

**Meeting of the County Council
Meeting to be held on 20 February 2014**

Report submitted by the Cabinet

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
All

**Revenue Budget 2014/15
Council Tax and Precept 2014/15
Capital Investment Strategy 2014/15 and future years**
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet on 6 February 2014 regarding:

1. The Revenue Budget 2014/15: section 1 of this report and Appendix 'A';
2. The Council Tax and Precept 2014/15: section 2 of this report; and
3. The Capital Investment Strategy 2014/15 and future years: section 3 of this report and Appendix 'A'.

Please note: The reports on the County Council's Budget for 2014/15 considered by Cabinet at their meetings 7 November 2013, 5 December 2013, 9 January 2014 and 6 February 2014 form part of the background to the report attached at Appendix 'A'. The detailed information from those reports is not repeated in this report. Those reports are available via the Cabinet Agendas on the Council's website:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=122>

Recommendation

The Full Council is asked to consider the proposals of the Cabinet from its meeting on 6 February 2014 and then approve:

- The Revenue Budget for 2014/15;
- The Council Tax Requirement and Precept for 2014/15; and
- The Capital Investment Strategy 2014/15 and future years.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Ext
Grant Settlement and Budget working papers	January 2014	George Graham/County Treasurer's Department/ext 38102

Report of the Cabinet

The Cabinet **recommends** the adoption of the proposals set out below for the:

- 2014/15 revenue budget,
- the council tax and precept for 2014/15, and
- the capital investment strategy 2014/15 and future years.

1. Revenue Budget 2014/15

The Cabinet **recommends** the adoption of the revenue budget proposals as set out in Appendix A and in the table below, which sets out the proposed budget allocations to directorates and other budget areas.

Budget	2014/15 Cash Limit £m
Adult Services Health & Well-being	325.961
Children & Young People	148.001
Environment	180.318
Office of Chief Executive	22.784
County Treasurer	3.771
Strategic Partner *	22.930
Corporate Expenditure	26.608
Financing Charges	30.834
Lancashire County Commercial Group	-0.918
Discretionary Hardship Claims	0.250
Contribution from Reserves	-2.229
Total	758.310

Note * - From the 1 April 2014, the Strategic Partner budget will reflect the return of a number of services from One Connect Ltd to the County Council.

2. Council Tax and Precept 2014/15

The Cabinet **recommends** the Full Council 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 2014/15:

a) Budget, Council Tax Requirement and Precept for 2014/15:

Budget Requirement	£758.310m
Less formula grant	£211.602m
Less Retained Business Rates	£171.258m
Less New Homes Bonus grant	£3.194m
Equals council tax cash	£372.256m
Divided by tax base	336,049.60
Gives Band D council tax	£1,107.74
2013/14 council tax	£1,086.13
Percentage increase	1.99%

b) Council Tax (on the basis of a budget requirement of £758.310m and the Council Tax base now calculated of 336,049.60) for each property valuation band:

	£
Band A	738.49
Band B	861.58
Band C	984.66
Band D (basic)	1,107.74
Band E	1,353.90
Band F	1,600.07
Band G	1,846.23
Band H	2,215.48

c) The share for each District Council of the net total raised from the Council Tax of £372.256m:

	£
Burnley	23,295,772
Chorley	36,826,573
Fylde	31,169,588
Hyndburn	20,565,193
Lancaster	42,094,120
Pendle	24,571,446
Preston	38,151,673
Ribble Valley	23,695,666
Rossendale	20,185,238
South Ribble	37,176,308
West Lancashire	36,731,949
Wyre	37,792,057
Total raised from the council tax	372,255,583

3. Capital Investment Strategy 2014/15 and future years

The Cabinet **recommends** the adoption of the proposals for the Capital Investment Strategy 2014/15 and future years as set out at Appendix A.

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