

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 17th February, 2022

Present:

County Councillor Peter Britcliffe (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)

County Councillors

T Aldridge	M Goulthorp	J Potter
A Ali OBE	H Hartley	J Purcell
U Arif	C Haythornthwaite	J Rear
T Ashton	N Hennessy	P Rigby
N Aziz	S Hind	Rigby
R Bailey	A Hindle	A Riggott
L Beavers	S Holgate	M Salter
J Berry	D Howarth	A Schofield
M Brown	T Hurn	S Serridge
P Buckley	K Iddon	J Shedwick
A Cheetham	M Iqbal MBE	J R Singleton JP
A Clempson	S Jones	S Smith
M Clifford	A Kay	K Snape
L Collinge	N Khan	A Sutcliffe
J Couperthwaite	E Lewis	R Swarbrick
L Cox	S Malik	M Tomlinson
A Cullens	M Maxwell-Scott	C Towneley
M Dad BEM JP	J Mein	S Turner
F De Molfetta	G Mirfin	A Vincent
G Dowding	S C Morris	D Westley
A Fewings	D O'Toole	S Whittam
J Fillis	J Oakes	P Williamson
A Gardiner	L Pate	R Woollam
J Gibson	M Pattison	
G Gooch	E Pope	

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Barnes, Burrows, Edwards, Hosker and Parr.

County Councillors Clarke, Green, H Khan, Motala and Yates, joined the meeting virtually.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item Number	Nature of Interest (non-pecuniary unless stated)
Julie Gibson	4 (Labour Group Amendment)	Employee of Royal Mail
John Potter	4	Paid contract with Lancashire County Council

3. External Auditor's Annual Report on Lancashire County Council 2020/21

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved a report setting out the external auditor's annual report on Lancashire County Council for 2020/21 and, in doing so, introduced Paul Dossett and Stuart Basnett, Grant Thornton UK, who presented the report to Full Council.

Resolved: - That the report setting out the findings in the auditor's annual report on Lancashire County Council 2020/21 and the improvement recommendations made, as set out in the report, now presented, be noted.

4. Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2025/26; Capital Delivery Programme 2022/23; Capital Strategy 2022 to 2042; Council Tax and Precept 2022/23; Treasury Management Strategy and Non-Treasury Investment Strategy 2022/23; Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2022/23; Fees and charges 2022/23

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Leader of the County Council, moved the recommendations of the Cabinet regarding the:

- Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2025/26
- Capital Delivery Programme 2022/23
- Capital Strategy 2022 to 2042
- Council Tax and Precept 2022/23
- Fees and charges 2022/23

Together with the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 31 January 2022 in respect of the:

- Treasury Management Strategy and Non-Treasury Investment Strategy 2022/23
- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2022/23

The motion was seconded by County Councillor Alan Vincent, Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader).

In moving the report, County Councillor Williamson outlined an Adjustment to the proposals contained within the report.

A copy of the Adjustment was circulated to all Members and is set out at Annex 1 to these minutes.

Following a brief adjournment, County Councillor John Fillis, on behalf of the Labour Group, then made his Budget speech and moved an Amendment to the Budget proposals on behalf of the Labour Group which was seconded by County Councillor Usman Arif.

A copy of the Amendment was circulated to all Members and is set out at Annex 2 to these minutes.

Following a period of debate, a recorded vote on the Amendment was taken in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order B45(7). The names of those Members who vote for or against the Amendment, and those who abstained, are set out below.

For (30)

Aldridge	Brown	Dowding	Holgate	Oakes
Ali	Clifford	Fewings	Iqbal	Pate
Arif	Collinge	Fillis	Khan, N	Pattison
Aziz	Cox	Gibson	Lewis	Serridge
Beavers	Dad	Hennessy	Malik	Snape
Berry	De Molfetta	Hindle	Mein	Tomlinson

Against (44)

Ashton	Gooch	Kay	Rigby, P	Swarbrick
Bailey	Goulthorp	Maxwell-Scott	Rigby, S	Towneley
Britcliffe	Hartley	Mirfin	Riggott	Turner
Buckley	Haythornthwaite	Morris	Salter	Vincent
Cheetham	Hind	O'Toole	Schofield	Westley
Clempson	Howarth	Pope	Shedwick	Whittam
Couperthwaite	Hurn	Potter	Singleton	Williamson
Cullens	Iddon	Purcell	Smith	Woollam
Gardiner	Jones	Rear	Sutcliffe	

Abstain (0)

The Labour Group's Amendment was therefore LOST.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Lian Pate and seconded by County Councillor Terry Aldridge:

Community speed watch as per original amendment - cost neutral

Following a period of debate, a recorded vote on the Amendment was taken in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order B45(7). The names of those Members who voted for or against the Amendment, and those who abstained, are set out below.

For (31)

Aldridge	Clifford	Fillis	Lewis	Serridge
Ali	Collinge	Gibson	Malik	Snape
Arif	Cox	Hennessy	Mein	Tomlinson
Aziz	Dad	Hindle	Oakes	
Beavers	De Molfetta	Howarth	Pate	
Berry	Dowding	Iqbal	Pattison	
Brown	Fewings	Khan, N	Potter	

Against (42)

Ashton	Gooch	Maxwell-Scott	Riggott	Turner
Bailey	Goulthorp	Mirfin	Salter	Vincent
Britcliffe	Hartley	Morris	Schofield	Westley
Buckley	Haythornthwaite	O'Toole	Shedwick	Whittam
Cheetham	Hind	Pope	Singleton	Williamson
Clempson	Hurn	Purcell	Smith	Woollam
Couperthwaite	Iddon	Rear	Sutcliffe	
Cullens	Jones	Rigby, P	Swarbrick	
Gardiner	Kay	Rigby, S	Towneley	

Abstain (0)

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Nikki Hennessy and seconded by County Councillor Margaret Pattison:

Drainage maintenance - work with boroughs to increase road sweeping in areas at risk of flooding. To prevent gully blockage - cost: 0.120 (from reserves)

Following a period of debate, a recorded vote on the Amendment was taken in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order B45(7). The names of those Members who voted for or against the Amendment, and those who abstained, are set out below.

For (31)

Aldridge	Clifford	Fillis	Lewis	Serridge
Ali	Collinge	Gibson	Malik	Snape
Arif	Cox	Hennessy	Mein	Tomlinson
Aziz	Dad	Hindle	Oakes	

Beavers	De Molfetta	Holgate	Pate	
Berry	Dowding	Iqbal	Pattison	
Brown	Fewings	Khan, N	Purcell	

Against (43)

Ashton	Gooch	Kay	Rigby, S	Towneley
Bailey	Goulthorp	Maxwell-Scott	Riggott	Turner
Britcliffe	Hartley	Mirfin	Salter	Vincent
Buckley	Haythornthwaite	Morris	Schofield	Westley
Cheetham	Hind	O'Toole	Shedwick	Whittam
Clempson	Howarth	Pope	Singleton	Williamson
Couperthwaite	Hurn	Potter	Smith	Woollam
Cullens	Iddon	Rear	Sutcliffe	
Gardiner	Jones	Rigby, P	Swarbrick	

Abstain (0)

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Jackie Oakes and seconded by County Councillor Mark Clifford:

Establish a 2030 Carbon Neutral Scrutiny Committee - cost neutral

Following a period of debate, a recorded vote on the Amendment was taken in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order B45(7). The names of those Members who voted for or against the Amendment, and those who abstained, are set out below.

For (32)

Aldridge	Clifford	Fillis	Khan, N	Potter
Ali	Collinge	Gibson	Lewis	Serridge
Arif	Cox	Hennessy	Malik	Snape
Aziz	Dad	Hindle	Mein	Tomlinson
Beavers	De Molfetta	Holgate	Oakes	
Berry	Dowding	Howarth	Pate	
Brown	Fewings	Iqbal	Pattison	

Against (42)

Ashton	Gooch	Maxwell-Scott	Riggott	Turner
Bailey	Goulthorp	Mirfin	Salter	Vincent
Britcliffe	Hartley	Morris	Schofield	Westley
Buckley	Haythornthwaite	O'Toole	Shedwick	Whittam
Cheetham	Hind	Pope	Singleton	Williamson
Clempson	Hurn	Purcell	Smith	Woollam

Couperthwaite	Iddon	Rear	Sutcliffe	
Cullens	Jones	Rigby, P	Swarbrick	
Gardiner	Kay	Rigby, S	Towneley	

Abstain (0)

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

County Councillor John Potter, on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group, then made his Budget speech and moved an Amendment to the Budget proposals on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group, which was seconded by County Councillor David Howarth.

A copy of the Amendment was circulated to all Members and is set out at Annex 3 to these minutes.

Following a brief adjournment and a period of debate, a recorded vote on the Amendment was taken in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order B45(7). The names of Members who voted for or against the Amendment, and those who abstained, are set out below.

For (3)

Dowding	Howarth	Potter
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Against (42)

Ashton	Gooch	Maxwell-Scott	Riggott	Turner
Bailey	Goulthorp	Mirfin	Salter	Vincent
Britcliffe	Hartley	Morris	Schofield	Westley
Buckley	Haythornthwaite	O'Toole	Shedwick	Whittam
Cheetham	Hind	Pope	Singleton	Williamson
Clempson	Hurn	Purcell	Smith	Woollam
Couperthwaite	Iddon	Rear	Sutcliffe	
Cullens	Jones	Rigby, P	Swarbrick	
Gardiner	Kay	Rigby, S	Towneley	

Abstain (27)

Aldridge	Clifford	Fillis	Lewis	Serridge
Ali	Collinge	Gibson	Malik	Snape
Aziz	Cox	Hennessy	Mein	Tomlinson
Beavers	Dad	Hindle	Oakes	
Berry	De Molfetta	Iqbal	Pate	
Brown	Fewings	Khan, N	Pattison	

The Liberal Democrat Group's Amendment was therefore LOST.

County Councillor Gina Dowding, on behalf of the Green Group, then made her Budget speech and moved an Amendment to the Budget proposals on behalf of the Green Group, which was seconded by County Councillor Andy Fewings.

A copy of the Amendment was circulated to all Members and is set out at Annex 4 to these minutes.

Following a period of debate, a recorded vote on the Amendment was taken in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order B45(7). The names of Members who voted for or against the Amendment, and those who abstained, are set out below.

For (28)

Aldridge	Brown	Dowding	Iqbal	Pate
Ali	Clifford	Fewings	Khan, N	Pattison
Arif	Collinge	Fillis	Lewis	Serridge
Aziz	Cox	Gibson	Malik	Snape
Beavers	Dad	Hennessy	Mein	
Berry	De Molfetta	Hindle	Oakes	

Against (44)

Ashton	Gooch	Kay	Rigby, P	Swarbrick
Bailey	Goulthorp	Maxwell-Scott	Rigby, S	Towneley
Britcliffe	Hartley	Mirfin	Riggott	Turner
Buckley	Haythornthwaite	Morris	Salter	Vincent
Cheetham	Hind	O'Toole	Schofield	Westley
Clempson	Howarth	Pope	Shedwick	Whittam
Couperthwaite	Hurn	Potter	Singleton	Williamson
Cullens	Iddon	Purcell	Smith	Woollam
Gardiner	Jones	Rear	Sutcliffe	

Abstain (0)

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

As no further Amendments were moved, the Vice-Chairman put the Motion on the county council's Budget, as Adjusted, and asked Full Council to approve the recommendations of the Cabinet on the:

- Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2025/26
- Capital Delivery Programme 2022/23
- Capital Strategy 2022 to 2042
- Council Tax and Precept 2022/23
- Fees and charges 2022/23

Together with the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 31 January 2022 in respect of the:

- Treasury Management Strategy and Non-Treasury Investment Strategy 2022/23
- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2022/23

A recorded vote was taken, in accordance with Standing Order B45(7), and the names of Members who voted for or against the Motion, and those who abstained, are set out below.

For (40)

Ashton	Gardiner	Kay	Rigby, S	Swarbrick
Bailey	Gooch	Maxwell-Scott	Riggott	Towneley
Britcliffe	Goulthorp	Mirfin	Salter	Turner
Buckley	Hartley	O'Toole	Schofield	Vincent
Cheetham	Haythornthwaite	Pope	Shedwick	Westley
Clempson	Hind	Purcell	Singleton	Whittam
Couperthwaite	Hurn	Rear	Smith	Williamson
Cullens	Iddon	Rigby, P	Sutcliffe	Woollam

Against (1)

Potter

Abstain (27)

Aldridge	Clifford	Fewings	Khan, N	Pattison
Ali	Collinge	Fillis	Lewis	Serridge
Arif	Cox	Gibson	Malik	Snape
Aziz	Dad	Hennessy	Mein	
Beavers	De Molfetta	Hindle	Oakes	
Berry	Dowding	Iqbal	Pate	

The Motion was CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: -

That the Cabinet's recommendations, as Adjusted, in respect of the:

- Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2025/26
- Capital Delivery Programme 2022/23
- Capital Strategy 2022 to 2042
- Council Tax and Precept 2022/23
- Fees and charges 2022/23

Together with the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 31 January 2022 in respect of the:

- Treasury Management Strategy and Non-Treasury Investment Strategy 2022/23
- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2022/23

As set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

5. To consider Notices of Motion Submitted under Standing Order B36

There were no Notices of Motion to be considered.

Annexes 1 - 4

Annex 1

ADJUSTMENT PROPOSED BY THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP TO THE 2022/23 BUDGET

(1) Proposed adjustments to the revenue budget

	£m
Lancashire Levelling Up Investment Fund (22/23 only)	5.000
Platinum Jubilee Addition to Members Grants (22/23 only)	0.042
Increased support for Active Travel (22/23 only)	0.100
Additional Funds for Emergency Welfare Support (22/23 only)	0.100
New Best Start in Life Scheme (22/23 only and funded from Public Health Grant Reserve)	0.100
Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation Initiative (22/23 only and funded from Public Health Grant Reserve)	0.100
Local Nature and Biodiversity Grant Scheme	0.058
Total cost of proposed amendments:	<u>5.500</u>

(2) Proposed additions to the capital programme

	£m
Highways Responsive Maintenance (22/23 only)	2.000
Additional capacity of SEND Sufficiency Strategy	0.400
Conservation Area Enhancements Scheme	0.300
Total Additions to Capital Programme:	<u>2.700</u>

(3) Proposed amendments to the funding of the Capital Programme

	£m
Transfer from Transitional Reserve	-2.700

Total amendments to the funding of the Capital Programme:

-2.700

Revenue Budget 2022/23	Net Budget
	£m
Adult Services	418.950
Chief Executive Services	15.470
Children's Social Care	171.440
Corporate Services	23.200
Education and Skills	58.230
Finance Services	18.760
Growth, Environment and Planning	11.290
Waste Management	71.730
Highways and Transport	75.700
Public Health and Wellbeing	2.590
Strategy and Performance	33.650
Organisational Development and Change	1.980
Digital Services	33.510
Sub-Total	936.500
Financing Charges	30.450
Use of one off resources	-18.840
Revenue budget 2022/23	948.110

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson,
 Leader of the County Council,
 17th February 2022

View of the Chief Executive and Director of Resources (S151)

The proposals have been validated as being deliverable financially in 2022/23.

In validating the proposals, I have been mindful that:

- The additions to the revenue budget in 2022/23 of £5.500m can be funded from a combination of the Transitional Reserve (£5.300m) and Public Health Grant Reserve (£0.2m).
- There are no recurrent costs to be built into the MTFs from 2023/24 and therefore no impact on the structural deficit.
- The funding to support the capital programme can be met from the transitional reserve, as a one-off contribution of £2.700m.

The transitional reserve is currently forecast to be £211.750m at 31st March 2022. The additional call on the reserve arising from this amendment will be £8m in 2022/23. The transitional reserve is sufficient to support the structural deficit for 2022/23 – 2024/25 with a revised forecast level of £100.67m at 31st March 2025.

In the intervening period the council will need to take steps to address the structural deficit to ensure it can maintain a sustainable financial position.

Annex 2

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LABOUR GROUP TO THE 2022/23 BUDGET

Even though there appears to be a budget underspend of £23.46m for 2021/22 due to COVID there has been a suppressed need building up over the last 2 years across all services from children's services to fixing roads. It is difficult to predict what service requirements will develop. Our staff have done a fantastic job and will be working hard to meet the needs of our communities.

With the increased inflation especially hitting energy cost and cost of living it is important that we minimise LCC costs. However, we will have to increase council tax, which will not keep pace with inflation so our ability to deliver will be affected. We do have uncommitted £204.450m in LCC transitional reserves. It is our intention to use these reserves to support communities across Lancashire as well as work with partners on joint funding projects.

(4) Proposed amendments to the revenue budget

	2022/23 £m
Developing a business bank for small and medium businesses. We do not have the internal skills to launch such scheme. However, we do have skills regarding working with Lancashire Businesses and investment opportunities. We would be looking to work with other authorities and government agencies as well as the banking sector to consider the benefits and pitfalls of developing a Lancashire Bank for small and medium size business. Part funding.	0.200
Promotion of night-time and cultural economy. This business area has been hit harder than most during the pandemic. Through Marketing Lancashire, we will carry out advertising and information surrounding this economy in a safe and sustainable manner. From transitional reserves.	0.300
Community Speed Watch - Excessive or inappropriate speed, whether real or perceived, is an issue for many communities and Community Speed Management is a coherent and systematic approach to help communities address this. Community involvement is important to the delivery of Community Speed Management and the Road Safety Engineering team within Transport & Planning will help the formation of local Community Speed Management groups and support them in delivering community-led actions. The Process This is based on a step-by-step approach; steps 1 to 3 are delivered by community groups. 1. 'Road Safe' - A community-based 'pledge' that seeks to inform residents about the issue of speeding and other inappropriate driving behaviour and invites them to sign up to a pledge not to exceed speed limits. Whenever action is requested, communities will be directed towards the 'pledge' approach as an initial step. 2. Speed Indicator Device (SID) deployment - An informal speed management device	0.000

<p>operated by volunteers in accordance with a defined process and initiated by an identified community group.</p> <p>3. Community Speed Watch - An informal speed management process involving the use of speed guns at the roadside. Volunteers are trained and supported by either the Police, PCSOs or Safety Wardens. Vehicle details of those exceeding the relevant speed limit are recorded with drivers receiving warning letters.</p> <p>Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) or Community Support Wardens may assist groups to operate SIDs and will assist in operating speed guns.</p> <p>This system is already operational and proved successful in Cheshire West and Chester Council area.</p> <p>To be paid for by Lancashire road safety partnership.</p>	
<p>Launch Lancashire Good Employment Charter to enable our Business to attract the best and the brightest employees. Working with businesses and business organisation, trades unions, other authorities, universities, colleges, and schools. To identify key indicators of good employment and recognition of those companies that fall into that category.</p> <p>Call out and oppose the act like “Firing and Rehiring” of staff by unscrupulous employers and applaud those employers who have acted responsibly and stood by their staff during the pandemic. As these acts detract from good employers.</p>	0.100
<p>To increase street lighting in areas of crime and disorder on a 50-50 funding base partnership funding with the police.</p>	0.100
<p>Welfare Rights – Fuel Price Poverty and cost of living increases. Support Helpline. Supporting people with information and signpost services to reduce their energy cost and financial advice to cope with increasing costs. Recurrent cost.</p>	0.200
<p>Create a Lancashire Care Home Charter that will prevent neglect and premature deaths due to older people being transferred from hospital into care homes that have not been tested for COVID-19 or any other transferable illness.</p>	0.100
<p>Provide 12 months membership to local authority sports and swimming facilities and other contracted facilities, for all disabled residents and 11 to 16 years olds. Funded from the Public Health Grant Reserve and partnership funding.</p>	1.200
<p>Extra invest in health improvement services including, smoking cessations, drug and alcohol addictions services and obesity. Funded from the Public Health Grant Reserve and partnership funding.</p>	0.500
<p>Work with an organisation (Royal Mail due to this organisation calling at nearly every home across Lancashire appears an appropriate place to start) to provide training for volunteer postal staff in “isolation awareness” to identify vulnerable people in the community. This will hopefully enable us to identify early problems in the community where individuals feel unable to access support. Funded from the Public Health Grant Reserve.</p>	0.100
<p>Promotion of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Scouts, Guides, Cadets, and other organisations across schools that encompass their communities. Carried out by our Youth Service with the organisations and through school, like freshers' days at universities.</p>	0.200
<p>Evaluation of Transport for the North Policy in relation to the needs of Lancashire</p>	0.100
<p>Smart ticketing system for public transport across Lancashire. Part funding.</p>	0.100
<p>Increase signs and lines on our highways</p>	0.100
<p>Highways Masterplans to be reviewed based on sustainable transport to incorporate a greater emphasis on pedestrian, cycling and alternative transport solutions.</p>	0.200
<p>Drainage maintenance. Work with the borough councils to increase road sweeping in areas of flooding. To prevent gully blockage. Recurrent cost.</p>	0.120
<p>Trades Union Facility time to support LCC staff in returning to work in the new normal conditions of service. Recurrent cost.</p>	0.150

Home Computers and internet access for school children across Lancashire. Due to increased cost of living and continued need for education via the internet this will provide young people with the systems required whose families cannot afford the cost.	0.200
Total cost of proposed amendments	3.970

<p>Establish a 2030 Carbon Neutral Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>The committee would consider all operations across the county that carry a carbon factor, energy, transport, recycling, building, non-reusable materials, biodiversity, land use and upcycling. To make recommendations that would reduce the council's carbon footprint.</p> <p>To challenge the committee to make recommendations as to how long-term capital investment, procurement or reorganisation could repay the council investment and reduce revenue costs in council activities.</p>	<p>There is a cost to all committees at the council, but we would expect the initial costs to be incorporated into the present system. This may change as the committee makes progress on its considerations.</p>
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The additions to the revenue budget to be funded from a combination of the Transitional Reserve (£2.170m) and Public Health Grant Reserve (£1.8m).

(5) Proposed additions to the capital programme

	2022/23 £m
Pothole provision on top of government grant.	5.000
Pedestrian and cycle surfaces on top of government grant. Pedestrian and cycling surfaces to be constructed or repaired using recycled tyres and other recycled materials.	5.000
Increase the provision of temporary classes to cope with the current shortfall in spaces across the county.	0.500
Parish and town councils to bid into a highways and structural fund, along with match grant funding based on external grants (lottery funding) for minor works up to a Lancashire County investment of £50,000 per project. This would be on a 50/50 base.	1.000
Carbon Neutral Biodiversity Fund for parish and town councils to develop projects in their own areas with the local community. Examples of projects, tree planting, living walls and butterfly bus shelters to name a few. Apply to LCC to create nature reserves on LCC land. Maximum grant of up to £2,000.	0.100
Total	11.600

Provision for Capital projects following the development of Lancashire's Master Plans.

	£m
<p>Following the review of all the current Highways and Transport Master Plans the council will be looking to support the priorities identified to support local communities through improved and sustainable transport links which will reduce the carbon footprint across the county. Money will be available to develop and promote projects.</p> <p>Examples</p> <p>Colne-Skipton rail link and electrification to Preston.</p> <p>Poulton to Fleetwood rail link.</p> <p>Fleetwood power generation barrage.</p> <p>Midge Hall Train Station.</p>	20.000

A56 village bypass, linking M65 to M1. Skelmersdale Rail link and Station Lancaster Train Station HS2 preparation. Preston Train Station HS2 preparation. Burscough curves. Rawtenstall to Manchester train link. Coppull Train Station Eden Project Provisional from the £5.6B Lancashire Deal Bid	
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The additions to the capital programme are all to be funded from the Transitional Reserve.

View of the Chief Executive and Director of Resources (S151)

The proposals have been validated as being financially deliverable in 2022/23.

In validating the proposals, I have been mindful that:

- The additions to the revenue budget in 2022/23 of £3.970m can be funded from a combination of the Transitional Reserve (£2.170m) and Public Health Grant Reserve (£1.8m).
- The recurrent costs of £0.470m would need to be built into the MTFs from 2023/24 increasing the structural deficit to £31.02m in 2023/24 and £41.8m in 2024/25.
- The funding to support the capital programme can be met from the transitional reserve, as a one-off contribution of £31.6m.

The transitional reserve is currently forecast to be £211.750m at 31st March 2022. The additional call on the reserve arising from this amendment will be £33.770m in 2022/23. The transitional reserve is sufficient to support the structural deficit for 2022/23 – 2024/25 with a revised forecast level of £73.960m at 31st March 2025.

In the intervening period the council will need to take steps to address the structural deficit to ensure it can maintain a sustainable financial position.

Annex 3

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP TO THE 2022/23 BUDGET

(1) Proposed amendments to the revenue budget

	£m
Increase Council Tax by 1.99% rather than 3.99% within the proposed 2022/23 budget	10.984
Provide funding for street light energy costs to allow more flexible policy on times of dimming in locations where there are community safety concerns	0.500
Youth worker provision - 6 additional permanent youth workers and a 7th senior youth worker - £270k	0.270
Parking enforcement - 12 street enforcement officers (1 in every division)	0.350
Flooding - additional planning officer to assist the Flood Risk team	0.043
Flooding - investment in 4 new gully wagons with maintenance and two operatives - £480k pa (capital costs £600k)	0.480
Total cost of proposed amendments:	<u>12.627</u>

The additions to the revenue budget to be funded from the Transitional Reserve.

Revenue Budget 2022/23 Council Tax Amendment

	£m
Divided by tax base (estimate)	377,198.67
Gives Band D council tax for 2022/23	£1,485.17
2021/22 council tax	£1,456.19
Percentage increase	1.99%

Council Tax (on the basis of a budget requirement of £937.124m and the Council Tax base for each property valuation band:

Council Tax Band	£
Band A	990.11
Band B	1,155.13
Band C	1,320.15
Band D (basic)	1,485.17
Band E	1,815.21
Band F	2,145.25
Band G	2,475.28
Band H	2,970.34

The share for each district council of the net total raised from the council tax of £560.204m:

District	£m
Burnley	34.882
Chorley	56.597
Fylde	46.622
Hyndburn	31.263
Lancaster	62.466
Pendle	35.556
Preston	59.064
Ribble Valley	36.465
Rosendale	30.565
South Ribble	54.335
West Lancashire	55.946
Wyre	56.443
Total Raised from the Council Tax	560.204

(2) Proposed additions to the capital programme

	£m
New high school in North West Preston if no funding streams become available from City Deal in the next 12 months - £26m	26.000
4 new gully wagons	0.600
Total Additions to Capital Programme:	26.600

The additions to the capital programme are all to be funded from the Transitional Reserve.

View of the Chief Executive and Director of Resources (\$151)

The proposals have been validated as being deliverable financially in 2022/23.

In validating the proposals, I have been mindful that:

- The amendment to council tax precept will be a permanent reduction in the council tax base and increase the underlying structural deficit by £10.984m in 2022/23 rising to £12.050m in 2024/25.
- The additions to the revenue budget in 2022/23 of £12.627m, including the £10.984m council tax precept and £1.643m service amendments, can be funded from the Transitional Reserve.
- The recurrent costs of £13.248m in 2023/24 and £13.793m in 2024/25, including the reduction in the council tax base, would need to be built into the MTFs from 2023/24 increasing the structural deficit to £43.748m in 2023/24 and £55.123m in 2024/25.
- The funding to support the capital programme can be met from the transitional reserve, as a one-off contribution of £26.6m.

The transitional reserve is currently forecast to be £211.750m at 31st March 2022. The additional call on the reserve arising from this amendment will be £39.227m in 2022/23. The transitional reserve is sufficient to support the structural deficit for 2022/23 – 2024/25 with a revised forecast level of £42.652m at 31st March 2025.

In the intervening period the council will need to take steps to address the structural deficit to ensure it can maintain a sustainable financial position.

Annex 4

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE GREENS GROUP TO THE 2022/23 BUDGET

(1) Proposed amendments to the revenue budget	£m
Increasing Local Member Grants to £4k per councillor	0.168
Additional Bus Services	1.400
Total cost of proposed amendments:	<u>1.568</u>

The additions to the revenue budget to be funded from the Transitional Reserve.

(2) Proposed additions to the capital programme	£m
Cycling and Walking Schemes	0.500
Total Additions to Capital Programme:	0.500

The additions to the capital programme are to be funded from the Transitional Reserve.

View of the Chief Executive and Director of Resources (£151)

The proposals have been validated as being deliverable financially in 2022/23.

In validating the proposals, I have been mindful that:

- The additions to the revenue budget in 2022/23 of £1.568m can be funded from the Transitional Reserve.
- The recurrent costs, of £1.568m would need to be built into the MTFS from 2023/24 increasing the structural deficit to £32.118m in 2023/24 and £42.898m in 2024/25.
- The funding to support the capital programme can be met from the transitional reserve, as a one-off contribution of £0.5m.

The transitional reserve is currently forecast to be £211.750m at 31st March 2022. The additional call on the reserve arising from this amendment will be £2.068m in

2022/23. The transitional reserve is sufficient to support the structural deficit for 2022/23 – 2024/25 with a revised forecast level of £102.466m at 31st March 2025.

In the intervening period the council will need to take steps to address the structural deficit to ensure it can maintain a sustainable financial position.

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