



Council Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Thursday, 9 March 2023 at the Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Council members present:

Councillors Robinson, Catterall, I Amos, Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins, Ballard, Beavers, Berry, C Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Cartridge, E Ellison, P Ellison, Fail, Gerrard, Henderson, Holden, Ibison, Ingham, Kay, Le Marinel, Leech, Longton, McKay, Minto, Moon, Orme, Rendell, Rushforth, Smith, Stirzaker, Swales, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, M Vincent, D Walmsley, L Walmsley and Webster

Apologies for absence:

Councillors Armstrong, Baxter, B Birch, Collinson, George, O'Neill, Raynor, A Turner and S Turner

Failed to attend or tender apologies for absence

Councillors Fairbanks and Williams

Officers present:

Rebecca Huddleston, Chief Executive Designate
Garry Payne, Chief Executive
Mark Billington, Corporate Director Environment
Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities
Clare James, Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer
Emma Lyons, Communications and Visitor Economy Manager
Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager (Temporary)
Joanne Billington, Head of Governance and Business Support
Jane Collier, Human Resources Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
George Ratcliffe, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

Six members of the public attended the meeting.

66 Confirmation of minutes

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent, proposed and the Resources Portfolio Holder, Councillor Henderson, seconded that the minutes of the meeting of the full Council held on 26 January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

It was **agreed** (by 34 votes to 0) that the minutes of the full Council meeting

held on 26 January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record by those in attendance.

67 Declarations of Interest

None.

68 Announcements

The Mayor thanked those who attended her Mayor's Charity Ball and explained that the event was a success. She also made announcements about her final events as Mayor, these were:

- A pre-loved fashion show on Saturday 1 April 2023.
- An evening of song with the Blackpool Male Voice Choir on Friday 14 April 2023.

69 Public questions or statements

None received.

70 Questions "On Notice" from councillors

None received.

71 Pay Policy Statement 2023/24

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent, and the Chief Executive, Garry Payne, submitted a report on the council's Pay Policy Statement 2023/24.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Vincent, seconded by Councillor Berry that the Pay Policy Statement in respect of 2023/24, which was attached as Appendix A of the report be approved.

It was **agreed** (unanimously) at that the Pay Policy Statement 2023/24 be approved.

72 Refreshed Business Plan 2019 - 2023 (Updated January 2023)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent and the Chief Executive, Garry Payne submitted a report on the council's Refreshed Business Plan 2019 – 2023 (updated January 2023).

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Vincent, seconded by Councillor Berry that the Refreshed Business Plan 2019 – 2023 be approved.

During the debate, Councillor Fail raised a personal explanation to clarify that he had said the word "facilitate" in relation to a borough wide programme to improve energy efficiency.

It was **agreed** (by 32 votes to 0, with 6 abstentions) that the Refreshed Business Plan 2019 – 2023 (updated January 2023) be approved.

73 **Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Programme - 2023/24**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent, submitted a report on the setting of Council Tax for 2023/24. His report included reference to the report of the Corporate Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) on the Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Programme, which had been considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 15 February 2023. The full minute of that Cabinet meeting was included as Appendix 1 to his report.

The Mayor said that, in accordance with the usual convention, Procedure Rule 16.4 would be suspended so that the Leader when proposing the Budget and the Leader of the Opposition when commenting on or proposing any amendments to it, would not be time limited. However, all other speakers in the debate would, as usual, be limited to a maximum of five minutes each.

The Mayor also proposed that Procedure Rule 16.6(b) be suspended to allow a single debate to be held on any amendments proposed, the budget as a whole and the setting of the Council Tax. The Council **agreed** unanimously.

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

The following amendments were proposed by Councillor Fail and seconded by Councillor Beavers:

1. Reduce Fly-Tipping – free collections for all

The cost would be an estimated £50k-£80k a year which would be funded from the Value For Money reserve. An end of year one review would identify cost reductions and additional income from other fees and charges to offset any impact on general balances.

2. Reduce Littering and Dog-fouling - Bring District Enforcement In-house

The cost based on figures provided to O&S (assuming a like for like service) would be in the region of £130k for Year 1, and £100k thereafter. This would be funded from the Value For Money reserve. An end of year one review would identify cost reductions and additional income from other fees and charges to offset any impact on general balances.

During the debate, Councillor Beavers raised a personal explanation in response to Councillor Berry to clarify she did not mention builders waste in her speech.

Councillor Michael Vincent raised a personal explanation by clarifying that wording of the first Labour Group amendment did not mention the word “household waste”. The Chief Executive confirmed that the wording of the amendment was “Reduce Fly-Tipping – free collections for all. The cost would

be an estimated £50k-£80k a year which would be funded from the Value For Money reserve. An end of year one review would identify cost reductions and additional income from other fees and charges to offset any impact on general balances.”

Following a proposal by Councillor Fail to amend the wording of the Labour Group’s first amendment, a point of order was raised by Councillor Le Marinel regarding the procedure for further amendments. The Mayor ruled that no further amendments were to be heard as members had moved to the debate.

The following members voted in support of the first amendment proposal: Councillors Beavers, Fail, Longton, Rushforth, Smith, Stirzaker and Swales.

The following members voted against the first amendment proposal: Councillors I Amos, Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins, Ballard, Berry, C Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Cartridge, Catterall, E Ellison, P Ellison, Gerrard, Henderson, Holden, Ibison, Ingham, Kay, Le Marinel, Leech, McKay, Minto, Moon, Orme, Rendell, Robinson, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, D Walmsley, L Walmsley and Webster.

The amendment was therefore **lost** (by 7 votes to 32).

The following members voted in support of the second amendment proposal: Councillors Beavers, Fail, Longton, Smith, Stirzaker and Swales.

The following members voted against the second amendment proposal: Councillors I Amos, Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins, Ballard, Berry, C Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Cartridge, Catterall, E Ellison, P Ellison, Gerrard, Henderson, Holden, Ibison, Ingham, Kay, Le Marinel, Leech, McKay, Minto, Moon, Orme, Rendell, Robinson, Rushforth, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, D Walmsley, L Walmsley and Webster.

The amendment was therefore **lost** (by 6 votes to 33).

A vote was then taken on the Cabinet’s recommendations on the budget for 2023/24 and on the level of the Council Tax as set out in paragraphs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 of the Leader’s report.

The following members voted in support of the proposal: Councillors I Amos, Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins, Ballard, Berry, C Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Cartridge, Catterall, E Ellison, P Ellison, Gerrard, Henderson, Holden, Ibison, Ingham, Kay, Le Marinel, Leech, McKay, Minto, Moon, Orme, Rendell, Robinson, Rushforth, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, D Walmsley, L Walmsley and Webster.

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

The proposal was therefore approved (by 33 votes to 6) and it was **agreed**:

1. That the formal Council Tax resolution as agreed by Cabinet 15

February 2023, as set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes, be approved.

2. That this Council's Band D equivalent Council Tax for the 2023/24 financial year of £219.74 together with parish precepts, as submitted in the report on 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 2023/24 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 3.2 and 3.3 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 2023/24 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings, as shown in Table C of Appendix 2 to these minutes.

74 Notices of Motion

None.

75 Retirement of the Chief Executive

The Mayor and Leader of the Council made several comments about the outgoing Chief Executive, Garry Payne.

Garry Payne said a few words about his time working at Wyre. He gave thanks to councillors and staff and praised the positive culture of Wyre Council.

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The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.04 pm.

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CAB.35 Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Estimates

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 2022/23 and Capital Programme 2023/24 onwards. Councillor Henderson expressed his thanks to Clare James and her team for an absolutely excellent job once again.

Decisions

Cabinet agreed

- 1.** That the following be approved and recommended to Council for their approval:-
 - a.** The Revised Revenue Budget for the year 2022/23 and the Revenue Budget for 2023/24.
 - b.** For the purpose of proposing an indicative Council Tax for 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 taking into account the Medium Term Financial Plan at Appendix 2 which reflects an increase of £5 in 2023/24 and 2.99% thereafter, 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 2023/24 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 2023/24 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 2022/23 and the Capital Programme for 2023/24 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.** That the amount of 38,495.60 has been calculated as the 2023/24 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, has been calculated as indicated below:

Barnacre-with-Bonds	1,124.37
Bleasdale	56.13
Cabus	620.87
Catterall	1,036.39
Claughton-on-Brock	433.78
Fleetwood	6,344.23
Forton	704.48
Garstang	1,883.41
Great Eccleston	781.08
Hambleton	1,082.57
Inskip-with-Sowerby	425.33
Kirkland	131.24
Myerscough and Bilsborrow	542.50
Nateby	203.40
Nether Wyresdale	330.87
Out Rawcliffe	262.65
Pilling	876.50
Preesall	1,891.90
Stalmine-with-Staynall	658.62
Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tarnacre	291.04
Winmarleigh	118.10

- 3.** The Council Tax requirement for the council’s own purposes for 2023/24 (excluding Parish precepts) is £8,459,023.

4. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2023/24 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-

a.	£87,932,596	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.	£78,561,723	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
c.	£9,370,873	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).
d.	£243.43	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).
e.	£911,850	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.
f.	£219.74	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 2023/24 was not considered excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Table A: Parish Precepts

Valuation Bands

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Barnacre-with-Bonds	151.2 4	176.4 5	201.6 5	226.8 6	277.2 7	327.6 8	378.10	453.7 2
Bleasdale	158.3 7	184.7 7	211.1 6	237.5 6	290.3 5	343.1 4	395.93	475.1 2
Cabus	156.6 9	182.8 1	208.9 2	235.0 4	287.2 7	339.5 0	391.73	470.0 8
Catterall	209.5 3	244.4 6	279.3 7	314.3 0	384.1 4	453.9 9	523.83	628.6 0
Claughton-on-Brock	178.7 6	208.5 6	238.3 5	268.1 5	327.7 4	387.3 3	446.91	536.3 0
Fleetwood	172.2 4	200.9 6	229.6 6	258.3 7	315.7 8	373.2 0	430.61	516.7 4
Forton	166.3 6	194.1 0	221.8 2	249.5 5	305.0 0	360.4 6	415.91	499.1 0
Garstang	186.9 1	218.0 7	249.2 1	280.3 7	342.6 7	404.9 8	467.28	560.7 4
Great Eccleston	184.9 0	215.7 2	246.5 3	277.3 5	338.9 8	400.6 1	462.25	554.7 0
Hambleton	171.1 2	199.6 5	228.1 6	256.6 9	313.7 3	370.7 7	427.81	513.3 8
Inskip-with-Sowerby	164.3 0	191.6 8	219.0 6	246.4 5	301.2 2	355.9 8	410.75	492.9 0
Kirkland	215.0 6	250.9 1	286.7 5	322.6 0	394.2 9	465.9 8	537.66	645.2 0
Myerscough and Bilsborrow	169.8 4	198.1 5	226.4 5	254.7 6	311.3 7	367.9 8	424.60	509.5 2
Nateby	162.2 9	189.3 4	216.3 9	243.4 4	297.5 4	351.6 3	405.73	486.8 8

Nether Wyresdale	196.8 6	229.6 8	262.4 8	295.3 0	360.9 2	426.5 4	492.16	590.6 0
Out Rawcliffe	164.2 6	191.6 4	219.0 1	246.3 9	301.1 4	355.8 9	410.65	492.7 8
Pilling	205.8 2	240.1 2	274.4 2	308.7 3	377.3 4	445.9 4	514.55	617.4 6
Preesall	181.0 9	211.2 8	241.4 5	271.6 4	332.0 0	392.3 7	452.73	543.2 8
Stalmine-with-Staynall	184.9 7	215.8 0	246.6 3	277.4 6	339.1 2	400.7 7	462.43	554.9 2
Upper Rawcliffe-with-Taranacre	163.6 7	190.9 5	218.2 3	245.5 1	300.0 7	354.6 2	409.18	491.0 2
Winmarleigh	184.5 1	215.2 7	246.0 1	276.7 7	338.2 7	399.7 8	461.28	553.5 4
All other area of the Borough	146.4 9	170.9 1	195.3 2	219.7 4	268.5 7	317.4 0	366.23	439.4 8

Table B: Precepts from major precepting authorities

Valuation Bands

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Lancashire County Council (LCC)	1049.8 1	1224.7 7	1399.7 4	1574.7 1	1924.6 5	2274.5 8	2624.5 2	3149.4 2
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	167.63	195.57	223.51	251.45	307.33	363.21	419.08	502.90
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	54.85	63.99	73.13	82.27	100.55	118.83	137.12	164.54

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

Valuation Bands

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Barnacre-with-Bonds	1423. 53	1660. 78	1898. 03	2135. 29	2609. 80	3084. 30	3558. 82	4270. 58
Bleasdale	1430. 66	1669. 10	1907. 54	2145. 99	2622. 88	3099. 76	3576. 65	4291. 98
Cabus	1428. 98	1667. 14	1905. 30	2143. 47	2619. 80	3096. 12	3572. 45	4286. 94
Catterall	1481. 82	1728. 79	1975. 75	2222. 73	2716. 67	3210. 61	3704. 55	4445. 46
Cloughton-on-Brock	1451. 05	1692. 89	1934. 73	2176. 58	2660. 27	3143. 95	3627. 63	4353. 16
Fleetwood	1444. 53	1685. 29	1926. 04	2166. 80	2648. 31	3129. 82	3611. 33	4333. 60
Forton	1438. 65	1678. 43	1918. 20	2157. 98	2637. 53	3117. 08	3596. 63	4315. 96
Garstang	1459. 20	1702. 40	1945. 59	2188. 80	2675. 20	3161. 60	3648. 00	4377. 60
Great Eccleston	1457. 19	1700. 05	1942. 91	2185. 78	2671. 51	3157. 23	3642. 97	4371. 56
Hambleton	1443. 41	1683. 98	1924. 54	2165. 12	2646. 26	3127. 39	3608. 53	4330. 24
Inskip-with-Sowerby	1436. 59	1676. 01	1915. 44	2154. 88	2633. 75	3112. 60	3591. 47	4309. 76
Kirkland	1487. 35	1735. 24	1983. 13	2231. 03	2726. 82	3222. 60	3718. 38	4462. 06
Myerscough and Bilsborrow	1442. 13	1682. 48	1922. 83	2163. 19	2643. 90	3124. 60	3605. 32	4326. 38
Nateby	1434. 58	1673. 67	1912. 77	2151. 87	2630. 07	3108. 25	3586. 45	4303. 74
Nether Wyresdale	1469. 15	1714. 01	1958. 86	2203. 73	2693. 45	3183. 16	3672. 88	4407. 46

	1436.	1675.	1915.	2154.	2633.	3112.	3591.	4309.
Out Rawcliffe	55	97	39	82	67	51	37	64
	1478.	1724.	1970.	2217.	2709.	3202.	3695.	4434.
Pilling	11	45	80	16	87	56	27	32
	1453.	1695.	1937.	2180.	2664.	3148.	3633.	4360.
Preesall	38	61	83	07	53	99	45	14
	1457.	1700.	1943.	2185.	2671.	3157.	3643.	4371.
Stalmine	26	13	01	89	65	39	15	78
	1435.	1675.	1914.	2153.	2632.	3111.	3589.	4307.
Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tarnacre	96	28	61	94	60	24	90	88
	1456.	1699.	1942.	2185.	2670.	3156.	3642.	4370.
Winmarleigh	80	60	39	20	80	40	00	40
	1418.	1655.	1891.	2128.	2601.	3074.	3546.	4256.
All other areas of the Borough	78	24	70	17	10	02	95	34