

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2018

Present:

Councillor I Coleman (in the Chair)

Councillors

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

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services

Alan Cavill, Director of Place

Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy and Assistant Chief Executive

Karen Smith, Director of Adult Services

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 DISPENSATION FROM PROCEDURAL STANDING ORDERS

Resolved: That dispensation from Procedural Standing Order 17.2 is agreed to allow Councillor Ryan to sit in a seat other than the one assigned to him.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Hutton, Singleton, Stansfield and L Taylor as non-executive directors of the Blackpool Coastal Housing Company Ltd declared:

- personal interests in agenda item 5 'Proposed Rent Review 2018/19'
- prejudicial interests in agenda item 6 'Council Tax 2018/19' and left the room prior to consideration of that part of the item relating to the proposed income from Blackpool Coastal Housing Company Limited.

Councillors Cain, D Coleman, Cox and Smith declared prejudicial interests in the proposed budget savings in relation to income from Blackpool Operating Company Ltd within agenda item 6 'Council Tax 2018/19', as non-executive directors of the company. Accordingly they left the room prior to consideration of that part of the item.

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Councillors G Coleman, Galley and L Williams declared personal interests in the proposed budget savings in reference to cultural exemption contained within agenda item 6 'Council Tax 2018/19', as non-executive directors of Blackpool Entertainment Company Ltd.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 31 January 2018 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

4 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 TO 2020/21

Members considered the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the Capital Programme for 2018/2019 and noted that the programme ran concurrently with the 2018/2019 revenue budget and projected forward indicative spending for three years.

Members also noted that the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 programmes had been drawn up based upon individual allocations and current proposals and would be reviewed as part of the budget processes for those years in light of changing priorities.

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

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

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

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

5 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018/2019

The Council considered the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the proposed Treasury Management Strategy 2018/2019, which incorporated an Investment Strategy and set out how the Council would manage its investments and cashflows over the financial year.

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

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

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

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

6 PROPOSED RENT REVIEW 2018/2019

Members considered the recommendations of the Executive from its meeting on 5 February 2018, regarding the levels of rents and service charges for Housing Revenue Account dwellings to be applied to the 2018/2019 financial year, as well as new charges for Housing Revenue Account Services and related Non-Housing Revenue Account properties.

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

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

1. To agree that a rent reduction of a minimum of 1% is implemented for all Housing Revenue Account properties in 2018/2019.
2. To agree that the level of Housing Revenue Account balances remain protected at £1 million, as previously agreed.
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.'

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

7 COUNCIL TAX 2018/2019

The Council received the report on the recommendations from the Executive at its meetings on 5 February and 19 February 2018 in relation to the draft General Fund Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 and to identify a budget savings plan that would ensure a balanced budget.

The report highlighted that consultation had taken place with representatives from the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee trade unions and non-domestic ratepayers on 9 February.

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Members firstly considered the proposed budget saving of as a result of the income generation of £150,000 from car parks and Blackpool Operating Company and income from Blackpool Coastal Housing Ltd in the sum of £500,000.

Motion 1: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Campbell seconded):

‘To approve the income generation of £150,000 from car parks and Blackpool Operating Company (recommendation 2b of, Appendix 6c) and income from Blackpool Coastal Housing Ltd in the sum of £500,000 (recommendation 2b of Appendix 6c).’

Recorded vote: The Council noted that under the Local Authorities (Standing Order) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, there was a requirement for a recorded vote on setting the Council tax and budget. The voting was as follows:

For the motion: Councillors Benson, Blackburn, Campbell, G Coleman, Collett, Critchley, Cross, Hobson, Humphreys, Hunter, Kirkland, Matthews, Mitchell, O’Hara, Owen, Ryan, I Taylor, L Williams, Mrs Wright - **Total 19.**

Against the motion: Councillors Mrs Callow, Callow, Clapham, Galley, Mrs Henderson, Roberts, Robertson, Scott, Mrs Scott, T Williams – **Total 10.**

Abstentions: Councillor I Coleman – **Total 1.**

Motion 1 carried: The motion was therefore carried.

Note: Having declared prejudicial interests, Councillors Hutton, Singleton, Stansfield, L Taylor, Cain, D Coleman, Cox and Smith left the meeting during consideration of the above part of the item.

Motion 2: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Campbell seconded):

‘To approve the following remaining recommendations outlined in Appendix 6 (c), bringing together the recommendations from the Executive meetings on 5 February 2018 and 19 February 2018, into a summary document, set out in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

1. 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).
2. To agree 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).
3. 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).

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4. 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).
5. 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 (ref. paragraph 10.4 of the report to the Executive on 5 February 2018)
6. 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.
7. 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)
8. 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.
9. 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).
10. 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).
11. 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).
12. To confirm that 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

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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

Recorded vote: The Council noted that under the Local Authorities (Standing Order) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, there was a requirement for a recorded vote on setting the Council tax and budget. The voting was as follows:

For the motion: Councillors Benson, Blackburn, Cain, Campbell, D Coleman, G Coleman, Collett, Critchley, Cross, Hobson, Humphreys, Hunter, Hutton, Kirkland, Matthews, Mitchell, O'Hara, Owen, Ryan, Singleton, Smith, I Taylor, L Taylor, L Williams, Mrs Wright - **Total 25.**

Against the motion: Councillors Mrs Callow, Callow, Clapham, Cox, Galley, Mrs Henderson, Roberts, Robertson, Scott, Mrs Scott, Stansfield, T Williams – **Total 12.**

Abstentions: Councillor I Coleman – **Total 1.**

Motion 2 carried: The motion was therefore carried.

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 6.55 pm)

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