

**COUNCIL MEETING
8 MARCH 2021**

Council Tax 2021/22 - Summary Document

1 Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to enable the Council to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2021/22.
- 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 2021/22 at £226.45 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 2021/22 at £72.27 for a Band D Council Tax equivalent.

2 Recommendations

- a) To agree the savings of £350,000 identified in Appendix 2 of the General Revenue Budget 2021/22 papers through service improvements and efficiencies by the integration of Environmental and Cleansing services into Blackpool Waste Services Limited trading as Enveco.
- b) To agree a remaining level of budget savings of £19.95m (£20.3m minus the £350,000 already approved in a) (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 and Appendix 2 of the report to the Executive on 8 February 2021).
- c) To agree the level of net expenditure for the draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2021/22 of £149,062,000 (ref. paragraph 6.2 of the report to the Executive on 8 February 2021).
- d) 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 8 February 2021).

- e) That the target level of working balances remains at £6m (ref. paragraph 10.4 of the report to the Executive on 8 February 2021).
- f) To adopt the formal Council Tax Resolutions set out at Appendix 8 (c) (Annex 1), in so doing agree a Council Tax Requirement of £62,618,000 and a Council Tax Base of 36,853.
- g) To note the calculation of Aggregate Amounts as directed by Section 31A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as set out at Appendix 8 (c) (Annex 1 and 2).
- h) To approve a level of Council Tax for the financial year 2021/22 of £1,699.13 at valuation Band D equivalent (a 4.99% 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).
- i) To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire's precept for the financial year 2021/22 is £226.45 (a £15.00 increase, equivalent to 7.09%) for a Band D Tax equivalent and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority precept for the financial year 2021/22 is £72.27 for a Band D Tax equivalent (a 1.99% increase).
- j) To confirm that should recommendation h) 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	1,006.55	1,174.31	1,342.07	1,509.83	1,845.35	2,180.87	2,516.38	3,019.66
ADULT SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT	126.20	147.23	168.27	189.30	231.37	273.43	315.50	378.60
BLACKPOOL TOTAL CTAX	1,132.75	1,321.54	1,510.34	1,699.13	2,076.72	2,454.30	2,831.88	3,398.26
POLICE	150.97	176.13	201.29	226.45	276.77	327.09	377.42	452.90
FIRE	48.18	56.21	64.24	72.27	88.33	104.39	120.45	144.54
COUNCIL TAX 2021/22	1,331.90	1,553.88	1,775.87	1,997.85	2,441.82	2,885.78	3,329.75	3,995.70

There is a requirement under the Local Authorities (Standing Order) (England Amendment) Regulations 2014 to take recorded votes when voting on any motion relating to the setting of the Council Tax by the full Council.

Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 makes it a criminal offence for a Councillor in Council Tax arrears (with at least two months unpaid bills) to vote at a meeting of the Council, a Committee or of the Council's Executive where financial matters relating to Council Tax are being considered. It is also an offence if any such Councillor present, who is aware of the arrears, fails to disclose that they are in arrears of Council Tax of at least two months.

COUNCIL TAX AND BUDGET 2021/22

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. That it be noted that on 29 January 2021, the following amount was approved by the Leader of the Council as the Council's Council Tax Base for the financial year 2021/22
 - (a) 36,853 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 2021/22 (excluding precepts) as being £62,618,000
3. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) £484,094,000 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) £421,476,000 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) £62,618,000 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) £1,699.13 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) £1,699.13 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 2021/22 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 2021/22 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	1,006.55	1,174.31	1,342.07	1,509.83	1,845.35	2,180.87	2,516.38	3,019.66
Adult Social Care Precept	126.20	147.23	168.27	189.30	231.37	273.43	315.50	378.60
Blackpool Council Total	1,132.75	1,321.54	1,510.34	1,699.13	2,076.72	2,454.30	2,831.88	3,398.26
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	150.97	176.13	201.29	226.45	276.77	327.09	377.42	452.90
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	48.18	56.21	64.24	72.27	88.33	104.39	120.45	144.54

AGGREGATE OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENTS

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
All parts of the Council's area	1,331.90	1,553.88	1,775.87	1,997.85	2,441.82	2,885.78	3,329.75	3,995.70

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 2021/22 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

	2021/22 GROSS EXPENDITURE	2021/22 GROSS INCOME	2021/22 NET EXPENDITURE
	£000	£000	£000
Blackpool Council	483,639	417,029	66,610
Add Levies by Other Organisations:			
- Environment Agency	70	-	70
- Apprenticeship Levy	385	-	385
Add Appropriations to Reserves:			
- General Fund Balances	-	-	-
- Housing Revenue Account Reserve	-	1,460	(1,460)
- Earmarked Reserves	-	2,987	(2,987)
COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT	484,094	421,476	62,618

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.