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BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

To: The Members of Blackpool Council

Mr Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Blackpool Council** to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Blackpool on Wednesday, 28 February 2018 commencing at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business specified below.



Director of Governance and Partnerships

Business

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

(1) the type of interest concerned either a

- (a) personal interest
- (b) prejudicial interest
- (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

and

(2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2018 (Pages 1 - 4)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 31 January 2018 as a true and correct record.

3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 TO 2020/21 (Pages 5 - 14)

To consider setting a Capital Programme for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

4 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018/ 2019 (Pages 15 - 24)

To consider the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the Treasury Management Strategy for the financial year 2018/ 2019.

5 PROPOSED RENT REVIEW 2018/ 2019 (Pages 25 - 34)

To consider the level of rents and service charges to be charged in connection with Housing Revenue Account dwellings during 2018/19.

6 COUNCIL TAX 2018/2019 (Pages 35 - 58)

To consider the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the draft General Fund Revenue Budget and the setting of a Council Tax for the 2018/2019 Financial Year.

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

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Present:

Councillor I Coleman (in the Chair)

Councillors

Benson	Cox	Jackson	D Scott
Blackburn	Critchley	Kirkland	Mrs Scott
Cain	Cross	Maycock	Singleton
Callow	Elmes	Mitchell	Smith
Mrs Callow JP	Galley	O'Hara	I Taylor
Campbell	Mrs Henderson MBE	Owen	L Taylor
Clapham	Hobson	Robertson BEM	L Williams
D Coleman	Humphreys	Roberts	T Williams
G Coleman	Hunter	Rowson	Mrs Wright
Collett	Hutton	Ryan	

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services

Alan Cavill, Director of Place

Diane Booth, Director Children's Services

Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy and Assistant Chief Executive

Steve Thompson, Director of Resources

Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships/Monitoring Officer

Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance

Yvonne Burnett, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

Jenny Bollington, Media Manager

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Benson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 5c, 'Executive Member Report from the Cabinet Secretary' as her employment was related to the paragraph regarding the Phoenix Centre and service users with a disability. She indicated that if there was a question or discussion on the issue, then she would leave the room in accordance with the Procedure Rules.

Councillor Hobson declared a personal interest in agenda item 5, 'Executive Member Report from the Leader of the Council' as the Chairman of Blackpool Housing Company Ltd. Councillors Hunter, Robertson and Singleton also declared personal interests in the item as non-executive directors of Blackpool Housing Company Ltd.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2017

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 November 2017, be signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to Note 1 of Minute 4 being amended to reflect that the response to Councillor Mrs Scott should refer to the number of complaints that had been received from private homes that had had grants.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements on this occasion.

4 RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE - FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH OF BLACKPOOL MR JIMMY ARMFIELD CBE

Members observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect, following the sad loss of Freeman of the Borough Mr Jimmy Armfield CBE on 22 January 2018. The Council was invited to pay tribute to his life and work and consider a resolution of condolence.

Motion: Councillor Jackson proposed (and Councillor Owen seconded):

'This Council and the Townspeople of Blackpool were deeply saddened to learn of the death on 22 January 2018 of Freeman of the Borough Mr Jimmy Armfield CBE.

Jimmy was born in Denton, Manchester on 21 September 1935 and was educated at Revoe Primary School and the former Arnold School in Blackpool.

He became a professional footballer in 1954 for Blackpool Football Club, whilst also undertaking his National Service duties with the Kings Own Royal Regiment. During his 17-year career with Blackpool, he was captain for 13 of those years and made a total of 629 appearances for the club. He also represented his country on 43 occasions between 1959 and 1966 and was a member of England's 1966 World Cup-winning squad, but did not play in the final.

After hanging up his football boots in 1971, he turned his talents to football management, gaining promotion to the old Second Division with Bolton Wanderers in 1973 and two years later, he succeeded Brian Clough at Leeds and guided them to a European Cup final, where they were beaten 2-0 by Bayern Munich.

He then became a journalist, taking the necessary qualifications and took up sports commentary providing the BBC with expert analysis and insight for more than 30 years. He also worked for the Football Association and advised on the appointment of future England managers. In 2008 was awarded the Outstanding Contribution honour at the Football League Awards ceremony in London, the PFA Merit award and he was also admitted to the Football Hall of Fame at the National Football Museum in Preston.

Throughout his life Jimmy was honoured for services to the community firstly receiving an OBE in 2000, he was then granted the highest honour the Council can bestow in granting him the Freedom of the Borough of Blackpool on 9 April 2003.

In 2004, he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire and in 2005/ 2006 he served as High Sheriff of Lancashire. In the New Year's Honours List 2009, he was awarded the CBE for his services to the Lancashire Community. A nine foot statue was also unveiled in 2009 and sits proudly on the way into Blackpool, facing Seasiders Way, outside the Bloomfield Road stadium.

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Jimmy had many other interests including being the organist/ choirmaster at St Peter's Church, Blackpool, Vice-President of the Lancashire Outward Bound Trust and served as a Non-Executive Director with the Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde Community Health Services Trust and a Non-Executive Director with the Blackpool Hospitals Trust. The Armfield Academy will open in September on the former Arnold School site, where Jimmy was a pupil and in later years a Governor.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Anne, their two sons John and Duncan and the wider Armfield family.'

Councillor Mrs Henderson and the Mayor also paid tribute.

Motion carried: The motion on being submitted to the Council was carried unanimously.

5 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

The Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Secretary presented reports to the Council on work undertaken in their own portfolio area and those portfolios under their responsibility. The reports covered corporate, strategic and policy issues, together with work being undertaken in transforming services and with partners.

Questions, comments and debate were invited from all councillors on each of the report areas.

Notes:

- (1) Councillor Campbell agreed to provide a written response to:
 - Councillor Mrs Callow on whether the car parks at West Street, Talbot Road and Blackpool Victoria Hospital were fitted with sprinkler systems and if not, whether there were plans to fit them retrospectively
 - Councillor Galley on any work the Council was undertaking with the owners of the derelict Ambassador Hotel, Promenade to make the building safe following the recent fire and whether the building would be renovated or sold to another operator
 - Councillor Mrs Scott who clarified that her question raised at the last meeting was for details of the number of complaints received from any resident with regard to failed cavity wall insulation or an inadequate installation, as a number of people had had cavity wall insulation installed following receipt of a leaflet bearing the Council's logo and sponsorship.

6 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2018/ 2019

Members considered the recommendations from the Executive meeting on 11 December 2017 in relation to the approval of a local Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

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The Leader of the Council explained that the proposals were to continue with the current Scheme but with minor amendments that would align the scheme with Housing Benefit amendments, by disregarding Bereavement Support payments and certain Charitable Fund payments and with a reduction from 27.11% to 13.56% applied for low income households.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Campbell seconded):

- ‘1. To agree that the Council continues to operate a Discretionary Discount Policy to be awarded in cases of exceptional hardship.
2. To agree that the reduction applied to working age claimants remains the same as the 2017/ 2018 Scheme agreed by Council on 25 January 2017 (27.11%) and that the main elements and method of calculating awards will be the same with the exception of:
 - Minor amendments to continue to align the Scheme to Housing Benefit.
 - The provision of additional support for low income groups of claimants (in receipt of Income Support, or Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance, or Income-Related Employment Support Allowance) by amending the percentage reduction applied to their award from 27.11% to 13.56%.
3. To agree the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2018/2019 as submitted.’

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

7 MAYOR ELECT 2018/ 2019

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Humphreys seconded):

‘That Councillor Gary Coleman be invited to offer himself for the election of Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 14 May 2018 and agree that the meeting commences at 2.00pm, as it has in previous years.’

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 7.48 pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:
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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	28 February 2018

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 TO 2020/21

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider setting a Capital Programme for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the recommendations of the Executive to Council from its meeting held on 5 February 2018, namely:

2.1.1 To approve of the Capital Programme for 2018/19 as set out at Appendices A and B to the Executive report, including the in-year contingency of £1,076,000.

2.1.2 To adopt the Single Capital Pot approach as outlined in Section 4 of the Capital Programme report as circulated with the agenda for that meeting with a top slice of 12.5% to allow for investment in key priority areas and overspends that are not otherwise fundable.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure delivery of the Council's key objectives.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council's new approved budget

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priority is “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool.”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Council's 2018/19 Capital Programme runs concurrently with the 2018/19 Revenue Budget with schemes usually extending over a number of years

5.2 For that reason, the programme projects forward indicative spending for three years. This report updates the programme set in 2017/18 and seeks to ensure that capital expenditure is spent in areas that will contribute to meeting the Council's priorities.

5.3 The 2018/19 programme is submitted for approval. The 2019/20 and 2020/21 programmes have been drawn up based upon individual allocations and current proposals. These will be reviewed as part of the budget processes for 2019/20 and 2020/21 in the light of changing priorities and final funding levels that mean no commitments can yet be identified in respect of these schemes.

5.4 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 5 February 2018, in connection with the Capital Programme [available via this link](#)

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

Appendix 3 (a) – Executive Decision Notice EX5/2018 – Capital Programme – 5 February 2018.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 As outlined in the report, circulated to members under separate cover.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 These are detailed in the report considered by the Executive on 5 February 2018.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The draft Capital Programme is set out in the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting 5 February 2018. Once approved, capital budget monitoring will be reported to the Executive on a monthly basis with effect from Month 3 2018/19.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 As outlined in the report to the Executive.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Internally with Capital Asset Management Group and the Corporate Leadership Team.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Individual scheme business cases and budget working papers.

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Notice of :	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX5/2018
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting :	5 February 2018

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 TO 2020/21

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 Capital Programme – circulated to members under separate cover.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

To recommend to Council:

- 2.1 To approve of the Capital Programme for 2018/19 as set out at Appendices A and B, including the in year contingency of £1,076,000.
- 2.2 To adopt the Single Capital Pot approach as outlined in Section 4 with a top slice of 12.5% to allow for investment in key priority areas and overspends that are not otherwise fundable (reference paragraph 4.2).
- 2.3 That Executive approvals will continue to be required for all Prudential borrowing schemes (reference paragraph 3.1)
- 2.4 To approve the Capital Prudential Indicators as identified in Appendix C.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To ensure delivery of the Council's key objectives.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b	Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget?	Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council’s new approved budget
3.3	Other alternative options to be considered: None.	
4.0	Council Priority:	
4.1	The relevant Council Priority is: “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”	
5.0	Background Information	
5.1	The Council's 2018/19 Capital Programme runs concurrently with the 2018/19 revenue budget with schemes usually extending over a number of years. For that reason the programme projects forward indicative spending for 3 years. This report updates the programme set in 2017/18 and seeks to ensure that capital expenditure is spent in areas that will contribute to meeting the Council's priorities. The 2018/19 programme is submitted for approval. The 2019/20 and 2020/21 programmes have been drawn up based upon individual allocations and current proposals. These will be reviewed as part of the budget processes for 2019/20 and 2020/21 in the light of changing priorities and final funding levels that mean no commitments can yet be identified in respect of these schemes.	
5.2	Is the Corporate Delivery Unit aware of this decision? The Corporate Delivery Unit has been consulted and will be involved with Resources in ensuring the delivery of the Council’s objectives through the Capital Programme.	Yes
5.3	Does the information submitted include any exempt information?	No

5.4 List of Appendices:

Capital Programme Report
Appendix A- Capital Programme Summary
Appendix B- Capital Programme by Service
Appendix C- The Prudential Code for Capital Finance- Prudential Indicators

(All circulated to members under separate cover)

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 As outlined in the report, circulated to members under separate cover.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 As outlined in the report, circulated to members under separate cover.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Once approved, capital budget monitoring will be reported to the Executive on a monthly basis with effect from Month 3 2018/19.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 As outlined in the attached report.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Internally with Capital Asset Management Group and the Corporate Leadership Team.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Individual scheme business cases and budget working papers.

14.0 Key decision information:

- 14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes
- 14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 27/2017
- 14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No
- 14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

- 15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No
- 15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 26 January 2018 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

To recommend to Council:

1. To approve of the Capital Programme for 2018/19 as set out at Appendices A and B, including the in year contingency of £1,076,000.
2. To adopt the Single Capital Pot approach as outlined in Section 4 with a top

slice of 12.5% to allow for investment in key priority areas and overspends that are not otherwise fundable (reference paragraph 4.2).

3. To agree that Executive approvals will continue to be required for all Prudential borrowing schemes (reference paragraph 3.1)
4. To approve the Capital Prudential Indicators as identified in Appendix C.

18.2 Date of Decision:

5 February 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

To ensure delivery of the Council's key objectives.

19.1 Date Decision published:

6 February 2018

20.0 Executive Members present:

20.1 Councillor Campbell, in the Chair

Councillors Benson, Cross, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes :

22.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Cain who was elsewhere on official Council business.

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	28 February 2018

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018/ 2019

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Council will be asked to consider the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the Treasury Management Strategy for the financial year 2018/ 2019.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the recommendations of the Executive from its meeting held on 5 February 2018, namely:

2.1.1 To adopt all the Elements of the Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19 and to approve the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2018/19 to 2020/21 as set out in Annex B to the report to the Executive.

2.1.2 To approve the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2018/19 to 2019/20 which are set out in Annex C to the report to the Executive.

2.1.3 To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2017/18, which will ensure a prudent Minimum Revenue Provision charge in the annual statement of accounts. The policy is set out within Annex D to the report to the Executive).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 A feature of the 2011 edition of the CIPFA Code of Practice on treasury management activities is the annual approval of strategy and reporting of performance information.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council?

Yes – however, when approved this strategy will replace the current Treasury

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priorities are "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool" and "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Council is required by statute to publish an annual Treasury Management Strategy incorporating its Investment Strategy.

5.2 In essence, the Treasury Management Strategy is an annual plan of how Blackpool Council will manage its investments and cashflows. It identifies the Council's borrowing needs and shows how it will invest temporary surplus cash balances and how it will control its banking, money market and capital market transactions.

5.3 The Scale of Operations at Annex A in the report to the Executive shows the levels of capital expenditure, long-term borrowing and temporary investments and the impact that spending on new capital schemes has on average council tax levels.

5.4 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 5 February 2018, in connection with the Treasury Management Strategy [available via this link](#).

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4 (a) – Executive Decision Notice EX5 /2018 – Treasury Management Strategy – 5 February 2018.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Detailed in the report and Annexes A, B, C and D, which were circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 5 February 2018.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

- 10.1
1. Liquidity Risk (accessibility and/or running out of cash)
 2. Market Risk (movements in interest rates – yield)
 3. Credit Risk (investment counterparties might default – security)
 4. Legal Risk (transactions and actions legal/within regulatory limits)
 5. Operational Risk (adequacy of internal processes)

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 With the Council's Treasury Management Panel

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

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Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX6/2018
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	5 February 2018

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018/19

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the Treasury Management Strategy Report 2018/19 and its annexes A, B, C and D.

2.0 Recommendation:

To recommend to the Council:

- 2.1 To adopt all the Elements of the Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19 and to approve the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2018/19 to 2020/21 which are set out in Annex B to this report.
- 2.2 To approve the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2018/19 to 2020/21 which are set out in Annex C to this report.
- 2.3 To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2018/19, which will ensure a prudent Minimum Revenue Provision charge in the annual statement of accounts. The policy is set out within Annex D to this report.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation:

- 3.1 A feature of the 2011 edition of the CIPFA Code of Practice on treasury management activities is the annual approval of strategy and reporting of performance information. This report circulated to members under separate cover sets out the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council?

No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become the Council’s new approved budget
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:
None.
- 4.0 Council Priority:**
The relevant Council Priorities are:
“The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”
“Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”
- 5.0 Background Information**
- 5.1 The Council is required by statute to publish an annual Treasury Management Strategy incorporating its Investment Strategy.
- 5.2 In essence the Treasury Management Strategy is an annual plan of how Blackpool Council will manage its investments and cashflows. It identifies the Council’s borrowing needs and shows how it will invest temporary surplus cash balances, and how it will control its banking, money market and capital market transactions.
- 5.3 The Scale of Operations at Annex A shows the levels of capital expenditure, long-term borrowing and temporary investments and also the impact that spending on new capital schemes has on average Council Tax levels.
- 5.4 Is the Corporate Delivery Unit aware of this report? Yes
The Corporate Delivery Unit has been consulted and will be involved with Resources in ensuring the delivery of the Council’s objectives through the Treasury Management Strategy.
- 5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19

Annex A – Scale of Operations

Annex B – Elements of the Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19 – 2020/21

Annex C – Prudential Indicators

Annex D – Policy on Minimum Revenue Provision

(All circulated to members under separate cover)

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Please see the Report and its Annexes A to D.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

- 10.1
1. Liquidity Risk (accessibility and/or running out of cash)
 2. Market Risk (movements in interest rates – yield)
 3. Credit Risk (investment counterparties might default – security)
 4. Legal Risk (transactions and actions legal/within regulatory limits)
 5. Operational Risk (adequacy of internal processes)

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 With the Council’s Treasury Management Panel.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 31/2017

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A

14.4 If yes, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If yes, please give reason: N/A

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE**16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):**

Date informed: 26 January 2018 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

To recommend to the Council:

1. To adopt all the Elements of the Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19 and to approve the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2018/19 to 2020/21 which are set out in Annex B to this report.
2. To approve the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2018/19 to 2020/21 which are set out in Annex C to this report.
3. To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2018/19, which will ensure a prudent Minimum Revenue Provision charge in the annual statement of accounts. The policy is set out within Annex D to this report.

18.2 Date of Decision:

5 February 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

A feature of the 2011 edition of the CIPFA Code of Practice on treasury management activities is the annual approval of strategy and reporting of performance information. This report circulated to members under separate cover sets out the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19.

19.1 Date Decision published:

6 February 2018

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1 Councillor Campbell, in the Chair

Councillors Benson, Cross, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Cain who was elsewhere on official Council business.

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy and Assistant Chief Executive and Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mrs Christine Wright, Cabinet Member for Housing
Date of Meeting:	28 February 2018

PROPOSED RENT REVIEW 2018/2019

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 The Council will be asked to consider the level of rents and service charges to be charged in connection with Housing Revenue Account dwellings during 2018/19.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the recommendations of the Executive from its meeting held on 5 February 2018, namely:
 - 2.1.1 To agree that a rent reduction of a minimum of 1% is implemented for all Housing Revenue Account properties in 2018/2019.
 - 2.1.2 To agree that the level of Housing Revenue Account balances remain protected at £1 million, as previously agreed.
 - 2.1.3 To agree that the de-pooled services (as detailed in Appendix C to the report to the Executive) and that other service charges (as detailed in Appendix D and E to that report) are charged as outlined.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1a To ensure that rent levels are appropriate and the Housing Revenue Account is financially secure currently and in the medium term.
- 3.1b The rent reduction is proposed on the basis that this is a statutory requirement as part of a four year national requirement that runs until 2019/20.
- 3.1c Retaining the previously agreed level of a £1million at which Housing Revenue Account balances are protected ensures that prudent balances are maintained.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council's new approved budget

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Increasing or freezing rent levels is not an option due to a rent reduction being a statutory requirement. Reducing rents by a greater amount than 1% is not advised because of the requirement to maintain a financially viable 30 year Housing Revenue Account financial business plan.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priority is "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience."

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Executive at its meeting on 5 February 2018, considered a report regarding the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2018/2019 and the level of rents in relation to Council housing dwellings and service charges to be applied during the next financial year. The report to the Executive detailed the 2018/ 2019 Draft Budget and the proposed changes in rent and service charges.

5.2 New charges for Housing Revenue Account Services and related Non-Housing Revenue Account properties were also considered and detailed within the report to the Executive.

5.3 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 5 February 2018, in connection with the Proposed Rent Review [available via this link](#)

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.5 List of Appendices:

Appendix 5(a) – Executive Decision Notice–EX7/2018 - Proposed Rent Review 2018/2019.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 An Equalities Impact Analysis has been completed.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 These were set out in the report considered by the Executive on 5 February 2018.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 The rent report is shared with the Board of Directors of Blackpool Coastal Housing, which includes tenant and leasehold representatives and independent members.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

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Notice of :	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX7/2018
Relevant Officers:	Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy and Assistant Chief Executive and Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Mrs Christine Wright, Cabinet Member for Housing
Date of Meeting	5 February 2018

PROPOSED RENT REVIEW 2018/19

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the level of rents and service charges to be charged in connection with Housing Revenue Account dwellings during 2018/19.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

To recommend to the Council that:

- 2.1 A rent reduction of a minimum of 1% is implemented for all Housing Revenue account properties in 2018/19.
- 2.2 The minimum level of Housing Revenue Account balances remain protected at £1 million, as previously agreed.
- 2.3 That de-pooled services (as detailed in Appendix C) and that other service charges (as detailed in Appendices D and E) are charged as outlined.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To ensure that rent levels are appropriate and the Housing Revenue Account is financially secure currently and in the medium term.

The rent reduction is proposed on the basis that this is effectively a statutory requirement, as part of a four year national requirement that runs until 2019/20.

Retaining the previously agreed minimum reserves level of £1 million ensures that prudent balances are maintained in the Housing Revenue Account.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Not applicable – the report once approved will become part of the Council’s new approved budget
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:
- Increasing or freezing rent levels is not an option due to a rent reduction being a statutory requirement. Reducing rents by a greater amount than 1% is not advised because of the requirement to maintain a financially viable 30 year Housing Revenue Account financial business plan.
- 4.0 Council Priority:**
- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:
- “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”
- 5.0 Background Information**
- 5.1 As part of the preparation of the draft 2018/19 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget, Members must consider the levels of rents and service charges to be set in connection with Council Housing dwellings during the next financial year.
- 5.2 The report, circulated to members under separate cover, details the 2018/19 Draft Budget and the proposed changes in rent and service charges.
- 5.3 New charges for Housing Revenue Account services and related non-Housing Revenue Account properties are also proposed.
- 5.4 Is the Corporate Delivery Unit aware of this report? Yes
- The Corporate Delivery Unit is aware and has no specific comments to make.
- 5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No
- 5.6 **List of Appendices:**

Report on the Proposed Rent Review 2018/19
Appendix A: HRA Draft Budget 2018/19
Appendix B: Rent Parameters
Appendix C: Depooled Charges
Appendix D: Review of Fees and Charges
Appendix E: Charges for non-HRA properties
(All circulated to member under separate cover)

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 These are set out in the main report.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 See section 3 above.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 The rent report is shared with the board of Blackpool Coastal Housing, which includes tenant and leasehold representatives and independent members.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

14.0 Key decision information:

- 14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes
- 14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 30/2017
- 14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No
- 14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:
- 15.0 Call-in information:**
- 15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No
- 15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 26 January 2018 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

To recommend to the Council that:

1. A rent reduction of a minimum of 1% is implemented for all Housing Revenue account properties in 2018/19.
2. The minimum level of Housing Revenue Account balances remain protected at £1 million, as previously agreed.
3. That de-pooled services (as detailed in Appendix C) and that other service charges (as detailed in Appendices D and E) are charged as outlined.

18.2 Date of Decision:

5 February 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

To ensure that rent levels are appropriate and the Housing Revenue Account is financially secure currently and in the medium term.

The rent reduction is proposed on the basis that this is effectively a statutory requirement, as part of a four year national requirement that runs until 2019/20.

Retaining the previously agreed minimum reserves level of £1 million ensures that prudent balances are maintained in the Housing Revenue Account.

19.1 Date Decision published:

6 February 2018

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1 Councillor Campbell, in the Chair

Councillor Benson, Cross, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Cain who was elsewhere on official Council business.

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	28 February 2018

COUNCIL TAX 2018/ 2019

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the draft General Fund Revenue Budget and the setting of a Council Tax for the 2018/2019 Financial Year.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive from its meetings on the 5 February 2018 and on 19 February 2018, as summarised in Appendix 6 (c).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The setting of the General Fund Revenue Budget and the level of Council Tax is consistent with the principles approved by the Executive at its meeting on 5 February 2018.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become part of the Council's new approved budget

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

A different makeup of the Revenue budget could be applied. The 8 guiding principles of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy are referred to in the report to the Executive and how they have been balanced.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:
'The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool' and
'Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.'

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The purpose of this report is to determine the overall level of net expenditure to be included in the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 and to identify a budget savings plan that will ensure a balanced Budget.

- 5.2 The draft budget was referred by the Executive for consultation with a meeting of the Trade Unions and Non Domestic Ratepayers and the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, which was held on Friday 9 February 2018. The Executive at its meeting on 19 February 2018 considered the comments from this meeting.

- 5.3 Following the Executive meeting on 19 February 2018, a copy of the recommendations from that meeting together with a summary Appendix 6(c) detailing the full recommendations to Council has been produced.

- 5.4 All Members of the Council should have received copies of the papers considered by the Executive at its meeting on 5 February 2018, in connection with the General Fund Revenue Budget [available via this link](#) A copy of the Executive agenda for the 19 February 2018 meeting was also sent to all members on Friday 9 February 2018. Attached at Appendix 6 (a) is the decision notice from the meeting of the Executive on 5 February 2018.

- 5.5 In accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the Council is asked to note that a recorded vote is required on all budget decisions taken by Council including any amendment to it.

- 5.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.7 List of Appendices:

Appendix 6 (a) – Executive Decision Notice EX4/2018 – General Fund Revenue Budget – Monday 5 February 2018.

Appendix 6 (b) – Executive Decision Notice EX10/2018– Council Tax 2018/2019 - Monday 19 February 2018.

Appendix 6 (c) – A summary document detailing all the recommendations for Council to consider relating to the setting of a Council Tax in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 It is a Council function to determine the level of Council Tax and to set a budget.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 Human Resources considerations were detailed in the budget report, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 5 February 2018.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 An Equalities Analysis forms was produced for the budget report, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 5 February 2018.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 As outlined in the Budget report, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 5 February 2018 and the Council Tax report circulated with the Executive agenda for the meeting on 19 February 2018.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 As outlined in the Budget, which was circulated with the Executive agenda for its meeting on 5 February 2018.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Details of the consultation undertaken is listed within the Council Tax report circulated with the Executive agenda for the meeting on 19 February 2018.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Budget working papers and the aforementioned consultation minutes and feedback.

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Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX4/2018
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	5 February 2018

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the proposal for Blackpool Council's draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 as outlined in the report circulated to Members under separate cover.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To recommend to Council the level of net expenditure for the draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 of £124,365,000 (ref. paragraph 6.2).
- 2.2 To recommend to Council a level of budget savings of £5.5m (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and Appendix 2)
- 2.3 To recommend to Council that the Chief Executive be authorised to take any necessary steps to ensure all staffing savings are achieved (ref. paragraph 8.1)
- 2.4 To recommend to Council that the target level of working balances remains at £6m (ref. paragraph 10.4)
- 2.5 To recommend a detailed review of earmarked reserves takes place at Provisional Outturn 2017/18 to reprioritise and un earmark funds to replenish working balances to their target level in 2018/19 should this be necessary (ref. paragraph 10.4)
- 2.6 To consider the report of the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel as attached at Appendix 3 and consider any actions arising from that review.
- 2.7 To note that the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee will be formally consulting the Trade Unions and Business Ratepayers on the proposals on the morning of 9 February 2018.
- 2.8 To consider any further facts and information which subsequently come to light and report the details to the meeting of the Executive on 19 February 2018.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To enable progression to the next stage of the consultation and scrutiny process.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Not applicable - the report once approved will become the Council’s new approved budget.

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

As outlined in the Budget report.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

“The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”

“Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The purpose of this report is to determine the overall level of net expenditure to be included in the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2018/19 and to identify a budget savings plan that will ensure a balanced Budget.

5.2 Is it the Corporate Delivery Unit aware of this report? Yes

The Corporate Delivery Unit will be working with Resources to ensure any service Transformation required by budget savings are addressed in the Delivery Unit workplan.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

Report
Appendix 1- General Fund Budget
Appendix 2- Savings Summary
Appendix 3 – Budget Scrutiny Review Report
Appendix 4 - Equality Analysis
Appendix 5 - Assessment of Significant Financial Risks
(All circulated to members under separate cover)

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 Human Resources considerations are outlined in the budget report, circulated to members under separate cover.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 An Equalities Analysis forms Appendix 4 to the budget report.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 As outlined in the Budget report, circulated to members under separate cover

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 As outlined in the Budget report circulated to members under separate cover.
Appendix 5 forms an Assessment of Significant Financial Risks to Substantiate Target Level of Unearmarked Working Balances.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation will take place at a meeting with both the Trade Unions and Business Ratepayers on 9 February 2018. It has also taken place at meetings of the community engagement groups and wider consultation has taken place via the Council's extensive corporate communication methods which include website, social media

and media briefings.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Budget working papers

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 28/2017

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 26 January 2018 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 Councillor Smith declared a prejudicial interest in decision 1 the nature of the interest being that he was a Council appointed non-Executive Director of Blackpool Operating Company Limited. Councillor Smith left the meeting for this part of the decision and took no part in the voting or discussion. (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and line 2.22 of Appendix 2)

Councillor Jackson declared a personal interest in decision 3 relating to the Cultural Exemption Generating VAT recovery as a Council appointed non-Executive Director Blackpool Entertainments Company Limited (reference line 1.51 of Appendix 2).

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

1. To recommend to Council an increase in income of £150,000 from car parking and the Council's wholly owned Companies as part of its budget savings proposals (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and line 2.22 of Appendix 2)

(Councillor Smith having declared a prejudicial interest left the room during consideration of this decision.)

2. To recommend to Council the level of net expenditure for the draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 of £124,365,000 (ref. paragraph 6.2).
3. To recommend to Council a level of budget savings of £5.35m(excluding the saving outlined in 1 above), (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and Appendix 2)
4. To recommend to Council that the Chief Executive be authorised to take any necessary steps to ensure all staffing savings are achieved (ref. paragraph 8.1).
5. To recommend to Council that the target level of working balances remains at £6m (ref. paragraph 10.4).
6. To recommend a detailed review of earmarked reserves takes place at Provisional Outturn 2017/18 to reprioritise and unearmark funds to replenish working balances to their target level in 2018/19 should this be necessary (ref. paragraph 10.4).
7. To note the report of the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel as attached at Appendix 3.
8. To note that the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee will be formally consulting the Trade Unions and Business Ratepayers on the proposals on the morning of 9 February 2018.
9. To consider any further facts and information which subsequently come to light and report the details to the meeting of the Executive on 19 February 2018.

18.2 Date of Decision:

5 February 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

To enable progression to the next stage of the consultation and scrutiny process.

19.1 Date Decision published:

6 February 2018

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1 Councillor Campbell in the Chair

Councillors Benson, Cross, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

(Councillor Smith having declared a prejudicial interest left the room for the consideration of decision 1 and did not take part in the voting and discussion on that decision.)

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Cain who was elsewhere on official Council business.

Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX10/2018
Relevant Officer:	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	19 February 2018

COUNCIL TAX 2018/19

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 Proposals for Blackpool Council's level of Council Tax for 2018/19 and the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To consider all information received since the meeting of the Executive on 5 February 2018 including the Final Settlement Funding Assessment announced on 6 February and the report of the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 9 February 2018 and to determine whether or not to confirm the Executive's recommendation to Council regarding the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19.
- 2.2 To recommend to Council approval of a level of Blackpool Council's Council Tax for the year 2018/19 of £1,511.14 at valuation band D equivalent which includes the additional 3% Adult Social Care Precept.
- 2.3 To recommend to Council the level of net expenditure for the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 of £124,365,000.
- 2.4 To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire's precept for the financial year 2018/19 at valuation band D equivalent was due to be agreed on 16 February 2018 and will be reported verbally at this meeting.
- 2.5 To note that the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority will meet on the morning of 19 February 2018 to set its precept for the financial year 2018/19. This again will be reported verbally at this meeting.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The Executive is required to consider the outcome of consultation meetings and surveys before finalising its Budget proposals.

The setting of the General Fund Revenue Budget and the level of Council Tax is consistent with the principles approved by the Executive at its meeting on 5 February 2018.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? NO

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Not applicable – the report once approved will become the Council’s new approved Budget

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Although one of the 8 guiding principles of the Council’s Medium-Term Financial Sustainability Strategy 2016/17 – 2021/22 is “to keep council tax levels as low as possible”, Government funding reductions alongside increasing service demands and inflationary pressures on the Council’s Budget in 2018/19, in particular Children’s Social Care pressures and Adult Social Care pressures of 2.3 times the allowable Precept (see table below), prevent a Council Tax level any lower than the capped level being prudent or practicable.

	£000	£000
Adult Social Care – 2018/19 in-year cost pressures		
- In-house pay related	272	
- National Living Wage on External Contracts	2,295	
- Other Non-pay inflation	420	
- Demographic pressures	544	
Total		3,531
3% Adult Social Care Precept		1,549

The Council Tax level recommended balances all 8 principles against the real risk of further service cuts. Although the level of Council Tax at valuation band D that is recommended is £1,511.14, the profile of hereditaments in Blackpool with bands A and B comprising 74% of the total means that the average council tax payable per dwelling in 2018/19 is estimated at £770.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

“The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”

“Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 At its meeting on 5 February 2018 the Executive considered a report of the Director of Resources that recommended to Council approval of a net expenditure for the General Fund Revenue Budget of £124,365,000 that would result in a level of Council Tax for the year 2018/19 of £1,511.14 at valuation band D equivalent. This is an increase of 5.99% and includes the additional and allowable 3% Adult Social Care Precept. This decision can be viewed via the attached link-[budget decision](#)

5.2 The Final Settlement of Blackpool Council’s 2018/19 Settlement Funding Assessment was announced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 6 February 2018. The 2 changes affecting Blackpool Council were:

- additional funding through Adult Social Care Support Grant
- extra compensation for under-indexing the business rates multiplier

5.3 The share of the non-recurrent Adult Social Care Support Grant for Blackpool is £565,000. This will be held in contingency until its conditions for use have been clarified and a plan for its utilisation agreed. As this is a net nil budget adjustment with budgeted expenditure being met by budgeted grant income, it has no impact upon the recommended General Fund Revenue Budget Net Requirement or Council Tax level.

5.4 An extra £97,000 will be received in 2018/19 for compensation regarding the under-indexing of the business rates multiplier which will be transferred into the Earmarked Business Rates Reserve. This too will have no impact upon the recommended General Fund Revenue Budget Net Requirement or Council Tax level.

5.5 As part of the final Local Government Finance Settlement the threshold for ‘excessive’ Council Tax increases was confirmed at 3%, an increase of 3% or more requiring a local referendum to be held. This 3% threshold excludes the additional 3% allowed for the Adult Social Care Precept. The level of Council Tax recommended in this report will not invoke this requirement.

- 5.6 Besides the ongoing dialogue with the Trade Unions throughout the budget-setting process, the draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 and supporting information was further considered at a meeting of the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee with Trade Union representatives and Business Ratepayers held on 9 February 2018. The views presented at this meeting will be reported to the Executive.
- 5.7 The precepts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for the year 2018/19 are due to be agreed on 16 and 19 February 2018 respectively and will be reported verbally to this meeting of the Executive.
- 5.8 Is it the Corporate Delivery Unit aware of this report? Yes
- The Corporate Delivery Unit will be working with Resources to ensure any service Transformation required by budget savings are addressed in the Delivery Unit workplan.
- 5.9 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No
- 5.10 **List of Appendices:**
- None.
- 6.0 Legal considerations:**
- 6.1 There is a duty for major precepting authorities to issue a precept for 2018/19 before 1 March 2018. For other local authorities there is a duty to set 2018/19 budgets before 11 March 2018.
- 7.0 Human Resources considerations:**
- 7.1 Human Resources considerations were outlined in the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 report.
- 8.0 Equalities considerations:**
- 8.1 An Equality Analysis was produced for the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 report to the Executive on 5 February 2018 - this remains applicable.
- 8.2 In making this year's Council Tax proposal particular account has been taken of the impact on vulnerable groups and people who share the protected characteristics under the Equality Act. A full Equality Analysis report into the detailed budget

proposals within the Revenue Budget has underpinned this consideration. In terms of impact proposals have been balanced that will protect core services to vulnerable people and communities, together with the need to balance the budget and move to a greater self-sufficiency with regard to income and tax-raising given the future reductions in central government grant support outlined in the Medium-Term Financial Sustainability Strategy 2016/17 – 2021/22.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 As outlined in this report.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 A Risk Analysis was produced for the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 report to the Executive on 5 February 2018 - this remains applicable.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 In the context of a budget savings requirement of £5.5m in 2018/19 with inevitable cuts to some services, a Council Tax increase of 5.99% which will yield £3.1m is a necessary contribution to ensure that key Council services are maintained.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation meetings on the broad budget position facing the Council have always been undertaken with the community equality groups. The Council's Director of Resources or his representative has often personally attended and briefed a number of these groups over this period.

12.2 Wider communication has also taken place via the Council's extensive corporate communication methods, which include website, social media, media briefings & press statements and interviews.

12.3 In addition to the above, this year the Council has also undertaken a public outreach exercise with the general public during September – November 2017. These sessions were held in libraries across the town and have informed the decision-making processes.

12.4 Once specific proposals were published in December 2017, detailed consultations with all affected stakeholders - amongst them staff, service users and communities of interest / equality groups – have taken place. The outcomes of these consultations have been considered by key decision makers and accordingly have informed the final proposals contained in the budget.

12.5 Consultation with the Trades Unions with regards to staffing issues has been embedded into normal working practices and has also met all formal consultation requirements.

13.0 Background papers

13.1 Budget working papers and above consultation minutes and feedback.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 29/2017

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 9 February 2018 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 Councillors Cain and Smith both declared prejudicial interests in decision 1 the nature of the interest being that they were Council appointed non-Executive directors of Blackpool Operating Company Limited. Councillors Cain and Smith both left the meeting for this part of the decision and took no part in the voting or discussion. (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and line 2.22 of Appendix 2 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/2019 papers circulated for the Executive meeting on 5 February 2018)

Councillor Jackson declared a personal interest in decision 2 relating to the Cultural Exemption Generating VAT recovery as a Council appointed Non-Executive Director of the Board of Blackpool Entertainment Company Limited (reference line 1.51 of Appendix 2 Appendix 2 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/2019 papers circulated for the Executive meeting on 5 February 2018).

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

1. To confirm the Executive's recommendation to Council of an increase in income of £150,000 from car parking and the Council's wholly owned Companies as part of its budget savings proposals (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and line 2.22 of Appendix 2 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/2019 papers circulated for the Executive meeting on 5 February 2018).

(Councillors Cain and Smith having both declared a prejudicial interest left the room during consideration of this decision.)

2. To confirm the Executive's recommendation to Council of a level of budget savings of £5.35m (excluding the saving outlined in 1 above), (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and Appendix 2 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/2019 papers circulated for the Executive meeting on 5 February 2018).
3. Having considered all information received since the meeting of the Executive on 5 February 2018 including the Final Settlement Funding Assessment announced on 6 February and the report of the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 9 February 2018 to confirm all of the Executive's other recommendations to Council regarding the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19. Previous decision on 5 February 2018
4. To recommend to Council approval of a level of Blackpool Council's Council Tax for the year 2018/19 of £1,511.14 at valuation band D equivalent which includes the additional 3% Adult Social Care Precept.
5. To recommend to Council the level of net expenditure for the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 of £124,365,000.
6. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire's precept for the financial year 2018/19 at valuation band D equivalent was agreed on 16 February 2018 and was reported verbally at this meeting as £177.45 (a 7.25 % rise).

7. To note that the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority met on the morning of 19 February 2018 to set its precept for the financial year 2018/19. This was reported verbally at this meeting as £67.46 (a 2.99% rise).

18.2 Date of Decision:

19 February 2018

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The Executive is required to consider the outcome of consultation meetings and surveys before finalising its Budget proposals.

The setting of the General Fund Revenue Budget and the level of Council Tax is consistent with the principles approved by the Executive at its meeting on 5 February 2018.

19.1 Date Decision published:

20 February 2018

20.0 Executive Members present:

20.1 Councillor Blackburn, in the Chair

Councillor Cain, Cross, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

(Councillors Cain and Smith having declared a prejudicial interest left the room for the consideration of decision 1 and did not take part in the voting and discussion on that decision.)

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1

COUNCIL MEETING
28 FEBRUARY 2018

Council Tax 2018/2019 - Summary Document

1 Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to enable the Council to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2018/2019.
- 1.2 The Localism Act 2011 includes amendments to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and requires billing authorities in England to calculate a Council Tax Requirement for the year.
- 1.3 The precept levels of other precepting bodies have been confirmed. These are as follows:

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire

- 1.4 The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire has set the precept for the financial year 2018/2019 at £177.45 for a Band D Council Tax equivalent.

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

- 1.5 Lancashire Combined Fire Authority has set their precept for the financial year 2018/2019 at £67.46 for a Band D Council Tax equivalent.

2 Recommendations

The Council is recommended:

- a) To agree the level of net expenditure for the General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/2019 of £124,365,000 (ref. Paragraph 6.2 of the report to the Executive on 5 February 2018).
- b) To recommend to Council a level of budget savings of £5.5m (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and Appendix 2 of the report to the Executive on 5 February 2018).
- c) To agree that the Chief Executive be authorised to take any necessary steps to ensure all staffing savings are achieved (ref. paragraph 8.1 of the report to the Executive on 5 February 2018).
- d) To agree that the target level of working balances remains at £6m (ref. paragraph 10.4 of the report to the Executive on 5 February 2018).

- e) To recommend a detailed review of earmarked reserves takes place at Provisional Outturn 2017/18 to reprioritise and un earmark funds to replenish working balances to their target level in 2018/19 (ref. paragraph 10.4 of the report to the Executive on 5 February 2018)
- f) To note the comments of the meeting of the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee with the Trade Unions and Business Ratepayers, as reported to the Executive on 19 February 2018 and the responses given.
- g) To note the report of the Budget Scrutiny Panel and the responses of the Executive (ref Appendix 3 of the report to the Executive 5 February 2018)
- h) To adopt the formal Council Tax Resolutions set out at Appendix 6 (c) (Annex 1), in so doing agree a Council Tax Requirement of £54,732,000 and a Council Tax Base of 36,219.
- i) To note the calculation of Aggregate Amounts as directed by Section 31A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as set out at Appendix 6 (c) (Annex1 and 2).
- j) To approve a level of Council Tax for the financial year 2018/2019 of £1,511.14 at valuation Band D equivalent (a 5.99% increase including the 3% Adult Social Care Precept but excluding the precepts for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority).
- k) To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire’s precept for the financial year 2018/2019 is £177.45 (a 7.25 % increase) for a Band D Tax equivalent and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority precept for the financial year 2018/2019 is £67.46 for a Band D Tax equivalent (a 2.99% increase).
- l) To confirm that should recommendation j) above be approved, the aggregate levels of Council Tax for Valuation Bands A to H will be as below:

VALUATION BAND	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
BLACKPOOL	934.34	1,090.06	1,245.79	1,401.51	1,712.96	2,024.40	2,335.85	2,803.02
ADULT SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT	73.09	85.27	97.45	109.63	133.99	158.36	182.72	219.26
BLACKPOOL TOTAL CTAX	1,007.43	1,175.33	1,343.24	1,511.14	1,846.95	2,182.76	2,518.57	3,022.28
POLICE	118.30	138.02	157.73	177.45	216.88	256.32	295.75	354.90
FIRE	44.97	52.47	59.96	67.46	82.45	97.44	112.43	134.92
COUNCIL TAX 2018/19	1,170.70	1,365.82	1,560.93	1,756.05	2,146.28	2,536.52	2,926.75	3,512.10

COUNCIL TAX AND BUDGET 2018/2019

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. That it be noted that on 30 January 2018, the following amount was approved by the Leader of the Council as the Council's Council Tax Base for the financial year 2018/2019
 - (a) 36,219 for the whole Council area [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]

2. That the Council Meeting approve the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/2019 (excluding precepts) as being £54,732,000

3. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2018/2019 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) £432,521,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A(2) of the Act (Annex 2).

 - (b) £377,789,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A(3) of the Act (Annex 2).

 - (c) £54,732,000 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(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). (Annex 2).

 - (d) £1,511.14 being the amount at 3(c) above, all divided by Item T (1(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.

 - (e) £0.00 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in section 34(1) of the Act.

 - (f) £1,511.14 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount for Item T (1(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 its area.

4. That it be noted that for the year 2018/2019 the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/2019 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Valuation Bands

Authority	£							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Blackpool Council	934.34	1,090.06	1,245.79	1,401.51	1,712.96	2,024.40	2,335.85	2,803.02
Adult Social Care Precept	73.09	85.27	97.45	109.63	133.99	158.36	182.72	219.26
Blackpool Council Total	1,007.43	1,175.33	1,343.24	1,511.14	1,846.95	2,182.76	2,518.57	3,022.28
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	118.30	138.02	157.73	177.45	216.88	256.32	295.75	354.90
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	44.97	52.47	59.96	67.46	82.45	97.44	112.43	134.92

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
All parts of the Council's area	1,170.70	1,365.82	1,560.93	1,756.05	2,146.28	2,536.52	2,926.75	3,512.10

6. Blackpool Council's Council tax includes a charge for adult social care functions.
7. To note that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2018/2019 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.

BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

CALCULATION OF AGGREGATE AMOUNTS UNDER SECTION 31A OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992

	2018/2019 GROSS EXPENDITURE	2018/2019 GROSS INCOME	2018/2019 NET EXPENDITURE
	£000	£000	£000
Blackpool Council	427,349	374,103	53,246
Add Levies by Other Organisations:			
- Environment Agency	67	0	67
- Apprenticeship Levy	385	0	385
Add Appropriations to Reserves:			
- General Fund Balances	0	0	0
- Housing Revenue Account Reserve	540	0	540
- Earmarked Reserves	4,180	3,686	494
COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT	432,521	377,789	54,732

Note 1

Note 2

Note 1: This figure represents the aggregate of the amounts estimated for the items set out in section 31A(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Note 2: This figure represents the aggregate of the amounts estimated for the items set out in section 31A(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Note 3: All figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.

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