

Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 8 March 2011, starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor L Rimmer (Chairman)

Councillors:

P Ainsworth	J Rogerson
J E Alcock	C Ross
D A Berryman	I Sayers
S Brunskill	G Scott
R J Elms	R E Sherras
M Fielding	D T Smith
R Hargreaves	J S Sutcliffe
J B Hill	M E Sutcliffe
T Hill	D Taylor
B Hilton	M Thomas
K Hind	R J Thompson
J Holgate	J Waddington
S Hore	N C Walsh
A M Knox	J White
E M H Ranson	A Yearling
M Robinson	

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Community Services, Director of Resources, Head of HR, Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

698 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors R M Adamson, D C Eccleston, G Geldard, A Gridley, S A Hirst, B Jones and C Punchard.

699 PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Canon Norman Atty, opened the meeting with prayers.

700 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

701 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no items of participation.

702 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 December 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

703 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported that she had attended some 40 engagements since the last meeting. These had included the launch of “Clitheroe Inspire” an Adult Substance Misuse Centre in Clitheroe that provided integrated drug and alcohol rehabilitation and employment support for up to 130 clients. She had also attended the finals of the “Grab” Talent Contest for young people and had been very impressed by the wealth of talent in the borough.

In February the Mayor had attended a Ribble Valley and White Rose Ladies fundraising event to support child cancer treatment services and in March had visited a preview of a photographic exhibition at the Steward’s Gallery at Clitheroe Castle.

The Mayor thanked all who had supported her fundraising events to date.

704 BUDGET CONSULTATION WITH NON-DOMESTIC RATEPAYERS

Consideration was given to the written report of the Director of Resources referring to a meeting which had taken place with representatives of non-domestic ratepayers on the Council’s budget proposals. The meeting had been attended by Mr Atherton of Whalley Chamber of Trade and Mr Ian Sowerbutts of Clitheroe Chamber of Trade. Approval of the report was proposed by Councillor E M H Ranson and seconded by Councillor R Sherras.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

705 REVENUE BUDGET 2011/2012

Consideration was given to the written report of the Director of Resources concerning the budget for 2011/2012 and the setting of the different amounts of Council Tax for different parts of the Council’s area where special items applied (Parish Precepts).

Enclosed with the report was the budget summary for the financial year 2011/2012 which contained details of revenue and capital requirements. Approval of the budget proposals was contained in the report were proposed by Councillor E M H Ranson and seconded by Councillor R Sherras.

The Shadow Leader, Councillor A Knox, thanked officers and the Budget Working Group for their efforts in making the budget balance. He expressed his desire to retain the Modern Apprentice Scheme, increase Disabled Facilities Grants in the future and advocated the creation of a Strategic Energy Saving Partnership. The Shadow Leader then proposed an amendment to recommendation 8.1 that:

- (a) the Council use the additional monies provided by the final grant settlement for 2011/2012 to ensure the retention of the Modern Apprentice Scheme 2011/2012;

- (b) that the first £60,000 worth of savings (due to none full complement of staff) in 2011/12 be converted to an earmarked reserve for Modern Apprentices in 2012/2013;
- (c) that a priority for the Capital Budget Working Group be that disabled facilities grants monies should from 2012/2013 increase to reflect demographic changes caused by an ageing population; and
- (d) Strategic Energy Saving Partnership be created using Invest to Save Capital to install renewable energy resources such as photovoltaics and air and ground source heat pumps to reduce cost of energy as well as an income stream from generating renewable energy and selling it back to the Grid. Financing to be brought into the capital programme from 2012/2013.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor S Sutcliffe and was then debated. At the end of the debate a vote was taken and the amendment was lost.

RESOLVED: That the Council:

1. approve the following submitted by the Policy and Finance Committee and included in the Summary Budget Book:
 - (a) the revised revenue estimates for 2010/2011 and the revenue estimates for 2011/2012;
 - (b) the revised capital programme for 2010/2012 and the capital programme for 2011/2012.
2. approve the Prudential indicators, borrowing limits and MRP Policy Statement as set out in Annex 1 of the report.
3. note that the Director of Resources had determined the following amounts for 2011/2012, in accordance with Regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) 22,364 being the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulation 2003, as its Council Tax base for the year:
 - (b) Part of the Council's area:

Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	434
Balderstone	202
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	196
Billington & Langho	2154
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	480

Bowland Forest (High)	60
Bowland Forest (Low)	77
Bowland with Leagram	78
Chatburn	399
Chipping	482
Clayton le Dale	520
Clitheroe	5157
Dinckley	41
Downham	55
Dutton	107
Gisburn	209
Grindleton	363
Horton	44
Hothersall	74
Longridge	2731
Mearley	7
Mellor	1029
Newsholme	21
Newton	150
Osbaldeston	102
Paythorne	41
Pendleton	104
Ramsgreave	282
Read	563
Ribchester	658
Rimington & Middop	225
Sabden	509
Salesbury	174
Simonstone	501
Slaidburn & Easington	156
Thornley with Wheatley	162
Twiston	34
Waddington	456
West Bradford	364
Whalley	1469
Wilpshire	1004

Wiswell	452
Worston	38
22,364	

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the regulations, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

4. Calculate the following amounts for 2011/12, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:
 - a) £26,282,736 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (e) of the Act;
 - b) £19,541,990 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (c) of the Act;
 - c) £6,740,746 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act as its budget requirement for the year;
 - d) £3,222,040 Being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non domestic rates and revenue support grant and adjusted by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year to/from its collection fund from/to its general fund pursuant to the collection fund directions under Sections 97(3);
 - e) £157.34 Being the amount at 4c) above less the amount at 4d) above all divided by the amount at 3a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act as the basic amount of council tax for the year;
 - f) £372,315 Being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
 - g) £140.69 Being the amount at 4e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4f) above by the amount at 3a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates;

(h) Parts of the Council's area:

	Band D £
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	151.63
Balderstone	147.13
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	146.05
Billington & Langho	150.11
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	167.77
Bowland Forest Higher	169.56
Bowland Forest Lower	156.27
Bowland with Leagram	150.31
Chatburn	165.97
Chipping	155.21
Clayton le Dale	144.54
Clitheroe	159.76
Dutton	152.84
Gisburn	159.83
Grindleton	161.35
Hothersall	150.83
Longridge	162.79
Mellor	155.27
Newton	157.36
Osbaldeston	148.04
Pendleton	154.15
Ramsgreave	146.72
Read	154.01
Ribchester	152.46
Rimington & Middop	157.58
Sabden	169.37
Salesbury	154.48
Simonstone	155.46
Slaidburn & Easington	151.91
Thornley with Wheatley	149.95
Waddington	167.01
West Bradford	156.35
Whalley	162.26

Band D	
£	
Wilpshire	154.63
Wiswell	152.86
All other parts of the Council's area	140.69

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4g) above the amounts of the special item relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above, divided in each case by the amount in 3b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as the basic amount of its council tax for dwellings in those parts of its area to which the special item relates;

(i) Parts of the Council's area:

VALUATION BANDS								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	101.08	117.94	134.78	151.63	185.32	219.02	252.71	303.26
Balderstone	98.08	114.44	130.78	147.13	179.82	212.52	245.21	294.26
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	97.36	113.60	129.82	146.05	178.50	210.96	243.41	292.10
Billington & Langho	100.07	116.76	133.43	150.11	183.46	216.83	250.18	300.22
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	111.84	130.49	149.13	167.77	205.05	242.34	279.61	335.54
Bowland Forest Higher	113.04	131.88	150.72	169.56	207.24	244.92	282.60	339.12
Bowland Forest Lower	104.18	121.55	138.91	156.27	190.99	225.72	260.45	312.54
Bowland with Leagram	100.20	116.91	133.61	150.31	183.71	217.12	250.51	300.62
Chatburn	110.64	129.09	147.53	165.97	202.85	239.74	276.61	331.94
Chipping	103.47	120.72	137.97	155.21	189.70	224.19	258.68	310.42
Clayton le Dale	96.36	112.42	128.48	144.54	176.66	208.78	240.90	289.08
Clitheroe	106.50	124.26	142.01	159.76	195.26	230.77	266.26	319.52
Dutton	101.89	118.88	135.86	152.84	186.80	220.77	254.73	305.68
Gisburn	106.55	124.32	142.07	159.83	195.34	230.87	266.38	319.66
Grindleton	107.56	125.50	143.42	161.35	197.20	233.06	268.91	322.70
Hothersall	100.55	117.32	134.07	150.83	184.34	217.87	251.38	301.66
Longridge	108.52	126.62	144.70	162.79	198.96	235.14	271.31	325.58
Mellor	103.51	120.77	138.02	155.27	189.77	224.28	258.78	310.54
Newton	104.90	122.40	139.88	157.36	192.32	227.30	262.26	314.72
Osbaldeston	98.69	115.15	131.59	148.04	180.93	213.84	246.73	296.08
Pendleton	102.76	119.90	137.02	154.15	188.40	222.66	256.91	308.30
Ramsgreave	97.81	114.12	130.42	146.72	179.32	211.93	244.53	293.44

VALUATION BANDS								
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Read	102.67	119.79	136.90	154.01	188.23	222.46	256.68	308.02
Ribchester	101.64	118.58	135.52	152.46	186.34	220.22	254.10	304.92
Rimington & Middop	105.05	122.57	140.07	157.58	192.59	227.62	262.63	315.16
Sabden	112.91	131.74	150.55	169.37	207.00	244.65	282.28	338.74
Salesbury	102.98	120.16	137.32	154.48	188.80	223.14	257.46	308.96
Simonstone	103.64	120.92	138.19	155.46	190.00	224.55	259.10	310.92
Slaidburn & Easington	101.27	118.16	135.03	151.91	185.66	219.43	253.18	303.82
Thornley with Wheatley	99.96	116.63	133.29	149.95	183.27	216.60	249.91	299.90
Waddington	111.34	129.90	148.46	167.01	204.12	241.24	278.35	334.02
West Bradford	104.23	121.61	138.98	156.35	191.09	225.84	260.58	312.70
Whalley	108.17	126.21	144.23	162.26	198.31	234.38	270.43	324.52
Wilpshire	103.08	120.27	137.45	154.63	188.99	223.36	257.71	309.26
Wiswell	101.90	118.90	135.88	152.86	186.82	220.80	254.76	305.72
All other parts of the Council's area	93.79	109.43	125.06	140.69	171.95	203.22	234.48	281.38

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4g) and 4h) by the number which, in proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

5. Note, that for 2011/12 Lancashire County Council has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

Valuation Bands								
A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	
738.87	862.01	985.16	1,108.30	1,354.59	1,600.88	1,847.17	2,216.60	

6. Note, that for 2011/12 Lancashire Police Authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
97.51	113.77	130.02	146.27	178.77	211.28	243.78	292.54

7. Note, that for 2011/12 Lancashire Combined Fire Authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

Valuation Bands							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
42.43	49.51	56.58	63.65	77.79	91.94	106.08	127.30

8. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4i) 5, 6 and 7 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for 2011/12 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	979.89	1,143.23	1,306.54	1,469.85	1,796.47	2,123.12	2,449.74	2,939.70
Balderstone	976.89	1,139.73	1,302.54	1,465.35	1,790.97	2,116.62	2,442.24	2,930.70
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	976.17	1,138.89	1,301.58	1,464.27	1,789.65	2,115.06	2,440.44	2,928.54
Billington & Langho	978.88	1,142.05	1,305.19	1,468.33	1,794.61	2,120.93	2,447.21	2,936.66
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	990.65	1,155.78	1,320.89	1,485.99	1,816.20	2,146.44	2,476.64	2,971.98
Bowland Forest (High)	991.85	1,157.17	1,322.48	1,487.78	1,818.39	2,149.02	2,479.63	2,975.56
Bowland Forest (Low)	982.99	1,146.84	1,310.67	1,474.49	1,802.14	2,129.82	2,457.48	2,948.98
Bowland with Leagram	979.01	1,142.20	1,305.37	1,468.53	1,794.86	2,121.22	2,447.54	2,937.06
Chatburn	989.45	1,154.38	1,319.29	1,484.19	1,814.00	2,143.84	2,473.64	2,968.38
Chipping	982.28	1,146.01	1,309.73	1,473.43	1,800.85	2,128.29	2,455.71	2,946.86
Clayton le Dale	975.17	1,137.71	1,300.24	1,462.76	1,787.81	2,112.88	2,437.93	2,925.52
Clitheroe	985.31	1,149.55	1,313.77	1,477.98	1,806.41	2,134.87	2,463.29	2,955.96
Dutton	980.70	1,144.17	1,307.62	1,471.06	1,797.95	2,124.87	2,451.76	2,942.12
Gisburn	985.36	1,149.61	1,313.83	1,478.05	1,806.49	2,134.97	2,463.41	2,956.10

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £		C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Grindleton	986.37	1,150.79	1,315.18	1,479.57	1,808.35	2,137.16	2,465.94	2,959.14
Hothersall	979.36	1,142.61	1,305.83	1,469.05	1,795.49	2,121.97	2,448.41	2,938.10
Longridge	987.33	1,151.91	1,316.46	1,481.01	1,810.11	2,139.24	2,468.34	2,962.02
Mellor	982.32	1,146.06	1,309.78	1,473.49	1,800.92	2,128.38	2,455.81	2,946.98
Newton	983.71	1,147.69	1,311.64	1,475.58	1,803.47	2,131.40	2,459.29	2,951.16
Osbaldeston	977.50	1,140.44	1,303.35	1,466.26	1,792.08	2,117.94	2,443.76	2,932.52
Pendleton	981.57	1,145.19	1,308.78	1,472.37	1,799.55	2,126.76	2,453.94	2,944.74
Ramsgreave	976.62	1,139.41	1,302.18	1,464.94	1,790.47	2,116.03	2,441.56	2,929.88
Read	981.48	1,145.08	1,308.66	1,472.23	1,799.38	2,126.56	2,453.71	2,944.46
Ribchester	980.45	1,143.87	1,307.28	1,470.68	1,797.49	2,124.32	2,451.13	2,941.36
Rimington & Middop	983.86	1,147.86	1,311.83	1,475.80	1,803.74	2,131.72	2,459.66	2,951.60
Sabden	991.72	1,157.03	1,322.31	1,487.59	1,818.15	2,148.75	2,479.31	2,975.18
Salesbury	981.79	1,145.45	1,309.08	1,472.70	1,799.95	2,127.24	2,454.49	2,945.40
Simonstone	982.45	1,146.21	1,309.95	1,473.68	1,801.15	2,128.65	2,456.13	2,947.36
Slaidburn & Easington	980.08	1,143.45	1,306.79	1,470.13	1,796.81	2,123.53	2,450.21	2,940.26
Thornley with Wheatley	978.77	1,141.92	1,305.05	1,468.17	1,794.42	2,120.70	2,446.94	2,936.34
Waddington	990.15	1,155.19	1,320.22	1,485.23	1,815.27	2,145.34	2,475.38	2,970.46
West Bradford	983.04	1,146.90	1,310.74	1,474.57	1,802.24	2,129.94	2,457.61	2,949.14
Whalley	986.98	1,151.50	1,315.99	1,480.48	1,809.46	2,138.48	2,467.46	2,960.96
Wilpshire	981.89	1,145.56	1,309.21	1,472.85	1,800.14	2,127.46	2,454.74	2,945.70
Wiswell	980.71	1,144.19	1,307.64	1,471.08	1,797.97	2,124.90	2,451.79	2,942.16
All Other Parts of the Council's Area	972.60	1,134.72	1,296.82	1,458.91	1,783.10	2,107.32	2,431.51	2,917.82

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LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader of the Council, Councillor E M H Ranson, began by highlighting the Freedom of the Borough Ceremony which would take place on Thursday next. He thanked local businesses: Cowman's Butchers, Byrne's Wine Merchant, Thwaites Brewery and the King Henry VIII water suppliers of Bolton-by-Bowland who had generously sponsored the event. He was delighted that the Community had pulled together to help honour the service men and women who had served and continued to serve the country and congratulated the Chief Executive and all officers who had been involved in bringing the event to fruition.

The Leader was pleased to report that the multi award winning Ribble Valley Food Trail would be re-launched in the spring. The new look trail would feature 40 restaurants, inns, shops, delicatessens and producers and would have a

dedicated map and website. He also confirmed that Clitheroe would host a second Food Festival aimed at showcasing local produce with a street market celebrating Clitheroe's status as the Official Food Capital of Lancashire. The festival would be held on Saturday, 13 August. Last year's event had attracted thousands of shoppers and visitors to the town and the Council hoped to build on this success by moving the festival to Clitheroe Market.

The Leader was delighted to report that the improvement work at Roefield Leisure Centre had been completed with generous funding support from the Council.

Finally the Leader noted the forthcoming elections and declared that he was proud of what the Council had achieved for the borough as a whole over the last 4 years.

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LEADER'S QUESTION TIME

The Shadow Leader, Councillor A Knox, asked if the Leader could give an update on progress towards a Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The Leader thanked Councillor Knox for his question and reported that discussions were still ongoing to try and reach a solution with both a Pan Lancashire option and a Pennine Lancashire LEP still being pursued. He reported that the majority of Lancashire Councils and businesses supported a Pan Lancashire LEP, whilst Blackburn, Burnley, Pendle and Hyndburn still supported two LEP's, one for the rest of Lancashire and one for Pennine Lancashire. The Leader confirmed that Ministers in the Coalition Government had convened a meeting of Lancashire Leaders and MP's to try and reach a solution. This meeting had taken place on the 1 March in London and Councillor Hirst had attended on behalf of the Leader.

The Leader understood that it had been a productive meeting but no resolution had been reached. Further meetings were due to take place to try and reach agreement.

Next, the Shadow Leader asked if the Leader could say how many members of staff would be leaving the authority due to their fixed term contracts coming to an end and of those how many were entitled to redundancy payments.

The Leader confirmed that the Council had 15 fixed term contracts that were due to expire in 2010/2011. Two employees had already left the Council upon the expiry of their fixed term contracts and one employee was due to leave the authority at the end of March. This employee would be entitled to receive a redundancy payment in accordance with the Fixed Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002. Of the remaining 12 fixed term contracts, two employees had resigned before the expiry of their fixed terms and 3 contracts had been related to internal moves for maternity cover. The remaining 7 contracts have been extended for a limited period and were currently under review as part of the Heads of Service comprehensive review of structures and services within their section.

Finally, Councillor Knox asked if the Leader would say how the Council was intending to respond to a letter from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) asking for greatest access in Council meetings, especially for those who experience their democracy using modern communication methods.

The Leader confirmed that the letter from DCLG had raised a number of issues including filming and recording of Council meetings and the use of modern media tools such as Tweeting, Blogging and the use of Facebook and You Tube.

He confirmed that requests to film Council meetings were rare and were dealt with by reference to the circumstances relating to the individual meeting or issue, and also taking into account practical considerations eg the implications of the Data Protection Act 1998.

He reported that the increased use of modern media tools was currently being considered as part of the review of the Council's Communication Strategy which would be taking place in the next municipal year, thereby involving new Councillors from the outset. Full consideration would be given to the benefit offered and resources required for the Council to encourage increased use of modern media tools.

708 COMMITTEE MINUTES

(i) Planning and Development Committee – 16 December 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(ii) Planning and Development Committee – 13 January 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(iii) Community Committee – 18 January 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(iv) Personnel Committee – 19 January 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(v) Health and Housing Committee – 20 January 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(vi) Policy and Finance Committee – 25 January 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(vii) Parish Council Liaison Committee – 27 January 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(viii) Standards Committee – 2 February 2011

RESOLVED: This meeting had been cancelled, as there were no items to be discussed.

(ix) Planning and Development Committee – 3 February 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(x) Special Policy and Finance Committee – 8 February 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(xi) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15 February 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(xii) Planning and Development Committee – 24 February 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Marshal Scott (414400).