on the:

- i. The Revenue Budget 2013/14;
- ii. The Council Tax and Precept 2013/14; and
- iii. The Capital Investment Strategy 2013/14 to 2015/16.

**Resolved:**

**i. Revenue Budget 2013/14**

<b>Budget</b>	<b>2012/13* Adjusted Base Budget £m</b>	<b>2013/14 Proposed Cash Limit £m</b>
Adult & Community Services	356.004	346.400
Public Health	-	0.272
Children & Young People	162.367	157.683
Environment	179.460	185.934
Office of Chief Executive	23.353	21.475
County Treasurer's Directorate	23.168	20.355
Corporate Expenditure	20.849	14.250
Financing Charges	35.004	32.349
LCCG	-0.249	0.091
Strategic Investment Reserve	10.000	-10.000
Balances & Reserves	-0.400	-5.000
Contribution to LSPs	1.028	-
One-Year additional Investment in Highways Maintenance	6.367	-
Impact of Equal Pay Review to be allocated to services	-2.547	-

<b>Budget</b>	<b>2012/13* Adjusted Base Budget</b>	<b>2013/14 Proposed Cash Limit</b>
Application of Council Tax Freeze Grant		-3.670
Discretionary Local Council Tax Support Hardship Funds		0.750
Investment proposals		14.250
Funds set aside to assist with future downsizing		1.204
<b>Total</b>	<b>814.404</b>	<b>776.343</b>

*\* Reflects in year budget movements between directorates and changes to financing in 13/14 to provide consistency when comparing year on year cash limit movements.*

#### **A. Council Tax and Precept 2013/14**

1. That there be a 2% reduction in Council Tax for 2013/14, and to authorise, in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and in order to meet the general expenses of the County Council for the financial year 2013/14:

Budget Requirement	£776.343m
Less formula grant	-£414.335m
Less New Homes Bonus grant	-£1.794m
<b>Equals council tax cash</b>	<b>£360.214m</b>

2. **Council Tax (on the basis of a budget requirement of £776.343m and the Council Tax base now calculated of 331,647.7) for each property valuation band:**

	£
Band A	724.09
Band B	844.77
Band C	965.45
<b>Band D (basic)</b>	<b>1,086.13</b>
Band E	1,327.49
Band F	1,568.85
Band G	1,810.22
Band H	2,172.26

3. The share for each District Council of the net total raised from the Council Tax of £360.214m:

	<b>£</b>
Burnley	22,706,708
Chorley	35,570,874
Fylde	29,779,610
Hyndburn	19,896,881
Lancaster	40,295,555
Pendle	23,644,911
Preston	37,165,318
Ribble Valley	22,866,370
Rossendale	19,629,692
South Ribble	36,252,619
West Lancashire	35,754,073
Wyre	36,651,089
<b>Total raised from the council tax</b>	<b>360,213,700</b>

## **B. Capital Investment Strategy 2013/14 to 2015/16**

1. That the proposals for the Capital Investment Strategy 2013/14 to 2015/16 as set out at Appendix A, including the annual Minimum Revenue Provision policy statement, be agreed and that the following schemes be added as a result of the revenue budget proposals set out above:
  - a) £5m to provide a centre of excellence for the care and treatment of dementia sufferers based on a new Residential Care Home and very sheltered accommodation on the site of Bowgreave Rise in Garstang.
  - b) To invest £0.613m to refurbish a number of Youth Zone satellites across Lancashire
  - c) To invest £0.315m to replace the 7 mobile outreach centres to enhance the Young People's Service particularly in the rural areas of the county
  - d) To invest £0.072m for 12 bespoke information units to create open access / self serve facilities to support the Young People's Service in each of the District Council areas.
  - e) To invest £1m in 4 pilot Changing Places for severely disabled adults to enable greater inclusion within the community.
  - f) That the recent notification of an un-ringfenced capital grant of £1.917m be used to support the capital investment necessary to deliver the entitlement for early education for two year olds from lower income households.
  
2. And in addition, that a further investment in highways maintenance of £6.4m be added to the capital investment programme in 2013/14. These proposals will result in the following capital investment programme:

	<b>Total Programme £m</b>	<b>2013/14 £m</b>	<b>2014/15 £m</b>	<b>2015/16 £m</b>
Adult and Community Services	18.302	6.180	8.439	3.683
Children and Young People	134.101	68.946	42.538	22.617
Environment	138.761	56.513	56.514	25.734
Corporate	49.055	36.435	11.287	1.333
Lancashire County Commercial Group	9.882	4.838	4.044	1.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>350.101</b>	<b>172.912</b>	<b>122.822</b>	<b>54.367</b>

3. This capital investment programme to be funded from capital resources as follows:

	<b>Total Programme £m</b>	<b>2013/14 £m</b>	<b>2014/15 £m</b>	<b>2015/16 £m</b>
Prudential Borrowing	14.432	1.415	5.831	7.186
Capital Receipts	48.872	9.274	7.608	31.990
Revenue Contributions	55.018	26.808	27.210	1.000
Internal Leasing	9.500	4.500	4.000	1.000
Central Government Grants	162.141	106.275	55.866	0
Other Grants and Contributions	43.850	21.240	20.307	2.303
Over programming	16.288	3.400	2.000	10.888
<b>Total</b>	<b>350.101</b>	<b>172.912</b>	<b>122.822</b>	<b>54.367</b>

## **Part B**

### **Matters for Information**

No matters were reported.

### **Notice of Motion**

No Notices of Motion had been received.

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