

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston,
on Thursday, 12 February, 2015

Present:

County Councillor Kevin Ellard (Chair)

County Councillors

M Brindle	G Driver	M Otter
T Aldridge	J Fillis	M Parkinson
A Ali	J Gibson	N Penney
T Ashton	G Gooch	S Perkins
A Atkinson	M Green	C Pritchard
A Barnes	J Hanson	S Pryn
M Barron	Dr M Hassan	P Rigby
L Beavers	C Henig	A Schofield
D Borrow	N Hennessy	K Sedgewick
P Britcliffe	S Holgate	S Serridge
I Brown	D Howarth	J Shedwick
K Brown	K Iddon	R Shewan
T Brown	M Iqbal	D T Smith
P Buckley	A James	K Snape
T Burns	M Johnstone	D Stansfield
Mrs S Charles	A Jones	J Sumner
A Cheetham	A Kay	V Taylor
A Clempson	J Lawrenson	M Tomlinson
D Clifford	D Lord	C Wakeford
Mrs F Craig-Wilson	T Martin	D Watts
C Crompton	J Mein	D Westley
M Dad	G Molineux	D Whipp
B Dawson	Y Motala	P White
F De Molfetta	B Murray	G Wilkins
C Dereli	D O'Toole	B Winlow
M Devaney	Mrs L Oades	B Yates
G Dowding	J Oakes	

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies were presented on behalf of County Councillors Paul Hayhurst, Richard Newman-Thompson and Mark Perks.

Announcements

The Chairman reported the following sad deaths:

Mr Adrian Cutts, former Executive Director of Resources who died on the 16 January. He retired in 2009 after 17 years with the county council and was recognised for his dedication and his belief in making a difference for the people of Lancashire.

Former County Councillor Ron Pickup who died on the 2 February. Mr Pickup was elected to represent the County Council's Clitheroe electoral division as a Labour member in 1989, serving until 1993. He was then elected to represent the Whitworth electoral division on the County Council in 2001 and served until 2005.

Mr Harry Leslie Yeadon, former County Surveyor for Lancashire and Bridgemaster from 1974 to 1984, died on 8 February 2015 aged 92. He joined the county council in 1948 and retired in 1985. One of the final road projects started before his retirement was an access road from the M55 to the new car parks in Blackpool which was named Yeadon Way in his honour.

A number of members spoke in memory of the deceased following which the Full Council stood in silent tribute.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None disclosed.

3. The County Council's Budget

County Councillor Borrow moved the report of the Cabinet from its meeting on the 5 February 2015. It contained recommendations on:

- (i) **The 2015/16 Budget and Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2017/18**
- (ii) **The Capital Investment Programme 2015/16 and beyond**
- (iii) **The Council Tax and Precept 2015/16**

In moving the report County Councillor Borrow outlined an **adjustment** to the proposals contained within the report. Details of the adjustment were set out in a document circulated to all members, which is appended to these minutes as **Annex 1**.

The motion was seconded by County Councillor Bill Winlow, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

There then followed a period of debate on the Budget proposals.

Following the debate the Chairman adjourned the meeting for a period of ten minutes to give the County Treasurer the opportunity to consider an Amendment which was to be moved on behalf of the Conservative Group.

On resumption of the meeting Councillor Geoff Driver moved an **Amendment** to the Budget proposals on behalf of the Conservative Group, which was seconded by County Councillor Albert Atkinson.

Councillor Driver drew attention to a typographical error at paragraph 4 of the Amendment; the figure of £22.466m as shown in the original document should have read **£30.326m**.

A copy of the Amendment was circulated to all members and the corrected version is set out at **Annex 2** to these minutes.

There then followed a period of debate following which a recorded vote was taken. The names of county councillors who voted for or against the Amendment and those who abstained are set out below:

For (34)

T Ashton	G Driver	K Sedgewick
A Atkinson	G Gooch	J Shedwick
M Barron	M Green	D Smith
P Britcliffe	K Iddon	D Stansfield
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Against (46)

T Aldridge	J Fillis	J Oakes
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A Barnes	J Hanson	N Penney
L Beavers	M Hassan	S Perkins
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Abstain (0)

The Conservative Group's Amendment was therefore lost.

County Councillor Graham Gooch then moved a further **Amendment** to the Budget proposals, which was seconded by County Councillor Michael Green. A copy of the Amendment was circulated to all members and is set out at **Annex 3** to these minutes.

A recorded vote was taken and the names of county councillors who voted for or against the Motion and those who abstained are set out below:

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Abstain (0)

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 at Annex 1, on the:

- (iv) **The 2015/16 Budget and Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2017/18**
- (v) **The Capital Investment Programme 2015/16 and beyond**
- (vi) **The Council Tax and Precept 2015/16**

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Abstain (0)

The Motion was carried and it was,

Resolved:

- 1. Revenue Budget 2015/16**

Allocation of the 2015/16 Revenue Budget to Services

Revenue budget 2015/16	Gross Budget £m	Income £m	Net Budget £m
Cost of Being in Business	105.937	(53.906)	52.031
Service Offer Proposals			
Social Care	494.685	(119.486)	375.199
Other Services We Provide To Adults	16.979	(3.698)	13.281
Coroners Service	2.159	-	2.159
Public Health & Wellbeing	105.564	(75.110)	30.454
Other Services For Children & Young People	133.614	(79.112)	54.502
Highway Services	75.316	(44.498)	30.818
Bus & Rail Travel	48.671	(15.533)	33.138
Waste Management	104.908	(20.152)	84.756
Other Environment Services	16.500	(10.629)	5.871
Cultural Services	20.460	(5.130)	15.330
Economic Development and Skills	19.571	(18.913)	0.658
Care and Urgent Needs	1.548	-	1.548
Total for the Service Offers	1,039.975	(392.261)	647.714
Financing Charges	50.794	(18.400)	32.394
Use of one off resources		(5.464)	(5.464)
Revenue budget 2015/16	1,196.706	(470.031)	726.675

2. Capital Investment Strategy 2015/16 and future years

The adoption of the proposals for the Capital Investment Strategy 2014/15 and future years as set out at Appendix A to the report now presented be approved.

3. Council Tax and Precept 2015/16

The Full Council authorises, 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 2015/16:

a) Budget, Council Tax Requirement and Precept for 2015/16:

Budget Requirement	726.675
Less formula grant	158.963
Less Retained Business Rates	176.724
Less New Homes Bonus grant	3.884
Equals council tax cash	387.104
Divided by tax base	342,636.38
Gives Band D council tax	1,129.78
2014/156 council tax	1,107.74
Percentage increase	1.99%

b) **Council Tax (on the basis of a budget requirement of £726.675m and the Council Tax base of 342,636.38) for each property valuation band:**

	£
Band A	£753.19
Band B	£878.72
Band C	£1,004.25
Band D (basic)	£1,129.78
Band E	£1,380.84
Band F	£1,631.90
Band G	£1,882.97
Band H	£2,259.56

c) The share for each District Council of the net total raised from the Council Tax of £387.104m:

	£
Burnley	£24,437,141
Chorley	£38,982,178
Fylde	£31,944,530
Hyndburn	£21,289,574
Lancaster	£43,496,530
Pendle	£25,552,573
Preston	£39,123,152
Ribble Valley	£24,519,615
Rossendale	£21,808,030
South Ribble	£38,925,994
West Lancashire	£37,946,587
Wyre	£39,077,847
Total raised from the council tax	£387,103,752

4. Lancashire County Council Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2015/16

The County Council considered a report which outlined the proposed Treasury Management Policy Framework for 2015/16 as required by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Treasury Management Code of Practice (2011). It included the County Council's borrowing and investment strategies and the proposed Minimum Revenue provision Policy, together with the treasury management prudential indicators which sought to ensure that the Council's borrowing levels remained both sustainable and affordable.

The Cabinet had considered the Treasury Management Policy Framework for 2015/16 set out at Appendices A, B and C to the report now presented and recommended it to the Full Council for approval.

Resolved: That the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2015/16 as set out in Appendices A, B and C to the report now presented, be approved.

Part B - Matters for Information

No matters were reported.

Part C - Notice of Motion

No Notices of Motion had been received.

Jo Turton
Chief Executive

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