

## MEETING – TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2022

### ITEM 7 – COUNCIL TAX 2022/2023 ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

#### 1. **Proposed budget savings in relation to dividend from Blackpool Operating Company Limited.**

**Note:** From prior communication we are aware that the following Councillors will likely declare prejudicial interests at the start of the meeting, as Council appointed Non-Executive Directors of Blackpool Operating Company Limited. They will then need to leave the room before the Council Tax item (item 7) commences:

- Councillors Cain, Critchley and Walsh

#### 1.1 The Leader of the Council to move the part of the budget relating to Blackpool Operating Company **only** (recommendation 2a of Appendix 7a).

“To agree a budget saving of £900,000 based on a dividend from Blackpool Operating Company Limited (ref. Appendix 2 of the report to the Executive on 7 February 2022).”

#### 1.2 The motion to be seconded.

#### 1.3 Other speakers on this item.

#### 1.4 Councillor L Williams right of reply.

#### 1.5 Council to vote on this motion – **a recorded vote is required\***.

(Councillors Cain, Critchley and Walsh, to return to the meeting when this part of the item has been agreed)

**2. Proposed budget savings in relation to the establishment of Blackpool Waste Services Limited. These form part of the identified non-recurrent savings to replenish working balances of £6m**

Note: From prior communication we are aware that the following councillors will likely declare prejudicial interests at the start of the meeting, as Council appointed Non-Executive Directors of Blackpool Waste Services Limited. They will then need to leave the room before this part of the Council Tax item (item 7) commences:

- Councillors Hutton, Kirkland and Stansfield

2.1 The Leader of the Council to move the part of the budget relating to Blackpool Waste Services Limited trading as Enveco (recommendation 2b of, Appendix 7a).

“To agree a budget saving of £250,000, as part of the identified total non-recurrent savings of £6.04m to replenish working balances, based on savings as a result of consolidation following the establishment of Blackpool Waste Services Limited trading as Enveco (ref. Appendix 2 of the report to the Executive on 7 February 2022).”

2.2 The motion to be seconded.

2.3 Other speakers on this item.

2.4 Councillor L Williams right of reply.

2.5 Council to vote on this motion – a recorded vote is required\*.

**Note:** This saving is non-recurrent so unlike recommendation 2a) does not have an impact on the figure identified in recommendation 2c).

(Councillors Hutton, Kirkland and Stansfield, to return to the meeting when this part of the item has been agreed)

### **3. Remainder of Budget savings and setting of Council Tax**

#### 3.1 The Leader of the Council to move:

*“The Council to agree the proposed the remaining recommendations 2c to 2k as outlined in Appendix 7(a) (and reproduced below), bringing together the recommendations from the Executive meetings on 7 February 2022 and 24 February 2022 into a summary document, set out in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011”.*

#### Recommendations:

2c) To agree a level of budget savings of £7.7m (£8.6m minus £900,000 already approved in 2a) (ref. paragraphs 7.1 and 7.4 and Appendix 2 of the report to the Executive on 7 February 2022).

2d) To agree the level of net expenditure for the draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/23 of £160,276,000 (ref. paragraph 6.2 of the report to the Executive on 7 February 2022).

2e) 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 7 February 2022).

2f) That the target level of working balances remains at £6m (ref. paragraph 10.4 of the report to the Executive on 7 February 2022).

2g) To adopt the formal Council Tax Resolutions set out at Appendix 7(a) (Annex 1), in so doing agree a Council Tax Requirement of £64,992,000 and a Council Tax Base of 37,140.

2h) To note the calculation of Aggregate Amounts as directed by Section 31A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as set out at Appendix 7(a) (Annex 1 and 2).

2i) To approve a level of Council Tax for the financial year 2022/23 of £1,749.92 at valuation Band D equivalent (a 2.99% increase including the 1% Adult Social Care Precept but excluding the precepts for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority).

2j) To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire's precept for the financial year 2022/23 is £236.45 (a £10.00 increase, equivalent to 4.42%) for a Band D Tax equivalent and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority precept for the financial year 2022/23 is £77.27 (a £5.00 increase, equivalent to 6.92%) for a Band D Tax equivalent.

2k) To confirm that should recommendation 2h) 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	1,029.09	1,200.59	1,372.12	1,543.63	1,886.67	2,229.69	2,572.72	3,087.26
ADULT SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT	137.53	160.45	183.37	206.29	252.13	297.97	343.82	412.58
BLACKPOOL TOTAL CTAX	1,166.62	1,361.04	1,555.49	1,749.92	2,138.80	2,527.66	2,916.54	3,499.84
POLICE	157.63	183.91	210.18	236.45	288.99	341.54	394.08	472.90
FIRE	51.51	60.10	68.68	77.27	94.44	111.61	128.78	154.54
COUNCIL TAX 2022/23	1,375.76	1,605.05	1,834.35	2,063.64	2,522.23	2,980.81	3,439.40	4,127.28

**3.2** #The Leader of the Council to continue with budget speech.

4. The Leader's motion to be seconded.

5. #Councillor T Williams to be invited to reply to the budget speech as Leader of the Principal Opposition.

6. #Councillor G Coleman to be invited to reply to the budget speech a Leader of the second Opposition group.

7. Any other speakers.

8. Reply by the Leader as mover of the motion.

9. Vote on motion (recorded)\*

**#Note 1:**

By convention the Leader's budget speech at 3.2, the reply by the Leader of the Principal Opposition at 5 and the reply by the second Opposition Group Leader at 6 are not time limited.

**\*Note 2:**

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

**Note 3:**

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.

**Note 4:**

Declarations of personal interests expected from appointed representatives of Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for Item 7 – Council Tax.

**Note 5:**

Declarations of personal interests are expected from Council appointed Non-Executive Directors of Blackpool Transport Services Limited for Item 7 – Council Tax. The company would not be affected by the decision but reference is made in Appendix 2, to the Executive report to the meeting on the 7 February 2022, to a technical adjustment following the reversal of provision made for expenditure no longer necessary and to Concessionary Fares.