

Meeting of the County Council
Meeting to be held on 11 February 2016

Report submitted by the Cabinet

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
All

Revenue Budget 2016/17 and Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20
Capital Investment Programme 2016/17 and beyond
Council Tax and Precept 2016/17
(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet on 21 January 2016 regarding:

1. The Revenue Budget 2016/17 and Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20: section 1 of this report and Appendix A;
2. The Capital Investment Programme 2016/17 and beyond: section 2 of this report and Appendix A; and
3. The Council Tax and Precept 2016/17: section 3 of this report.

Please note: The reports on the County Council's Budget for 2016/17 considered by Cabinet at their meetings on 12 August 2015, 26 November 2015 and 21 January 2016 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 County Council's website:

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

Recommendation

The Full Council is asked to consider the proposals of the Cabinet from its meeting on 21 January 2016 and then approve:

- The Revenue Budget for 2016/17 and Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20;
- The Capital Investment Strategy 2016/17 and future years; and
- The Council Tax Requirement and Precept for 2016/17

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Ext
Grant Settlement and Budget working papers	January 2016	Damon Lawrenson/Interim Director of Financial Resources /Ext 34715

Report of the Cabinet

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

1. The Revenue Budget 2016/17 and Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20: section 1 of this report and Appendix A;
2. The Capital Investment Programme 2016/17 and beyond: section 2 of this report and Appendix A; and
3. The Council Tax and Precept 2016/17: section 3 of this report.

1. Revenue Budget 2016/17

The Cabinet **recommends** the adoption of the revenue budget proposals as set out in Appendix A and in the tables below, which sets out the proposed budget allocations to services and other budget areas. It should be noted that the budget proposals tabled in January 2016 are further supported by £46.5m of one-off reserves. In addition, £17.6m of reserves are proposed to meet the funding gap, resulting in a total of £64.1m reserves being utilised for the 2016/17 budget.

Revenue Budget 2016/17	Net Budget £m
Adult Social Care	332.663
Chief Executive	1.035
Children's Services	99.594
Community Services	129.024
Corporate Commissioning	13.715
Customer Access	3.607
Development and Corporate Services	39.496
Governance, Finance and Public Services	13.992
Lancashire Pension Fund	-2.097
Corporate & Other	41.149
Public Health	24.013
Sub-Total	696.191
Financing Charges	33.324
Use of one off resources	-17.603
Revenue budget 2016/17	711.912

2. Capital Investment Strategy 2016/17 and beyond

The Cabinet **recommends** the adoption of the proposals for the Capital Investment Strategy 2016/17 and future years as set out at Appendix A.

3. Council Tax and Precept 2016/17

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 2016/167

a) Budget, Council Tax Requirement and Precept for 2016/17:

That the band D Council Tax for 2016/17 is increased by:

- Adult Social Care Precept 2% being an increase of £22.60
- General Council Tax 1.99% being an increase of £22.48

This gives an overall position of:

	£m
Budget Requirement	711.912
Less RSG	118.841
Less Retained Business Rates	177.985
Less New Homes Bonus grant	5.084
Equals council tax cash	410.002
Divided by tax base	348,980.09
Gives Band D council tax for 2016/17	£1,174.86
2015/16 council tax	£1,129.78
Percentage increase	3.99%

- a) Council Tax (on the basis of a budget requirement of £711.912m and the Council Tax base for each property valuation band:

Council Tax Band	£
Band A	783.24
Band B	913.78
Band C	1,044.32
Band D (basic)	1,174.86
Band E	1,435.94
Band F	1,697.02
Band G	1,958.10
Band H	2,349.72

- c) The share for each District Council of the net total raised from the Council Tax of £410,002,748:

District	£
Burnley	25,930,335
Chorley	41,333,596
Fylde	33,773,700
Hyndburn	22,426,903
Lancaster	46,641,942
Pendle	27,223,034
Preston	41,359,771
Ribble Valley	25,875,117
Rosendale	23,118,895
South Ribble	40,903,456
West Lancashire	39,969,865
Wyre	41,446,135
Total raised from the Council Tax	410,002,749

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