



## Council Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Thursday, 10 March 2022 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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### **Council members present:**

Councillors Kay, Ballard, Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins, Baxter, Beavers, B Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Cartridge, Catterall, Collinson, E Ellison, P Ellison, Fail, Fairbanks, Gerrard, Henderson, Ibison, Ingham, Leech, Longton, McKay, Minto, Moon, Orme, O'Neill, Raynor, Robinson, Smith, Stirzaker, Swales, A Turner, S Turner, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, D Walmsley and L Walmsley

### **Apologies for absence:**

Councillors I Amos, Armstrong, Berry, C Birch, Cropper, George, Holden, Le Marinel and Webster

### **Failed to attend or tender apologies:**

Councillor Williams

### **Officers present:**

Garry Payne, Chief Executive  
Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities  
Clare James, Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer  
Veronica Wilson, Head of Finance  
Emma Lyons, Communications and Visitor Economy Manager  
Joanne Billington, Head of Governance and Business Support  
Mary Grimshaw, Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer  
Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services Officer

### **Other present:**

Honorary Alderman John Hodgkinson

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

Before the meeting began, those who were in attendance participated in a one minute's silence in memory of Councillor Rita Amos who passed away on Thursday 3 March 2022 and for those people suffering as a result of the war in Ukraine.

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## **63 Confirmation of minutes**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Henderson, proposed and the Deputy

Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent, seconded that the minutes of the meeting of the full Council held on 27 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

It was **agreed** (unanimously) that the minutes of the full Council meeting held on 27 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

**64        Declarations of Interest**

None.

**65        Announcements**

The Mayor invited the Leader of the Council to say a few words in memory of Councillor Rita Amos. This was followed by tributes from the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent, the Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Rob Fail and Honorary Alderman, John Hodgkinson.

Councillor Andrea Kay held a collection in aid of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

**66        Public questions or statements**

None received.

**67        Questions "On Notice" from councillors**

None received.

**68        Amendment to Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2022/23 - Energy Bill Rebate**

The Resources Portfolio Holder, Councillor Michael Vincent, and the Corporate Director Resources, Clare James submitted a report for the approval of the amendment to the LCTS Scheme for the 2022/23 financial year agreed at the Full Council on 28 October 2021.

Councillor Henderson proposed, Councillor Michael Vincent seconded and it was **agreed** (unanimously) that the LCTS Scheme for the 2022/23 financial year agreed at the Full Council meeting on 28 October 2021, be amended to reflect the requirement to disregard the £150 Energy Bill Rebate when calculating entitlement to LCTS. This was in accordance with amendments to the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2012.

**69        Pay Policy Statement 2022/23**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Henderson, and the Chief Executive, Garry Payne, submitted a report on the council's Pay Policy Statement 2022/23.

Councillor Henderson proposed, Councillor Michael Vincent, seconded and it was **agreed** (unanimously) that members noted and approved the Pay Policy Statement in respect of 2022/23, which was attached at Appendix A of the report.

**70 Business Plan 2019 - 2023 (updated January 2022)**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Henderson and the Chief Executive, Garry Payne submitted a report seeking approval of the Council's Business Plan for 2019 – 2023 (updated for 2022).

Councillor Henderson proposed, Councillor Michael Vincent seconded and it was **agreed** (by 32 votes to 7) that the council's Business Plan for 2019 – 2023 (updated for 2022) be approved.

**71 Council Tax 2022/23 - Revenue Budget and Capital Programme**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Henderson, submitted a report to determine the Council Tax for the Borough for the 2022/23 financial year. His report included reference to the report of the Resources Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer, which had been considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 16 February 2022. The minute detailing the Cabinet's recommendations was set out in Appendix 1 of his report to this Council meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Henderson and seconded by Councillor Michael Vincent that the recommendations made by the Cabinet be approved.

Following discussions, a vote was taken on the Cabinet's recommendations on the budget for 2022/23 and on the level of Council Tax as set out in 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 of the Leader's report.

The following members voted in support of the proposal: Councillors Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins, Ballard, Baxter, B Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Cartridge, Catterall, Collinson, E Ellison, P Ellison, Fairbanks, Gerrard, Henderson, Ibison, Ingham, Kay, Leech, McKay, Minto, Moon, O'Neill, Orme, Robinson, A Turner, S Turner, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, D Walmsley and L Walmsley.

The following members voted against the proposal: Councillors Beavers, Fail, Longton, Raynor, Smith, Stirzaker and Swales.

**Agreed:**

1. That the formal Council Tax resolution as agreed by Cabinet 16 February 2022, as set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes, be approved.
2. That this Council's Band D equivalent Council Tax for the 2022/23 financial year of £214.74 together with parish precepts, as submitted in the report on the Budget, be approved for each of the valuation bands,

as set out in Table A of Appendix 2 to these minutes.

3. That it be noted that for the year 2022/23 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings in the Council's area, as shown in Table B of Appendix 2 of these minutes.
4. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2 and 3 above, and in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the following amounts are set as the Council Tax for the year 2022/23 for each part of its areas for each of the categories of dwellings were, as shown in Table C of Appendix 2 to these minutes.

## **72 Notices of Motion**

None.

### **Appendix to Council Minutes - 10 March 2022**

The meeting started at 7.01 pm and finished at 8.32 pm.

**Date of Publication:** 15 March 2022.

Extract from the minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 16 February 2022.

### **CAB.32 Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Estimates (annual report)**

The Resources Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director Resources (S.151 Officer) submitted a report asking Cabinet for confirmation of the Revenue Budget, Council Tax, Revised Capital Budget 2021/22 and Capital Programme 2022/23 onwards. Councillor Michael Vincent expressed his thanks to Clare James, Veronica Wilson and her team who, he said, had been as thorough as ever.

#### **Decisions**

Cabinet agreed

1. That the following be approved and recommended to Council for their approval:-
  - a. The Revised Revenue Budget for the year 2021/22 and the Revenue Budget for 2022/23.
  - b. For the purpose of proposing an indicative Council Tax for 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 taking into account the Medium Term Financial Plan at Appendix 2 which reflects an increase of £5 each year, any increase will remain within the principles determined by the Government as part of the legislation relating to Local Referendums allowing the veto of excessive Council Tax increases.
  - c. Members' continuing commitment to the approach being taken regarding the efficiency savings, detailed within the council's 'Annual Efficiency Statement' at Appendix 1 of the report.
  - d. Any increases in the base level of expenditure and further additional expenditure arising during 2022/23 should be financed from existing budgets or specified compensatory savings, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules.
  - e. The use of all other Reserves and Balances as indicated in Appendices 4 and 5 of the report.
  - f. The manpower estimates for 2022/23 in Appendix 4 of the report.
  - g. In accordance with the requirements of the Prudential Code for Capital Finance, those indicators included at Appendix 7 of the report.

- h. The Revised Capital Budget for 2021/22 and the Capital Programme for 2022/23 onwards in Appendix 8 of the report.
2. That it be noted that, in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, as agreed by Council at their meeting on 24 February 2005:

a. The amount of 38,004.46 had been calculated as the 2022/23 Council Tax Base for the whole area [(Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")); and

b. A Council Tax Base, for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates, had been calculated as indicated below:

Barnacre-with-Bonds	1,094.95
Bleasdale	58.48
Cabus	621.79
Catterall	978.85
Claughton-on-Brock	407.50
Fleetwood	6,404.59
Forton	695.07
Garstang	1,838.05
Great Eccleston	743.21
Hambleton	1,067.66
Inskip-with-Sowerby	402.45
Kirkland	130.09
Myerscough and Bilsborrow	501.47
Nateby	209.65
Nether Wyresdale	329.09
Out Rawcliffe	265.30
Pilling	855.66
Preesall	1,900.70
Stalmine-with-Staynall	647.14
Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tarnacre	294.77
Winmarleigh	120.93

3. That the Council Tax requirement for the council's own purposes for 2022/23 (excluding Parish precepts) be £8,161,078.
4. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-
- a. **£71,386,560** 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>b.</b>	<b>£62,361,311</b>	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
<b>c.</b>	<b>£9,025,249</b>	Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3.4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3.4(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).
<b>d.</b>	<b>£237.48</b>	Being the amount at 3.4(c) above (Item R) all divided by Item T (3.2(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).
<b>e.</b>	<b>£864,171</b>	Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act and as detailed in Appendix 6.
<b>f.</b>	<b>£214.74</b>	Being the amount at 3.4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3.4(e) above by Item T (3.2(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.

- 5.** That the council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2022/23 was not considered excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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**Table A: Parish Precepts**

Valuation Bands

	<b>Band A</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band C</b>	<b>Band D</b>	<b>Band E</b>	<b>Band F</b>	<b>Band G</b>	<b>Band H</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Barnacre-with-Bonds	147.73	172.35	196.97	221.59	270.83	320.07	369.32	443.18
Bleasdale	153.42	178.99	204.56	230.13	281.27	332.41	383.55	460.26
Cabus	152.81	178.27	203.74	229.21	280.15	331.08	382.02	458.42
Catterall	205.14	239.33	273.52	307.71	376.09	444.47	512.85	615.42
Claughton-on-Brock	175.88	205.19	234.51	263.82	322.45	381.07	439.70	527.64
Fleetwood	168.97	197.14	225.30	253.46	309.78	366.11	422.43	506.92
Forton	163.30	190.52	217.73	244.95	299.38	353.82	408.25	489.90
Garstang	178.35	208.08	237.80	267.53	326.98	386.43	445.88	535.06
Great Eccleston	173.66	202.60	231.55	260.49	318.38	376.26	434.15	520.98
Hambleton	168.14	196.16	224.19	252.21	308.26	364.30	420.35	504.42
Inskip-with-Sowerby	161.08	187.93	214.77	241.62	295.31	349.01	402.70	483.24
Kirkland	202.09	235.78	269.46	303.14	370.50	437.87	505.23	606.28
Myerscough and Bilsborrow	166.43	194.16	221.90	249.64	305.12	360.59	416.07	499.28
Nateby	156.34	182.40	208.45	234.51	286.62	338.74	390.85	469.02
Nether Wyresdale	184.43	215.17	245.91	276.65	338.13	399.61	461.08	553.30
Out Rawcliffe	160.75	187.55	214.34	241.13	294.71	348.30	401.88	482.26
Pilling	202.37	236.10	269.83	303.56	371.02	438.48	505.93	607.12
Preesall	178.03	207.70	237.37	267.04	326.38	385.72	445.07	534.08
Stalmine-with-Staynall	182.07	212.41	242.76	273.10	333.79	394.48	455.17	546.20
Upper Rawcliffe-with-Taranacre	160.12	186.81	213.49	240.18	293.55	346.93	400.30	480.36
Winmarleigh	163.56	190.82	218.08	245.34	299.86	354.38	408.90	490.68
All other area of the Borough	143.16	167.02	190.88	214.74	262.46	310.18	357.90	429.48

**Table B: Precepts from major precepting authorities**

Valuation Bands

	<b>Band A</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band C</b>	<b>Band D</b>	<b>Band E</b>	<b>Band F</b>	<b>Band G</b>	<b>Band H</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Lancashire County Council (LCC)	1009.53	1177.78	1346.04	1514.29	1850.80	2187.31	2523.82	3028.58
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	157.63	183.91	210.18	236.45	288.99	341.54	394.08	472.90
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	51.51	60.10	68.68	77.27	94.44	111.61	128.78	154.54

**Table C: Total tax payments for Wyre (including precepts from parish councils and other precepting authorities)**

Valuation Bands

	<b>Band A</b>	<b>Band B</b>	<b>Band C</b>	<b>Band D</b>	<b>Band E</b>	<b>Band F</b>	<b>Band G</b>	<b>Band H</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Barnacre-with-Bonds	1366.40	1594.14	1821.87	2049.60	2505.06	2960.53	3416.00	4099.20
Bleasdale	1372.09	1600.78	1829.46	2058.14	2515.50	2972.87	3430.23	4116.28
Cabus	1371.48	1600.06	1828.64	2057.22	2514.38	2971.54	3428.70	4114.44
Catterall	1423.81	1661.12	1898.42	2135.72	2610.32	3084.93	3559.53	4271.44
Claughton-on-Brock	1394.55	1626.98	1859.41	2091.83	2556.68	3021.53	3486.38	4183.66
Fleetwood	1387.64	1618.93	1850.20	2081.47	2544.01	3006.57	3469.11	4162.94
Forton	1381.97	1612.31	1842.63	2072.96	2533.61	2994.28	3454.93	4145.92
Garstang	1397.02	1629.87	1862.70	2095.54	2561.21	3026.89	3492.56	4191.08
Great Eccleston	1392.33	1624.39	1856.45	2088.50	2552.61	3016.72	3480.83	4177.00
Hambleton	1386.81	1617.95	1849.09	2080.22	2542.49	3004.76	3467.03	4160.44
Inskip-with-Sowerby	1379.75	1609.72	1839.67	2069.63	2529.54	2989.47	3449.38	4139.26
Kirkland	1420.76	1657.57	1894.36	2131.15	2604.73	3078.33	3551.91	4262.30
Myerscough and Bilsborrow	1385.10	1615.95	1846.80	2077.65	2539.35	3001.05	3462.75	4155.30
Nateby	1375.01	1604.19	1833.35	2062.52	2520.85	2979.20	3437.53	4125.04
Nether Wyresdale	1403.10	1636.96	1870.81	2104.66	2572.36	3040.07	3507.76	4209.32
Out Rawcliffe	1379.42	1609.34	1839.24	2069.14	2528.94	2988.76	3448.56	4138.28
Pilling	1421.04	1657.89	1894.73	2131.57	2605.25	3078.94	3552.61	4263.14
Preesall	1396.70	1629.49	1862.27	2095.05	2560.61	3026.18	3491.75	4190.10
Stalmine	1400.74	1634.20	1867.66	2101.11	2568.02	3034.94	3501.85	4202.22
Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tarnacre	1378.79	1608.60	1838.39	2068.19	2527.78	2987.39	3446.98	4136.38
Winmarleigh	1382.23	1612.61	1842.98	2073.35	2534.09	2994.84	3455.58	4146.70
All other areas of the Borough	1361.83	1588.81	1815.78	2042.75	2496.69	2950.64	3437.58	4085.50