

## Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 3 March 2020 starting at 6.30pm  
Present: Councillor Stella Brunskill (Chairman)

Councillors:

J Alcock	S Hirst
S Atkinson	B Holden
A Austin	S Hore
R Baxter	A Humphreys
S Bibby	S Knox
A Brown	G Mirfin
I Brown	R Newmark
R Buller	D O'Rourke
S Carefoot	S O'Rourke
J Clark	D Peat
L Edge	M Robinson
R Elms	J Rogerson
S Fletcher	J Schumann
M French	G Scott
J Hill	R Sherras
B Hilton	R Thompson
M Hindle	

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Resources, Director of Economic Development and Planning, Head of HR.

### 605 PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Heakin opened the meeting with prayers.

### 606 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Bennett, D Berryman, A Knox, N Walsh.

### 607 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

### 608 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 609 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 610 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported on a wide range of events that she had attended since the last meeting and looked forward to the Freedom of the Borough March by the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment in April.

611 STATUTORY BUDGET CONSULTATION WITH BUSINESS RATEPAYER REPRESENTATIVES

Consideration was given to the written report of the Director of Resources referring to the meeting which had taken place with representatives of non-domestic ratepayers and the Council's budget proposals. The meeting had been attended by Mr Atherton of Whalley Chamber of Trade, and Councillors S Atkinson, A Brown, S Hirst and J Rogerson, Chief Executive, Director of Resources and Head of Revenues and Benefits, Head of Financial Services, Director of Economic Development and Planning and Director of Community Services.

RESOLVED: That Members receive the report.

612 REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 – 2024/25 AND SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN THE COUNCIL'S AREA FOR 2020/21

Consideration was given to the written report of the Director of Resources concerning the budget for 2020/21 and the setting of the different amounts of Council Tax for different parts of the Council's area where special items applied (Parish Precepts).

The report set out the budget summary of the financial year 2020/2021 which contained details of revenue and capital requirements. Approval of the budget proposals contained in the report was proposed by Councillor S Atkinson and seconded by Councillor S Hore.

The Leader presented his budget speech and confirmed that the predominant concerns of the Budget Working Group had been:

- central changes to the New Homes Bonus;
- changes to the Business Rate Growth revenue;
- fair funding review;
- increases in staffing costs.

As a consequence, Policy and Finance Committee had recommended a £5 per year increase in Band D Council Tax for this year.

The Leader recommended the Council's budget and Council Tax for 2020/2021.

The Leader expressed his thanks for the time and effort Committee, Officers and the Budget Working Group had dedicated to achieving the budget as presented.

Councillor M French of the opposition, added his thanks to Officers for their work in preparing the budget on behalf of the Leader of the opposition Councillor A Knox.

The following Members voted for the motion:

J Alcock	S Brunskill	M Hindle	D Peat
S Atkinson	B Buller	S Hirst	J Rogerson
T Austin	S Carefoot	B Holden	G Scott
R Baxter	J Clark	S Hore	R Sherras
S Bibby	L Edge	A Humphreys	R Thompson
A Brown	R Elms	G Mirfin	
I Brown	B Hilton	R Newmark	

No Members voted against the motion.

The following Members abstained:

S Fletcher	S O'Rourke
M French	D O'Rourke
J Hill	M Robinson
S Knox	J Schumann

RESOLVED: That the Council:

1. approve the following submitted by the Policy and Finance Committee and included in the budget summary book:
  - a) the revised estimates of 2019/20 and the revenue estimates for 2020/21;
  - b) the revised capital programme for 2019/20 and the forward capital programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25.
2. approve the Prudential indicators, borrowing limits and MRP Policy Statement as set out in Annex 1 of the report;
3. note that under delegated powers in accordance with Section 84 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003, the Council determined the following amounts for 2020/21, in accordance with the Local Authority's (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulation 1992 (as amended) as its Council Tax base for the year:
  - a) £23,623 being the amount of its Council Tax Base for the whole district [item T and the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the Act)], and

b)

Parish Area	Tax base
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	452
Balderstone	198
Barrow	554
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	205
Billington & Langho	2,149
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	487
Bowland Forest (High)	75
Bowland Forest (Low)	80
Bowland with Leagram	83
Chatburn	393
Chipping	500
Clayton le Dale	520
Clitheroe	5,549
Dinckley	47
Downham	51
Dutton	103
Gisburn	226

Parish Area	Tax base
Grindleton	363
Horton	48
Hothersall	75
Longridge	2,867
Mearley	9
Mellor	981
Newsholme	20
Newton	143
Osbaldeston	105
Paythorne	46
Pendleton	107
Ramsgreave	284
Read	571
Ribchester	658
Rimington & Middop	235
Sabden	523
Salesbury	190
Simonstone	497
Slaidburn & Easington	153
Thornley with Wheatley	170
Twiston	37
Waddington	454
West Bradford	364
Whalley	1,745
Wilpshire	1,081
Wiswell	181
Worston	44
	<b>23,623</b>

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 that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding Parish precepts) is £3,677.865.
5. Calculate the following amounts for 2020/21, in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - a) £27,737,744 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

- b) £22,197,905 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- c) £4,185,446 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 8.5(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 8.5(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
- d) £177.18 Being the amount at 8.5(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (8.3(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- e) £507,581 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- f) £155.69 Being the amount at 8.5(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 8.5(e) above by Item T (8.3(a) 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 Parish precept relates.
- g) Aggregate of the basic amount of council tax for Ribble Valley Borough Council and Parish precept for Band D properties:

Parts of the Council's area	£
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	168.08
Balderstone	170.84
Barrow	179.04
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	163.61
Billington & Langho	165.91
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	223.45
Bowland Forest Higher	184.58
Bowland Forest Lower	170.69
Bowland with Leagram	166.53
Chatburn	184.63
Chipping	172.25
Clayton le Dale	161.46
Clitheroe	176.75
Dinckley	155.69

Parts of the Council's area	£
Downham	155.69
Dutton	160.54
Gisburn	179.03
Grindleton	177.73
Horton	155.69
Hothersall	169.02
Longridge	182.29
Mearley	155.69
Mellor	180.15
Newsholme	155.69
Newton	169.68
Osbaldeston	165.21
Paythorne	155.69
Pendleton	169.71
Ramsgreave	166.25
Read	173.99
Ribchester	170.62
Rimington & Middop	183.35
Sabden	185.17
Salesbury	180.95
Simonstone	172.59
Slaidburn & Easington	169.09
Thornley with Wheatley	164.51
Twiston	155.69
Waddington	185.43
West Bradford	175.76
Whalley	189.11
Wilpshire	172.67
Wiswell	192.99
Worston	155.69

Being the amount given by adding to the amount at 5(f) above to the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount contained in 3(b), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- h) Aggregate of the basic amount of council tax for Ribble Valley Borough Council and Parish precept for Band D properties by valuation band:

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	112.05	130.73	149.40	168.08	205.43	242.79	280.13	336.16
Balderstone	113.89	132.87	151.86	170.84	208.81	246.77	284.73	341.68
Barrow	119.36	139.25	159.15	179.04	218.83	258.62	298.40	358.08
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	109.07	127.25	145.43	163.61	199.97	236.33	272.68	327.22
Billington & Langho	110.60	129.04	147.47	165.91	202.78	239.65	276.51	331.82
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	148.96	173.79	198.62	223.45	273.11	322.77	372.41	446.90
Bowland Forest Higher	123.05	143.56	164.07	184.58	225.60	266.62	307.63	369.16
Bowland Forest Lower	113.79	132.76	151.72	170.69	208.62	246.56	284.48	341.38
Bowland with Leagram	111.02	129.52	148.03	166.53	203.54	240.55	277.55	333.06
Chatburn	123.08	143.60	164.11	184.63	225.66	266.69	307.71	369.26
Chipping	114.83	133.97	153.11	172.25	210.53	248.81	287.08	344.50
Clayton le Dale	107.64	125.58	143.52	161.46	197.34	233.22	269.10	322.92
Clitheroe	117.83	137.47	157.11	176.75	216.03	255.31	294.58	353.50
Dinckley	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Downham	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Dutton	107.02	124.86	142.70	160.54	196.22	231.90	267.56	321.08
Gisburn	119.35	139.24	159.14	179.03	218.82	258.60	298.38	358.06
Grindleton	118.48	138.23	157.98	177.73	217.23	256.73	296.21	355.46
Horton	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Hothersall	112.68	131.46	150.24	169.02	206.58	244.14	281.70	338.04
Longridge	121.52	141.78	162.03	182.29	222.80	263.31	303.81	364.58
Mearley	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Mellor	120.10	140.11	160.13	180.15	220.19	260.22	300.25	360.30
Newsholme	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Newton	113.12	131.97	150.83	169.68	207.39	245.10	282.80	339.36
Osbaldeston	110.14	128.49	146.85	165.21	201.93	238.64	275.35	330.42
Paythorne	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Pendleton	113.14	131.99	150.85	169.71	207.43	245.14	282.85	339.42
Ramsgreave	110.83	129.30	147.78	166.25	203.20	240.14	277.08	332.50
Read	115.99	135.32	154.66	173.99	212.66	251.32	289.98	347.98
Ribchester	113.74	132.70	151.66	170.62	208.54	246.46	284.36	341.24
Rimington & Middop	122.23	142.60	162.98	183.35	224.10	264.84	305.58	366.70
Sabden	123.44	144.02	164.59	185.17	226.32	267.47	308.61	370.34
Salesbury	120.63	140.74	160.84	180.95	221.16	261.38	301.58	361.90

VALUATION BANDS								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Simonstone	115.06	134.23	153.41	172.59	210.95	249.30	287.65	345.18
Slaidburn & Easington	112.72	131.51	150.30	169.09	206.67	244.25	281.81	338.18
Thornley with Wheatley	109.67	127.95	146.23	164.51	201.07	237.63	274.18	329.02
Twiston	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Waddington	123.62	144.22	164.83	185.43	226.64	267.85	309.05	370.86
West Bradford	117.17	136.70	156.23	175.76	214.82	253.88	292.93	351.52
Whalley	126.07	147.08	168.10	189.11	231.14	273.16	315.18	378.22
Wilpshire	115.11	134.30	153.48	172.67	211.04	249.42	287.78	345.34
Wiswell	128.66	150.10	171.55	192.99	235.88	278.77	321.65	385.98
Worston	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38

being the amounts given by multiplying (as appropriate) the amounts at 5(f) or 5(g) by the number which, in the 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.

6. Note, that for 2020/21 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	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
933.55	1,089.14	1,244.73	1,400.32	1,711.50	2,022.68	2,333.87	2,800.64	

7. Note, that for 2020/21 the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire 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	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
140.97	164.46	187.96	211.45	258.44	305.43	352.42	422.90	

8. Note, that for 2020/21 the 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 £
47.24	55.11	62.99	70.86	86.61	102.35	118.10	141.72

9. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 5(h), 6, 7 and 8 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for 2020/21 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

VALUATION BANDS								
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	1,233.81	1,439.44	1,645.08	1,850.71	2,261.98	2,673.25	3,084.52	3,701.42
Balderstone	1,235.65	1,441.58	1,647.54	1,853.47	2,265.36	2,677.23	3,089.12	3,706.94
Barrow	1,241.12	1,447.96	1,654.83	1,861.67	2,275.38	2,689.08	3,102.79	3,723.34
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	1,230.83	1,435.96	1,641.11	1,846.24	2,256.52	2,666.79	3,077.07	3,692.48
Billington & Langho	1,232.36	1,437.75	1,643.15	1,848.54	2,259.33	2,670.11	3,080.90	3,697.08
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	1,270.72	1,482.50	1,694.30	1,906.08	2,329.66	2,753.23	3,176.80	3,812.16
Bowland Forest (High)	1,244.81	1,452.27	1,659.75	1,867.21	2,282.15	2,697.08	3,112.02	3,734.42
Bowland Forest (Low)	1,235.55	1,441.47	1,647.40	1,853.32	2,265.17	2,677.02	3,088.87	3,706.64
Bowland with Leagram	1,232.78	1,438.23	1,643.71	1,849.16	2,260.09	2,671.01	3,081.94	3,698.32
Chatburn	1,244.84	1,452.31	1,659.79	1,867.26	2,282.21	2,697.15	3,112.10	3,734.52
Chipping	1,236.59	1,442.68	1,648.79	1,854.88	2,267.08	2,679.27	3,091.47	3,709.76
Clayton le Dale	1,229.40	1,434.29	1,639.20	1,844.09	2,253.89	2,663.68	3,073.49	3,688.18
Clitheroe	1,239.59	1,446.18	1,652.79	1,859.38	2,272.58	2,685.77	3,098.97	3,718.76
Dinckley	1,225.55	1,429.80	1,634.07	1,838.32	2,246.84	2,655.35	3,063.87	3,676.64
Downham	1,225.55	1,429.80	1,634.07	1,838.32	2,246.84	2,655.35	3,063.87	3,676.64
Dutton	1,228.78	1,433.57	1,638.38	1,843.17	2,252.77	2,662.36	3,071.95	3,686.34
Gisburn	1,241.11	1,447.95	1,654.82	1,861.66	2,275.37	2,689.06	3,102.77	3,723.32
Grindleton	1,240.24	1,446.94	1,653.66	1,860.36	2,273.78	2,687.19	3,100.60	3,720.72
Horton	1,225.55	1,429.80	1,634.07	1,838.32	2,246.84	2,655.35	3,063.87	3,676.64
Hothersall	1,234.44	1,440.17	1,645.92	1,851.65	2,263.13	2,674.60	3,086.09	3,703.30
Longridge	1,243.28	1,450.49	1,657.71	1,864.92	2,279.35	2,693.77	3,108.20	3,729.84
Mearley	1,225.55	1,429.80	1,634.07	1,838.32	2,246.84	2,655.35	3,063.87	3,676.64
Mellor	1,241.86	1,448.82	1,655.81	1,862.78	2,276.74	2,690.68	3,104.64	3,725.56

VALUATION BANDS								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Newsholme	1,225.55	1,429.80	1,634.07	1,838.32	2,246.84	2,655.35	3,063.87	3,676.64
Newton	1,234.88	1,440.68	1,646.51	1,852.31	2,263.94	2,675.56	3,087.19	3,704.62
Osbaldeston	1,231.90	1,437.20	1,642.53	1,847.84	2,258.48	2,669.10	3,079.74	3,695.68
Paythorne	1,225.55	1,429.80	1,634.07	1,838.32	2,246.84	2,655.35	3,063.87	3,676.64
Pendleton	1,234.90	1,440.70	1,646.53	1,852.34	2,263.98	2,675.60	3,087.24	3,704.68
Ramsgreave	1,232.59	1,438.01	1,643.46	1,848.88	2,259.75	2,670.60	3,081.47	3,697.76
Read	1,237.75	1,444.03	1,650.34	1,856.62	2,269.21	2,681.78	3,094.37	3,713.24
Ribchester	1,235.50	1,441.41	1,647.34	1,853.25	2,265.09	2,676.92	3,088.75	3,706.50
Rimington & Middop	1,243.99	1,451.31	1,658.66	1,865.98	2,280.65	2,695.30	3,109.97	3,731.96
Sabden	1,245.20	1,452.73	1,660.27	1,867.80	2,282.87	2,697.93	3,113.00	3,735.60
Salesbury	1,242.39	1,449.45	1,656.52	1,863.58	2,277.71	2,691.84	3,105.97	3,727.16
Simonstone	1,236.82	1,442.94	1,649.09	1,855.22	2,267.50	2,679.76	3,092.04	3,710.44
Slaidburn & Easington	1,234.48	1,440.22	1,645.98	1,851.72	2,263.22	2,674.71	3,086.20	3,703.44
Thornley with Wheatley	1,231.43	1,436.66	1,641.91	1,847.14	2,257.62	2,668.09	3,078.57	3,694.28
Twiston	1,225.55	1,429.80	1,634.07	1,838.32	2,246.84	2,655.35	3,063.87	3,676.64
Waddington	1,245.38	1,452.93	1,660.51	1,868.06	2,283.19	2,698.31	3,113.44	3,736.12
West Bradford	1,238.93	1,445.41	1,651.91	1,858.39	2,271.37	2,684.34	3,097.32	3,716.78
Whalley	1,247.83	1,455.79	1,663.78	1,871.74	2,287.69	2,703.62	3,119.57	3,743.48
Wilpshire	1,236.87	1,443.01	1,649.16	1,855.30	2,267.59	2,679.88	3,092.17	3,710.60
Wiswell	1,250.42	1,458.81	1,667.23	1,875.62	2,292.43	2,709.23	3,126.04	3,751.24
Worston	1,225.55	1,429.80	1,634.07	1,838.32	2,246.84	2,655.35	3,063.87	3,676.64

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## LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader noted the developing situation in relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and confirmed that the Government had issued advice from the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Advisor. The Council would closely monitor advice and take actions accordingly. He was mindful that the Council would need to plan to continue to service delivery with potentially up to 20% of its workforce affected and to continue monitoring any additional risks to staff. He asked everyone to consider their own risk profiles first and foremost before attending to Council business.

Next the Leader was pleased to report that the Climate Change Working Group had been established and had met on two occasions, as a result of which the group would be making recommendations to Policy and Finance Committee.

The Leader went on to reflect on the impact of the recent storm Ciara on communities and businesses throughout the borough that had been affected by flooding. He confirmed that he had spoken to Ribble Valley's MP, Nigel Evans,

at the start of the flooding to request that he speak to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, requesting that the Bellwin Scheme be activated. The Leader was pleased to report that the scheme had been activated for Ribble Valley with additional measures of support including flood resilient grants, community resilient grants of £500, a business recovery grant of up to £2,500 and Council Tax and Business Rate Relief.

Having been on site during the floods, the Leader wished to express his thanks to the individual volunteers and organisations who had helped with providing support for residents, and noted that the Mayor would be hosting a Civic event to thank all those involved personally.

The Leader also reported that the Deputy Leader, Councillor Hore had attended a Lancashire Leaders' meeting in February which had included a presentation on possible Lancashire devolution and the creation of a combined authority for Lancashire with an Elected Mayor.

People had been reminded at the meeting that there would be a white paper on Devolution later on this year. The Leader questioned whether any proposed changes would improve services for the residents of Ribble Valley. The Leader assured the Mayor that the Council would do everything within its power to maintain the independence of the Ribble Valley Borough Council going forward and to keep the focus on the needs of its residents.

Finally the Leader sent best wishes to Councillor Walsh who was unwell.

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#### LEADER'S QUESTION TIME

The Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Councillor M French, asked what percentage of material that went in to blue bins was actually recycled. The Leader thanked Councillor French for his question and confirmed that Lancashire County Council, as the disposal authority, had confirmed that all of the contents of the blue bins were recycled, except for any contamination which in Ribble Valley was very low.

Next Councillor French asked if the Leader could give an update on the progress being made by the Climate Change Working Group. The Leader reported that the Climate Change Working Group had met on 2 occasions to date with another meeting scheduled for early April. He confirmed that an update report would be presented to Policy and Finance Committee later in March, together with some recommendations from the group.

He reported that the group had so far looked at the Friends of the Earth Action Plan to assess the Council's carbon footprint and had received feedback from two events attended by officers and the Chair of the group.

In addition a climate change "landing page" would be sent up on the Council's website, which would include a public statement and signposting to useful documents and information. This would be updated with relevant information and details of actions being taken as appropriate.

At the most recent meeting of the group Members had been appraised of the climate change issues addressed by the Local Plan and how, during its review,

these could be strengthened and added to, to improve the Council's contribution to sustainable development.

In a supplementary question Councillor French proposed that in respect of decision items on future agendas, the risk assessment criteria include a reference to climate change/impact to future generations. The Leader confirmed that he would discuss the change with the Chief Executive and would bring a report to the next meeting of Policy and Finance Committee.

Finally Councillor French asked if the Leader could inform the Council what actions it had taken in response to the recent floods and what support was available to those whose homes and businesses had suffered flood damage. The Leader confirm that in February Council staff dealt with flooding issues following the recent storms. The largest impact had been from storm Ciara and this had resulted in more than 100 properties being flooded mainly in Whalley, Billington and Ribchester. Council staff had been on hand on the day of the flood to liaise with emergency services and had provided housing advice in Whalley Village Hall.

The Council had also provided skips in Whalley, Billington and Ribchester and had hired street sweepers to remove debris from the affected roads. He reiterated that the Government had confirmed it was making flood recovery framework grants and financial assistance available to the Council.

He confirmed that the Council had acted swiftly to grant Council Tax discounts and award community recovery grants promptly.

615 COMMITTEE MINUTES

(i) Community Services Committee – 7 January 2020

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

(ii) Planning and Development Committee – 9 January 2020

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

(iii) Personnel Committee – 15 January 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received with the exception of Minute number 491:

Pay Policy Update

RESOLVED: That the Pay Policy Statement for 2020/21 be approved.

(iv) Health and Housing Committee – 16 January 2020

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

(v) Policy and Finance Committee – 21 January 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received with the exception of Minute number 521:

Review of Financial Regulations and Contract procedure Rules

RESOLVED: That the revised Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules be accepted.

(vi) Economic Development Committee – 23 January 2020

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

(vii) Licensing Committee – 28 January 2020

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

(viii) Parish Council Liaison Committee – 30 January 2020

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

(ix) Special Policy and Finance Committee – 4 February 2020

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

(x) Planning and Development Committee – 6 February 2020

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

(xi) Accounts and Audit Committee – 12 February 2020

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

The meeting closed at 7.14pm.

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