



Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 15 February 2017 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Cabinet members present:

Councillor Peter Gibson (Leader of the Council)
Councillor Alan Vincent (Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader)
Councillor Roger Berry (Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Lynne Bowen (Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder)
Councillor David Henderson (Street Scene, Parks & Open Spaces Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Pete Murphy (Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Vivien Taylor (Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder)

Apologies:

None

Officers present:

Mark Billington (Service Director People and Places)
Marianne Hesketh (Service Director Performance and Innovation)
Clare James (Head of Finance (s151 Officer))
Stephanie Collinson (Senior Communications Officer)
Duncan Jowitt (Democratic Services Officer)

Apologies:

Garry Payne (Chief Executive)
Mark Broadhurst (Service Director Health and Wellbeing)

Non-members of the Cabinet present:

None

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

CAB.30 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.31 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 January 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

CAB.32 Public questions

None

CAB.33 Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Programme

The Head of Finance (s151 Officer) submitted a report asking Cabinet for confirmation of the Revenue Budget, Council Tax, Revised Capital Budget 2016/17 and Capital Programme 2017/18 onwards.

Decision taken

Cabinet agreed

1. that the following be approved:

- a** The Revised Revenue Budget for the year 2016/17 and the Revenue Budget for 2017/18.
- b** For the purpose of proposing an indicative Council Tax for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, 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 2017/18 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 2017/18.
- 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 2016/17 and the Capital Programme for 2017/18 onwards.

2. Cabinet noted that, in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, as agreed by Council at their meeting of 24 February 2005:

- a.** The amount of 35,784.77 had been calculated as the 2017/18 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	937.96
Bleasdale	64.67
Cabus	603.27
Catterall	816.51
Claughton-on-Brock	297.79
Fleetwood	6,375.85
Forton	517.28
Garstang	1,684.19
Great Eccleston	540.83
Hambleton	1,014.62
Inskip-with-Sowerby	319.13
Kirkland	136.58
Myerscough and Bilsborrow	410.92
Nateby	220.9
Nether Wyresdale	315.4
Out Rawcliffe	262.01
Pilling	796.48
Preesall	1,905.81
Stalmine-with-Staynall	541.06
Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tarnacre	286.3
Winmarleigh	129.83

3. The Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) is £6,738,630.

4. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

- a.** £89,357,911 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.** £81,974,512 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

- c. £7,383,399 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. £ 206.33 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. £644,769 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 of the report.
- f. £188.31 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 2017/18 is not considered excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Cabinet members thanked Wyre's officers for their support in the major achievement of a reasonable and affordable 2017/18 Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Programme whilst acknowledging that difficult decisions remained to be made in future.

The Leader also thanked Cabinet as a whole and the Resources Portfolio Holder in particular for their guidance, adding that this result was a vindication of the policies that they had followed

CAB.34 Local Government Pension Scheme Contributions

The Resources Portfolio Holder and the Head of Finance submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider the potential economic benefits to the Council of the pre-payment of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) employer pension contributions for the three years 2017/18 to 2019/20 and beyond.

Decision taken

Cabinet agreed in principle to the prepayment of pension contributions for the three years 2017/18 to 2019/20, and future triennial review periods, with the actual amount and profiling of any prepayment to be delegated to the Head of Finance (s.151 Officer), subject to a clear economic benefit to the Council.

CAB.35 Start times of future meetings

With effect from the Council's Annual Meeting on 11 May 2017, subsequent Cabinet meetings were to start at the earlier time of 5.30pm.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.09 pm.

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Options considered but rejected

Any alternative options that were considered but rejected, in addition to the reasons for the recommendations that were made, are included in the full reports.

When will these decisions be implemented?

All decisions will be put into effect five working days from the date of publication, unless a decision is "called-in" by any four members of the council within that period.