

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

Amendment submitted by the Conservative Group

**Revenue Budget 2014/15
Council Tax and Precept 2014/15
Capital Investment Strategy 2014/15 and Beyond**

Council resolves that the budget proposals of the Cabinet as set out in the Council Papers be amended as follows:

1. The following savings proposals should be withdrawn, or be amended as shown:

	2014/15 £m	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m	Total £m
Adult Services Health & Wellbeing					
609 – Extra Respite for Carers – Leisure Link	0.275				0.275
Children and Young People					
702 – Youth Services	0.600	1.000	1.400		3.000
703 – Discretionary Home to School Transport Charges – Reduce price increase to 5% in the first year and then revert to RPI plus 2% in following years	0.233				0.233
705 – SEND Post 16 Transport Charges	0.088	0.096	0.096		0.280
711 – Virtual School Review	0.250				0.250
Environment					
825 – 3 rd Party Recycling Credits – Remove only the contingency element of the budget	0.140				0.140
Office of the Chief Executive					
921 – VCFS Grants – Reinstate Local Member Grants	0.084				0.084
Total	1.670	1.096	1.496	0.000	4.262

2. To incorporate the following further additional savings within the budget, as summarised in the table below:
 - a. Recognising the proposed "go live" date for the new Telecare arrangements set out in the relevant policy proposal of January 2015 proposes to recognise a small initial part year saving in 2014/15 and instructs officers to actively promote take up of the scheme as rapidly as possible to deliver the benefits of this service to users and the Council as rapidly as possible.

- b. Instruct officers to bring forward proposals for a 25% reduction in street lighting energy use through a combination of removing lights and not lighting highways during low traffic periods.
- c. To remove from the budget the remaining element of the Members Priority Contingency.
- d. To withdraw the County Council's commitment to acquire Preston Bus Station and the associated running costs.
- e. To withdraw the proposed investment in Community Transport in the light of the Cabinet withdrawing the proposed reductions in bus subsidies.
- f. To change the County Council's operating model by removing the client contractor split and incorporating the services currently within Lancashire County Commercial Group within appropriate Directorates.
- g. With effect from 2013/14 to alter the County Council's policy for the financing of vehicle replacement by funding the purchase of vehicles through borrowing and not through revenue contributions.

	2014/15 £m	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m	Total £m
Adult Services Health and Well Being					
Part year saving from introduction of Telecare	0.200				0.200
Environment					
Reduction in Street Lighting Energy Use of 25%	1.545				1.545
Remove remainder of the Members' Priority Contingency	0.200				0.200
Withdrawal of commitment to Preston Bus Station	0.190				0.190
Removal of investment in Community Transport	0.500				0.500
Lancashire County Commercial Group					
Changes to the Commercial Group operating model	0.650				0.650
Capital Financing					
Switch financing of the vehicle replacement programme to borrowing from revenue contributions	2.547	-0.555	-0.555	-0.555	0.882
Total	5.832	-0.555	-0.555	-0.555	4.167

3. To agree that the saving of £3.102m in 2013/14 from proposal 2 g) above be utilised as follows, with the result that County Fund Balance will remain at £36m

	2014/15 £m	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m	Total £m
Utilised in 2014/15 to support the revenue budget	1.568				1.568
Utilised in 2015/16 to support the revenue budget		0.543			0.543
Balance to be added to the Downsizing Reserve	0.991				0.991
Total	2.559	0.543	0.000	0.000	3.102

4. To agree to add expenditure of £0.500m to the Capital Investment Programme in 2014/15 to support a further phase of Changing Places Toilet Facilities for people with disabilities financed from part of the uncommitted balance on the Council's reserves set aside for corporate priorities as notified by the County Treasurer.
5. As a consequence of the above decisions to approve the cash limits for services set out at Annex A to this amendment and the capital programme set out at Annex B.
6. As a consequence of the proposal to increase borrowing in respect of the vehicle replacement programme to amend the County Council's proposed prudential indicators for 2014/15 onwards as follows:

	2013/14 Revised £m	2014/15 £m	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m
Authorised Limit				
Borrowing	891.000	970.000	995.000	997.000
Other Long Term Liabilities	500.000	490.000	480.000	470.000
Operational Boundary				
Borrowing	841.000	920.000	945.000	947.000
Other Long Term Liabilities	450.000	440.000	430.000	420.000

7. To not increase the level of Council Tax for 2014/15 and accept the Government's Council Tax Freeze Grant and therefore approve the budget requirement and Council Tax set out below:

Council Tax and Precept 2014/15

Budget Requirement	£755.255m
Less formula grant	£211.602m
Less Retained Business Rates	£171.258m
Less New Homes Bonus grant	£3.194m
Less Council Tax Freeze Grant	£4.208m
Equals council tax cash	£364.993m
Divided by tax base	336,049.60
Gives Band D council tax	£1,086.13
2013/14 council tax	£1,086.13
Percentage increase	0.00%

Council Tax (on the basis of a budget requirement of £755.255m and the Council Tax base now calculated of 336,049.60) for each property valuation band:

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

The share for each District Council of the net total raised from the Council Tax of £364.993m:

	£
Burnley	22,841,314
Chorley	36,108,153
Fylde	30,561,526
Hyndburn	20,164,003
Lancaster	41,272,940
Pendle	24,092,101
Preston	37,407,403
Ribble Valley	23,233,407
Rossendale	19,791,461
South Ribble	36,451,066
West Lancashire	36,015,376
Wyre	37,054,802
Total raised from the council tax	<u><u>364,993,552</u></u>

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