

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 9th February, 2023

Present:

County Councillor Peter Britcliffe (Chairman)

County Councillors

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

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Alan Hosker.



County Councillors Samara Barnes, Yousuf Motala and Lian Pate, joined the meeting virtually.

Announcements

Earthquake in Southern Turkey and Northern Syria

The Chairman extended the county council's sympathies to all those who had been affected by the recent earthquake in Southern Turkey and Northern Syria and encouraged individuals to donate to the relief efforts being organised by the Disasters Emergency Committee if they were able to do so.

Monitoring Officer Designate

The Chief Executive asked Full Council to welcome Heloise MacAndrew who would be joining the county council on 1 April 2023 as Director of Law and Governance and the county council's statutory Monitoring Officer.

New Year Honours 2023

The Chairman extended the Full Council's congratulations to Jacqui Old, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, who had been appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the recent New Year Honours for services to the community in North Tyneside.

Award of MBE

The Chairman extended the Full Council's congratulations to Roxanne McKinnon, who works in the county council's Business Intelligence Team, who has recently received her insignia, from HM The King, as a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in recognition of the work she undertook as part of the Lancashire Resilience Forum during the COVID-19 pandemic which was crucial in protecting communities against Coronavirus.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item Number	Nature of Interest (non-pecuniary unless stated)
John Potter	3	Paid contractor with Lancashire County Council on the Two Zero Programme

3. 2023/24 Budget Report

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

- The revenue budget 2023/24 and the medium-term financial strategy 2023/24 to 2026/27.
- The Council Tax and Precept 2023/24.



- The Capital Programme 2023/24

Together with the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 30 January 2023 regarding:

- The Treasury Management Strategy, the Investment Strategy, and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2023/24.

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 and Additions to the proposals contained within the report.

A copy of the Adjustment and Additions was circulated to all Members and is set out at Annexes 1 and 2 to these minutes.

County Councillor Mark Clifford, 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 Noordad Aziz.

A copy of the Amendment was circulated to all Members and is set out at Annex 3 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 voted for or against the Amendment, and those who abstained, are set out below.

For (29)

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

Against (47)

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



Cox	Hurn	Rigby, P	Towneley	
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Abstain (2)

Howarth	Potter
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The Labour Group's Amendment was therefore LOST.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Lizzi Collinge and seconded by County Councillor Erica Lewis:

Amend the saving proposal relating to Telecare (Reference – A004) to enable free Telecare services to all residents who are in receipt of Pension credit - cost - 0.629m

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 (30)

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

Against (46)

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

Abstain (1)

Haythornthwaite

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Sobia Malik and seconded by County Councillor Lorraine Beavers:



Extend Free School Meals to primary school children from families that are not currently eligible but are in receipt of Universal Credit or legacy benefits - cost - 2.000m

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 (28)

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

Against (48)

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

Abstain (2)

Howarth	Potter
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The Amendment was therefore LOST.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Anna Hindle and seconded by County Councillor Jennifer Mein:

Introduce a maximum £1 cap, per day for return journey for all LCC school bus users - cost - 2.100m

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 (29)

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

Against (48)

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

Abstain (2)

Howarth	Potter
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The Amendment was therefore LOST.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Kim Snape and seconded by County Councillor Usman Arif:

Reduce the intervention level by half for works to be undertaken on potholes from 40mm to 20mm - cost - 4.500m

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



Against (48)

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

Abstain (0)

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Jackie Oakes and seconded by County Councillor Steve Holgate:

Invest an extra £10m into the green agenda to work towards Lancashire County council becoming carbon net zero by 2030 - cost - 4.500m

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 (30)

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

Against (48)

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



Cox	Hurn	Rear	Swarbrick	
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Abstain (0)

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Julie Gibson and seconded by County Councillor Jean Parr:

Kinship carer support fund, to develop a policy and provide financial support to Kinship carers across Lancashire - cost - 1.000m

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 (30)

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

Against (47)

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

Abstain (1)

Jones

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Matthew Brown and seconded by County Councillor Azhar Ali:



Establish an independent poverty commission across Lancashire to report back to LCC - cost - 0.100m

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

Against (48)

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

Abstain (0)

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

Following a brief adjournment, 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 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 (30)

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

Against (48)

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

Abstain (0)

The Liberal Democrat Group's Amendment was therefore LOST.

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

- The revenue budget 2023/24 and the medium-term financial strategy 2023/24 to 2026/27.
- The Council Tax and Precept 2023/24.
- The Capital Programme 2023/24

Together with the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 30 January 2023 regarding:

- The Treasury Management Strategy, the Investment Strategy, and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2023/24.

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 (45)

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

Against (3)

Dowding	Fewings	Potter
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Abstain (15)

Ali	Beavers	Dad	Khan, H	Pattison
Arif	Clifford	De Molfetta	Khan, N	Serridge
Aziz	Collinge	Hennessy	Malik	Snape

The Motion was CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: -

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

- The revenue budget 2023/24 and the medium-term financial strategy 2023/24 to 2026/27.
- The Council Tax and Precept 2023/24.
- The Capital Programme 2023/24

Together with the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 30 January 2023 regarding:

- The Treasury Management Strategy, the Investment Strategy, and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2023/24.

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

4. 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 to the 2023/24 Budget Proposal Full Council 9 February 2023

The budget recommendation to Full Council included the most up to date information available at the time, including funding projections based on the Provisional Financial Settlement that was announced on 19 December 2022, and assumptions on council tax and business rates collection fund and growth levels as that information was not received in time for the publication of the budget report.

1. The Final Settlement 2023/24

The final settlement was announced on 6 February 2022 and was broadly in line with the grant allocations that were announced as part of the Provisional Settlement. The only change was to the Service Grant, which was increased from £7.360m to £7.663m.

2023/24 Budget Impact – Increased income of £0.303m

2. Business Rates

On reviewing the final settlement business rates information in conjunction with the information received from district councils, the business rates forecast for 2023/24 is showing an improvement of £3.939m compared to those included in the report to Full Council. The main elements of the improved position are as follows:

- The local share of business rates received by the county council is higher than expected. The medium term financial strategy had assumed 0.5% growth and a value of £28.911m, however the local share is £32.343m a 12.4% increase. No information or intelligence had been received to indicate this level of increase.

2023/24 Budget Impact – Increased income of £3.432m

- As part of business rates funding, s31 grants are received that mainly act as compensation for decisions the Government have taken such as capping inflationary increases. Some elements of these link to the local share calculation. Therefore, the increase in local share has also resulted in additional s31 grant funding.

2023/24 Budget Impact – Increased income of £0.277m

- Due to increases in the local share, the income received from the business rates pool will increase.

2023/24 Budget Impact – Increased income of £0.230m

3. Collection Fund

The county council has a budgeted income from the council tax and business rates collection fund of £5m. District Councils have confirmed their final collection fund positions, with a surplus of £3.179m on the council tax collection fund, and a surplus



of £0.648m on the business rates collection fund. The total collection fund position is lower than the budget, therefore an adjustment is made to the budget to reduce the collection fund budget for 2023/24.

2023/24 Budget Impact – Reduced income of £1.173m

4. Member Grants

Cabinet agreed at the meeting on 2 February 2023 to increase each member grant by £500 in 2023/24 as a one-off in coronation year.

2023/24 Budget Impact – Additional cost of £0.042m

The impact on the medium term financial strategy presented to Full Council is as follows:

Table 1 – Updated Medium Term Financial Strategy

	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m
Spending Gap as reported Full Council Feb 23	9.162	-8.325	10.601	22.890
Funding	-3.069	-3.752	-3.770	-3.787
Other – Member Grants	0.042	0.000	0.000	0.000
Forecast Budget Gap – Full Council Adjustment	6.135	-12.077	6.831	19.103

Table 2 – Updated Transitional Reserve Forecast

	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m
Opening Balance	188.533	175.149	183.893	177.063
Gap funding	6.135	-12.077	6.831	19.103
Commitments	7.249	3.333	0.000	
Closing balance	175.149	183.893	177.063	157.960



The revised funding table is as follows:

	£m
Budget Requirement	1,039.046
Less Revenue Support Grant	38.206
Less Business Rates	236.738
Less New Homes Bonus	1.482
Less Improved Better Care Fund	47.145
Less Social Care Grant	94.569
Less Collection Fund	3.827
Less Capital Receipts	5.000
Less Services Grant	7.663
Equals council tax cash	604.416
Divided by tax base (estimate)	383,826.57
Gives LCC Band D council tax for 2023/24	£1,574.71
LCC Band D council tax 2022/23	£1,514.29
Percentage increase	3.99%



The revenue budget for 2023/24 is as follows:

Revenue Budget 2023/24	Net Budget (£m)
Adult Services	444.813
Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	10.220
Public Health	-3.016
Children's Social Care	193.647
Education, Culture and Skills	45.386
Education and Children's Services	10.774
Policy Commissioning and Children's Health	0.271
Highways and Transport	162.016
Growth and Regeneration	3.118
Environment and Planning	3.194
Resources	7.917
Finance Services	19.848
Strategy and Performance	40.262
Law and Governance	19.664
Digital Service	35.776
People Services	5.835
Organisation Development and Change	2.179
Chief Executive Services	2.874
Sub-Total	1,004.778
Financing Charges	40.403
Use of one-off resources (funding from Transitional Reserve)	-6.135
Revenue Budget 2023/24 (Budget Requirement)	1,039.046



Council Tax (on the basis of a budget requirement of £1,039.046m) and the Council Tax base for each property valuation band:

Council Tax Band	£
Band A	1,049.81
Band B	1,224.77
Band C	1,399.74
Band D (basic)	1,574.71
Band E	1,924.65
Band F	2,274.58
Band G	2,624.52
Band H	3,149.42

c) The contribution from each district council through their precept of the net total raised from the council tax of £604.416m:

District	£m
Burnley	37,074,972
Chorley	60,378,365
Fylde	50,373,398
Hyndburn	34,557,011
Lancaster	67,049,577
Pendle	39,015,645
Preston	64,717,432
Ribble Valley	39,336,256
Rossendale	32,798,060
South Ribble	58,505,626
West Lancashire	59,989,790
Wyre	60,619,406
Total raised from Council Tax	604,415,538



County Councillor Philippa Williamson,
Leader of the County Council,
9 February 2023



Annex 2

BUDGET COUNCIL: 9th FEBRUARY 2023

ADDITIONS PROPOSED BY THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP TO THE 2023/24 BUDGET

Proposed one-off additions to the revenue budget	£m
Highway Deterioration Fund	1.000
Growth Fund	1.800
Total cost of proposed additions:	2.800

The additions to the revenue budget are one-off additional investments and will be an addition to the budget financial gap for 2023/24 detailed in the budget adjustment that will be funded from the Transitional Reserve. The revised funding gap of £8.935m is lower than the £9.162m funding gap in the published report reflecting an improved funding position on business rates and the final settlement which is reflected in the budget adjustment.

Table 1– Updated Medium Term Financial Strategy

	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m
Spending Gap – Full Council Budget Adjustment	6.135	-12.077	6.831	19.103
Highway Deterioration Fund	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Growth Fund	1.800	0.000	0.000	0.000
Budget Gap – Full Council Conservative Adjustment (including additions)	8.935	-12.077	6.831	19.103



Table 2 – Transitional Reserve Forecast

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Opening Balance	188.533	172.349	181.093	174.263
Gap funding	8.935	-12.077	6.831	19.103
Commitments	7.249	3.333	0.000	
Closing balance	172.349	181.093	174.263	155.160

The revenue budget for 2023/24 is as follows:

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Public Health	-3.016
Children's Social Care	193.647
Education, Culture and Skills	45.386
Education and Children's Services	10.774
Policy Commissioning and Children's Health	0.271
Highways and Transport	163.016
Growth and Regeneration	4.918
Environment and Planning	3.194
Resources	7.917
Finance Services	19.848
Strategy and Performance	40.262
Law and Governance	19.664
Digital Service	35.776
People Services	5.835
Organisation Development and Change	2.179
Chief Executive Services	2.874
Sub-Total	1,007.578
Financing Charges	40.403
Use of one-off resources (funding from Transitional Reserve)	-8.935
Revenue Budget 2023/24 (Budget Requirement)	1,039.046



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

The proposals have been validated as being deliverable financially in 2023/24.

In validating the proposals, I have been mindful that:

- The additions to the revenue budget in 2023/24 of £2.800m, are added to the financial gap reported in the budget adjustment and will be subsequently funded from the Transitional Reserve.
- The additions are one-off for the 2023/24 budget only and will not impact the forecast funding gap from 2024/25 onwards.

The transitional reserve is currently forecast to be £188.533m at 31st March 2023. The additional call on the reserve arising from this amendment will be £2.800m in 2023/24 and will not impact on the forecast funding gap in future years. The transitional reserve is sufficient to support the structural deficit for the next 4 financial years with a revised forecast level of £155.160m at 31st March 2027.

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

BUDGET COUNCIL: 9th FEBRUARY 2023 AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LABOUR GROUP TO THE 2023/24 BUDGET

(1) Proposed amendments to the revenue budget

	2023/24 £m
Amend the saving proposal relating to Telecare (Reference – A004) to enable free Telecare services to all residents who are in receipt of Pension credit.	0.629*
Extend Free School Meals to primary school children from families that are not currently eligible but are in receipt of Universal Credit or legacy benefits	2.000
Introduce a maximum £1 cap, per day for return journey for all LCC school bus users.	2.100
Establish an independent poverty commission across Lancashire to report back to LCC.	0.100
Kinship carer support fund, to develop a policy and provide financial support to Kinship carers across Lancashire.	1.000
Development of a Good Work Charter	0.100
Total cost of proposed amendments	5.929

*Recurrent adjustment

The additions to the revenue budget to be funded from the transitional reserve in 2023/24.

(2) Proposed additions to the capital programme

	2023/24 £m
Reduce the intervention level by half for works to be undertaken on potholes from 40mm to 20mm.	4.500*
Additional investment into supported housing projects (Extra Care)	5.000
Invest an extra £10m into the green agenda to work towards Lancashire County council becoming carbon net zero by 2030.	10.000
Total	19.500

*Recurrent adjustment



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 deliverable financially in 2023/24.

In validating the proposals, I have been mindful that:

- The additions to the revenue budget in 2023/24 of £5.929m can be funded from the Transitional Reserve.
- The funding to support the capital programme can be met from the transitional reserve, as a one-off contribution of £19.5m.
- The recurrent costs of £5.129m including an ongoing revenue contribution of £4.5m to support reducing pothole intervention levels would need to be built into the MTFS from 2024/25 increasing the structural deficit to £24.232m in 2026/27.

The transitional reserve is currently forecast to be £188.533m at 31st March 2023. The transitional reserve is sufficient to support the structural deficit for 2023/24 – 2026/27 with a revised forecast level of £117.143m at 31st March 2027.

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

BUDGET COUNCIL: 9th FEBRUARY 2023

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP TO THE 2023/24 BUDGET

Proposed amendments to the revenue budget

	£m
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	0.297
Parking enforcement - 12 street enforcement officers (1 in every district)	0.357
Reinstate saving relating to winter gritting route review (Reference - H002)	0.253
Tree Planting (£2,500 per division)	0.210
Total cost of proposed amendments:	1.617

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

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

The proposals have been validated as being deliverable financially in 2023/24.

In validating the proposals, I have been mindful that:

- The additions to the revenue budget in 2023/24 of £1.617m, can be funded from the Transitional Reserve.
- The recurrent costs of £1.617m would need to be built into the MTFs from 2024/25 increasing the structural deficit to £20.720m in 2026/27.

The transitional reserve is currently forecast to be £188.533m at 31st March 2023. The transitional reserve is sufficient to support the structural deficit for the next 4 financial years with a revised forecast level of £151.491m at 31st March 2027.

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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