



Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 16 February 2022 in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Cabinet members present:

Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council
Councillor Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder
Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder
Councillor Simon Bridge JP, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder
Councillor Alice Collinson, Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder
Councillor Michael Vincent, Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder

Apologies for absence:

None.

Other councillors present:

Councillors Sir R Atkins, Fail and Le Marinel

Officers present:

Garry Payne, Chief Executive
Mark Billington, Corporate Director Environment
Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities
Clare James, Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer
Veronica Wilson, Head of Finance
Duncan Jowitt, Democratic Services Officer

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

CAB.29 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.30 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of 12 January 2022 were approved as a correct record.

CAB.31 Public questions

None.

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.	£62,361,311	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
c.	£9,025,249	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.	£237.48	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.	£864,171	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.	£214.74	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 2022/23 was not considered excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

CAB.33 Exclusion of public and press

The Chief Executive had determined that in accordance with Paragraph 11 of the Access to Information Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, the report submitted under item 7 of this agenda was "Not for Publication" because it referred to "exempt information" as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A(3) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006, on the grounds that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Decision

Cabinet agreed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst agenda item 7 was being considered, as it referred to exempt information as defined in category 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part 1 of Schedule 12(a) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

CAB.34 Disposal of Land at Bourne Hill, Thornton

The Resources Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director Resources submitted a report seeking Cabinet approval to agree the terms of disposal for land at Bourne Hill, Thornton previously declared surplus.

Decision

Cabinet agreed that, following satisfactory ground investigations, approval be given to enter into a contract to dispose of the freehold land and for the Corporate Director Resources to have delegated authority to deal with minor encroachment issues outside of the disposal process.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.24 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.

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