

Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 17 February 2016 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Cabinet members present:

Councillor Peter Gibson (The Leader of the Council)

Councillor Roger Berry (Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Lynne Bowen (Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Pete Murphy (Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Vivien Taylor (Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Alan Vincent (Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader)

Apologies:

Councillor David Henderson (Street Scene, Parks & Open Spaces Portfolio Holder)

Officers present:

Philippa Davies (Corporate Director of Resources)
Michael Ryan (Corporate Director of People and Places).
Howard Rawding (Head of Finance)
Clare James (Financial Services Manager)
Steph Collinson (Communications Officer)
Peter Foulsham (Scrutiny Officer)

Apologies:

Garry Payne (Chief Executive)

Non-members of the Cabinet present:

Councillor Lady Dulcie Atkins

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

CAB.40 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.41 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 January 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

CAB.42 Public questions

None

CAB.43 Revenue Budget, Council Tax and Capital Programme

The Corporate Director of Resources (S151 Officer) submitted a report requesting Cabinet's confirmation of the Revenue Budget, Council Tax, Revised Capital Budget 2015/16 and Capital Programme 2016/17 onwards.

Decisions taken

Cabinet agreed the recommendations below.

PLEASE NOTE – the paragraph numbers, format and wording below directly reflect the original Cabinet report.

- **3.1** That the following be approved:
 - a. The Revised Revenue Budget for the year 2015/16 and the Revenue Budget for 2016/17.
 - b. For the purpose of proposing an indicative Council Tax for 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20, taking into account the Medium Term Financial Plan at Appendix 2 which reflects an increase of 1.75% 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.
 - d. Any increases in the base level of expenditure and further additional expenditure arising during 2016/17 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.
 - f. The manpower estimates for 2016/17.

- g. In accordance with the requirements of the Prudential Code for Capital Finance, those indicators included at Appendix 7.
- h. The Revised Capital Budget for 2015/16 and the Capital Programme for 2016/17 onwards.
- 3.2 That it be noted that, in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, as agreed by Council at their meeting of 24th February 2005:
 - a. The amount of 35,277.51 has been calculated as the 2016/17 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
 - 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	934.73
Bleasdale	61.37
Cabus	593.49
Catterall	804.76
Claughton-on-Brock	275.02
Fleetwood	6,325.30
Forton	497.35
Garstang	1,672.68
Great Eccleston	540.38
Hambleton	988.26
Inskip-with-Sowerby	316.64
Kirkland	135.11
Myerscough and Bilsborrow	404.07
Nateby	227.11
Nether Wyresdale	311.49
Out Rawcliffe	265.58
Pilling	776.58
Preesall	1,889.93
Stalmine-with-Staynall	538.01
Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tarnacre	279.74
Winmarleigh	133.63

- 3.3 The Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2016/17 (excluding Parish precepts) is £6,466,720.
- 3.4 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:-

a.	£93,549,065	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.	£86,478,915	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
C.	£7,070,150	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.	£ 200.42	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.	£603,430	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.	£183.31	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.

3.5 That the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/17 is not considered excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.04 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 three members of the council within that period.

The "call-in" procedure is set out in <u>Part 4 of the Council's Constitution</u> (Paragraph 16 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules). If a decision is "called-in", the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may decide that the original decision should be upheld or ask Cabinet to reconsider the decision.