

FINANCE COUNCIL
Monday, 29th February 2016

PRESENT – *The Mayor, Councillor F Hussain (in the Chair), Councillors H. Akhtar, P. Akhtar, Ali, Bateson, Brookfield, Browne, Casey, Connor, Cottam, Daley, Desai, Entwistle, Evans, D. Foster, K. Foster, Gee, Groves, Gunn, Hardman, Harling, Hollings, Humphrys, I. Hussain, S. Hussain, Jan-Virmani, Johnson, Kay, M. Khan, Z. Khan, S. Khonat, Lee, Liddle, A. Mahmood, Q. Mahmood, Maxfield, McFall, Mulla, Nuttall, Oates, O’Keeffe, Patel, Pearson, Riley, Roberts, Shorrocks, Sidat, Jacqueline Slater, John Slater, Julie Slater, D. Smith, J. Smith, Surve, Talbot, Tapp, Taylor, Vali, Whalley, Whittle and Wright.*

RESOLUTIONS

69. Notice Convening Meeting

The Chief Executive read out the notice convening the meeting.

70. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Abdul Rehman, Colin Rigby, Jean Rigby and Don McKinlay.

71. Minutes of the Council Forum meeting held on 28th January 2016

The minutes of the Council Forum meeting held on 28th January 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

72. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7 (Changes to Council Tax Empty Property Discount) were received from Councillor Jim Casey, Shaukat Hussain, Yusuf Jan-Virmani, Suleman Khonat, Abdul Patel, Salim Sidat and Naushad Surve.

73. Mayoral Communications

The Mayor updated Members on recent events and activities including:

Attendance at the Northern Cross Country Championships at Witton Park, the Blackburn Road Runners Winter Warmer Event at Witton Park, and opening the new premises of the Nippon Dai Martial Arts Academy at the old Fire Station.

The Mayor also commented that he had enjoyed an excellent production of ‘The Pirates of Penzance’ at the Thwaites Empire Theatre.

On March 14th, a ceremony would be held to mark Commonwealth Day in the Borough, and he encouraged Members to attend the event.

Finally, the Mayor reminded Members that tickets for the Mayor's Ball were still available from the Mayor's Office.

Ahead of consideration of this item, Members who had declared interests left the room.

74. Changes to Council Tax Empty Property Discount

The Local Government Finance Act 2012 gave Local Authorities increased flexibility over the amount of discount that could be awarded on certain empty properties. In April 2013 the Council made changes to second homes and unoccupied properties, however, the 100% discount currently offered to properties in need of major repair work or structural alteration was not amended.

The report proposed that with effect from 1st April 2016, properties categorised as being in need of major repair or structural alteration had the discount reduced from 100% to 50% for the full 12 month period.

In addition to the increased revenue raised by this change, it was also anticipated that the reduction in discount would provide a further incentive for owners to complete any building works required and get the property back into use. All properties that were brought back into use and subsequently occupied also contributed to new homes bonus payments the Council received.

RESOLVED – That the Council approves the proposed change in discount awarded to properties in need of major repair work / structural alteration.

Members who left the room now re-joined the meeting.

75. Treasury Management Strategy, Prudential Indicators, and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy 2016/17

Finance Council was asked to approve the Treasury Management Strategy, Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy 2016/17. It was explained that the Council was required to set Treasury and Prudential Indicators and a Policy for determining a "prudent" level of Minimum Revenue Provision for repayment of debt consistent with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

RESOLVED – That the Council approves;

- a) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2016/17, including Treasury Management Indicators, as outlined in Appendix 1;

- b) The proposed Prudential Indicators for 2016/17, as outlined in Appendix 2;
- c) The proposed policy for determining the Minimum Revenue Provision for repayment of debt, as outlined in Appendix 3.

76. The Robustness of the 2016/17 budget and the Recommended Level of Reserves

Members received a report which advised that Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 placed a statutory requirement on the Council's Chief Financial Officer to report on:

- a) the robustness of the estimates within the overall budget, and
- b) the adequacy of the proposed level of financial reserves

In setting the Budget for 2016/17, Council was required to have regard to this report when making its budget decisions.

The information provided was to assist Members in their review of the overall Revenue Budget and Capital Programme and to provide assurance to them that financial advice had been provided throughout the budget setting process.

RESOLVED – that Finance Council note that;

- An overall assessment of the current budget, of future budget proposals, activity forecasts, savings plans and base budget assumptions had identified that whilst there were risks, the overall budget provisions were considered sufficient to meet the Council's legal responsibilities and obligations.
- A review of the risks, mitigations and contingencies had also been undertaken alongside a review of reserves and provisions.
- That the assessment by the Director of Finance and IT of;
 1. the robustness of the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2016/17 (as outlined in the report of the Executive Member for Resources report) and;
 2. the adequacy and recommended level of proposed financial reserves be noted.

77. Revenue Budget 2016/17, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Programme 2016-2020

The Executive Member for Resources, Councillor Andy Kay, on behalf of the Labour Group, presented proposals for the Budget Strategy, the proposals for the Revenue Budget 2016/17, the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Capital Programme for 2016-2020.

It was reported by the Executive Member for Resources that through successive Autumn Statements and Spending Reviews the previous coalition government and particularly the present government had chosen the very harsh route of austerity. The Prime Minister and Chancellor had indicated very forcibly that there would be spending cuts across public services until the public finances were in surplus. Local Government in England was now five and a half years into that period of public sector austerity which would continue until at least 2019/20 as outlined in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement and Comprehensive Spending Review in 2015 and confirmed in the Local Government Finance Settlement of 9th February 2016.

The proposed budget had therefore been prepared against the backdrop of a difficult economic climate which continued to impact upon businesses and citizens of the Borough, and which placed pressure on Council services to respond, particularly to resident's needs. The Council's strategy had been, and continued to be, to prepare a budget that would deliver as far as possible the services our residents require, help to support those in hardship whilst encouraging the growth of jobs and businesses.

It had been well documented and previously reported that the Council had continued to face severe reductions in funding each year since 2010. In developing the Budget Strategy to respond to and manage the reduction in funding, the Council had taken early decisions, on recommendations from the Labour Group, such as the 3 year Savings Programme of £26M approved at Council Forum on 25th September 2014 to be delivered by 1st April 2017. The current year had been no different and the budget for 2016/17 and the MTFS covering 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 included further savings proposals as outlined in Appendix C.

Since 2010/11, the Council had responded to fundamental changes to the financial framework for local authorities which the Government had introduced, which were outlined in the report submitted and such fundamental changes would continue over the next 4 years, and key examples of this were outlined in the report submitted.

The report therefore set out the Labour Group's proposed Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and associated Council Tax level for 2016/17 together with the MTFS 2016/20 updated to reflect the Local Government Finance Settlement, funding uncertainty and other key risks. This reflected the corporate plan priorities and consultation undertaken with stakeholders.

In terms of the Local Government Finance Settlement, the Final Settlement for 2016/17 was published on 9th February 2016.

The key points to highlight were;

1. For the first time in some years, the Government had made a multi-year settlement “offer” to Councils providing indicative funding allocations from 2016/17 through to 2019/20. These settlement figures however excluded the potential impact of a proposed move to 100% Business Rates retention. Should a Council wish to accept and sign-up to the 4 year settlement they have until 14th October 2016 to do so, by which time the monitoring arrangements for such an agreement should have been developed and be understood. However, the longer term settlement remained subject to change depending on the Treasury’s view of the overall national financial position each year.
2. As anticipated, there had been a significant cut in the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) in 2016/17 reducing by £8.1M (22%) to £28.45M: RSG would continue to reduce in the following years and by 64% by 2019/20 (a reduction of £23.7M) which was much greater than had been expected over that period.
3. Although the New Homes Bonus would continue unchanged in 2016/17 consultation had been issued on reducing the funding timescales with effect from 2017/18 and introducing a base target for growth for which NHB would not be payable.
4. The Council Tax referendum cap had been set at 4% in 2016/17 for authorities with social care responsibilities like ourselves based on;
 - 1.99% maximum general increase in Council Tax
 - 2% increase in Council Tax to assist in meeting the costs of adult social care functions
5. Council Tax Freeze grant would not be available in 2016/17.

The report also set out the other key issues for Resources in terms of Core Spending Power, Settlement Funding Assessment, Revenue Support Grant, Local share of Business Rates, Top Ups, Council Tax, Council Tax Freeze Grant, Council Tax discounts for empty properties, Housing Benefit Admin Grant, New Homes Bonus and Education Services Grant Funding. The key Resources issues also included the Dedicated Schools Grant, Pupil Premium, Public Health, Better Care Fund, Care Act 2014, Business Rates 2016/17 and beyond, the Growth Agenda and Fees and Charges.

In terms of the key issues around expenditure, given the further financial challenges ahead, Executive Members and Officers had again reviewed all services and prepared options to deliver budget reductions over a four year period.

The development of an approach, strategies and options to manage costs within the resources available to deliver a balanced budget had been ongoing since summer 2015. Inevitably the scale of the budget reductions in 2016/17 and beyond, combined with those already implemented since 2010 and despite the efforts of Executive Members and Officers, would lead to more significant reductions in the services provided to the residents of this Borough.

The various strategies and options developed to close the funding gap and balance the budget for 2016/17 through to 2019/20 were outlined in the report.

In particular, in terms of the Workplace Review, given the magnitude of the financial challenge facing the Council over the next four years, it was unfortunate but inevitable that there would be further job losses, including compulsory redundancies.

To meet the challenge a Workforce Review Programme had been established, under the leadership of the Executive Director of Resources, to undertake a fundamental workforce review through an Organisational Design programme over the next 18 months to 2 years. This would be undertaken as a rolling programme and would extend to all portfolios, departments and teams covering all roles and grades for staff, looking at 'job family' groupings and the impact on departments of the introduction and full utilisation of modern technology and new ways of working.

A savings target had been set for a reduction in the total salary bill of £13M by 2018/19; comprising reductions of £3M in 2016/17, rising to £9M in 2017/18 and £13M in 2018/19.

This was not the position that the Council had envisaged however as salary costs (approx. £70M) represented approximately 23% of the total expenditure budget, in conjunction with the other savings proposals made below, there was very little alternative.

To assist in the process, open applications for early retirement and voluntary redundancy (ER and VR) would continue to be accepted and agreed where there was a service need and a financial saving to be made and all vacant posts would be reviewed with a view to deleting wherever possible.

Given the Council's challenging financial position set out in this report, the Chief Officer Employment Committee met in February 2016 and had made recommendations for changes to the Chief Officer Structure as set out in Appendix F. These changes would realise on going revenue savings for Chief Officers alone of up to £217,000 and continue to maximise partnership working opportunities. In addition, a partnership with Lancashire County Council related to the sharing of our Director of Children's Services would also contribute up to £50,000 to the Council's

senior management costs as a one off in 2016/17 and would then be subject to further review. Additional savings in associated business support costs would also be factored into the wider workforce review.

In delivering the budget for 2016/17 and preparing the MTFs, the Council had identified and reviewed the budget pressures faced across all of the portfolios and a programme of savings options had been developed to address these as well as the reductions in funding. The total of these portfolio specific savings amount to £10.3M for 2016/17 increasing by a further £3.6M in 2017/18. These figures included the second and third years of the 3 year savings programme agreed in September 2014.

An overview of some of the most significant cost pressures were detailed in the report and covered;

- Health and Adult Social Care
- Children's Services
- Environment
- Leisure, Culture and Young People
- Pensions
- National Living Wage
- Universal Credit

The Council had been in discussions with the Trade Unions regarding the continuation of the current Leave Without Pay Agreement (LWOP) however following discussions at a regional level, the joint Trade Unions were unable to agree to any more than a one year extension to the scheme.

When it commenced the Agreement delivered approximately £1M savings each year and the staff included in the Exemption List for this were limited. This resulted in savings equivalent to around 30-50 full time (or 60-100 part time) posts however the impact of this had now reduced to approximately £750k in 2015/16 as the workforce had reduced year on year and the number of staff on the Exemption List had increased.

The Council recognised that the financial challenge presented would require significant savings from the workforce and so in light of the above, and the uncertainty of an agreement beyond 2016/17, it had been agreed that the arrangement would lapse at the end of March 2016 although staff would continue to have the option of taking LWOP if they wished.

As part of the wider savings plans however the Council had been working with Trade Unions and made some amendments e.g. to travel and car parking arrangements although essential user allowances for those staff who regularly need to use a car to carry out their work had been retained. The subsidy for staff car parking facilities in Blackburn town centre had also been reduced.

In light of the settlement for 2016/17, the financial constraints on the Authority and the requirement to continue with further reductions in net expenditure each year, the Leader and the Executive Members would continuously review the allocation and use of resources. This would include continued review of all expenditure and income budgets, of contractual commitments and property holdings and they would work with officers to implement the recommendations of the Workforce Review programme, set in the context of the Council's statutory responsibilities and corporate priorities.

The report also covered the Capital Programme 2016-20, the Level of Reserves, Council Tax and the MTFS 2016-20, the key points arising were;

A Capital Programme for 2016 to 2020 of £53.3M was also recommended to the Finance Council for approval as detailed at Appendix D. Despite the financial constraints there was still a need for a substantial capital investment programme over the next few years, albeit significantly reduced from previous years. The programme recognised the importance of investment in the Borough and the impact that the schemes themselves would have on the regeneration and economic growth of the area in the future.

In terms of the Level of Reserves the Director of Finance and IT was recommending to Finance Council that the minimum level of unallocated reserves for 2016/17 was set at £4.0M.

The assumptions made within these budget proposals, in line with governments assumptions, for 2016/17 were that the Council will increase Council Tax in 2016/17 by 3.99% reflecting;

- 1.99% - general increase in Council Tax to cover increases in the cost of Council services
- 2.00% - to assist it in meeting expenditure on adult social care functions

The MTFS 2016 to 2020 has been reviewed and updated, incorporating the indicative funding allocations included in the multi-year settlement "offer" received as part of the 2016/17 Local Government Financial Settlement and including other projections, forecasts and assumptions as outlined in Appendix E.

Following debate there then followed a recorded vote, with Councillors voting as follows:

For

Councillors: Akhtar (H), Akhtar (P), Bateson, Brookfield, Casey, Desai, Entwistle, Evans, Groves, Gunn, Harling, Hollings, Humphrys, Hussain (F), Hussain (I), Hussain (S), Jan-Virmani, Johnson, Kay, Khan (M), Khan (Z),

Khonat (S), Liddle, Mahmood (A), Mahmood (Q), Maxfield, McFall, Mulla, Nuttall, Oates, O'Keeffe, Patel, Riley, Roberts, Shorrocks, Sidat, Smith (D), Smith (J), Talbot, Taylor, Vali, Whalley, Whittle, Wright.

Against

Councillors: Ali, Connor, Cottam, Daley, Gee, Hardman, Lee, Pearson, Slater (Ja), Slater (Jo), Slater (Ju), Tapp.

Abstention

Councillors: Browne, Foster (D), Foster (K),

(Councillor Naushad Surve was not present at the time of the vote)

RESOLVED – that the Council;

- To approve the proposals for the Revenue Budget for the financial year 2016/17 outlined in this report and specifically;
 1. To approve an increase in Council Tax rates of 1.99%.
 2. To approve an additional increase in Council Tax rates of 2.0% to meet the costs of Adult Social Care.
 3. To approve the proposals for budget savings for 2016/17 to 2019/20, as set out in Appendix C, and to note that as a consequence of these proposals, in consultation with the relevant Trade Unions, staff will be put at risk of redundancy in a number of service areas.
 4. To approve the utilisation of the Part-Year Slippage Reserve, as required, to support those savings that cannot be implemented with effect from 1st April 2016.
 5. To approve the transfer of £3.217M from Reserves (i.e. £0.571M from Unallocated Reserves and £2.646M from Earmarked Reserves) to facilitate delivery of the Budget Strategy as per Appendices A and B of the report.
- To approve the proposals for the Capital Programme for the period 2016/17 to 2019/20 as outlined in Appendix D and Section 8 of this report.
- To approve the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/20, as per Appendix E of this report, and to approve the subsequent publishing of the final version incorporating the approved budget proposals.
- To approve, subject to recommendations 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 outlined above, the consequent Council Tax levels detailed in the formal resolution of the Director of Finance & IT's report; and

- To approve the Pay Policy Statement prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011, including the changes to posts and structure as recommended by the Chief Officers Employment Committee, to have effect for the year 2016/17 unless replaced or varied by the Council, as set out in Appendix F.

78. Council Tax 2016-17

A report was submitted on the Council's requirement to set amounts of Council Tax before 11th March in the financial year preceding that for which it was set.

In setting the Council Tax requirements the Council had to take into account any funding from reserves, income it expected to raise and general funding it would receive from Government as part of the Local Government Finance Settlement.

The Council was also required to set a basic amount of Council Tax for the financial year 2016/17. The Council Tax was set on the basis of

- (a) The precept on the Collection Fund issued by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire
- (b) The precept on the Collection Fund issued by the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority
- (c) The Borough Council's precept on the Collection Fund, which is dependent on two factors;
 - i. its Council Tax requirement, and
 - ii. the precepts issued by the seven Parish / Town Councils

The Council was recommended to approve the draft resolution setting the Council Tax for 2016/17, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report submitted.

Following discussion, Finance Council moved to a recorded vote, with Councillors voting as follows;

For

Councillors: Akhtar (H), Akhtar (P), Ali, Bateson, Brookfield, Browne, Casey, Connor, Daley, Desai, Entwistle, Evans, Foster (D), Foster (K), Groves, Gunn, Harling, Hollings, Humphrys, Hussain (F), Hussain (I), Hussain (S), Jan-Virmani, Johnson, Kay, Khan (M), Khan (Z), Khonat, Lee, Liddle, Mahmood (A), Mahmood (Q), Maxfield, McFall, Mulla, Nuttall, Oates, O'Keeffe, Patel, Pearson, Riley, Roberts, Shorrocks, Sidat, Smith (D), Smith (J), Talbot, Tapp, Taylor, Vali, Whalley, Whittle, Wright

Against

Councillors: Cottam.

Abstention

Councillors: Gee, Hardman, Slater (Ja), Slater (Jo), Slater (Ju).

(Councillor Naushad Surve was not present at the time of the vote).

RESOLVED -

1. That it be noted that on 29th January 2016, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for the year 2016/17 in accordance with regulations made under Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):
 - a) £33,341.72 being the Council Tax Base for the whole of the Council area (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Act); and
 - b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates, as detailed in Appendix 2.

2. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - a) £396,296,600 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - b) £352,217,300 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act.
 - c) £44,079,300 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2 (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - d) £1,322.05 being the amount at 2 (c) above (Item R) divided by the amount at 1(a) above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - e) £154,870.52 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (see Appendix 2).
 - f) £1,317.41 Being the amount at 2 (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2 (e) above by 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 those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

3. That it be noted that for the year 2016/17 the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and Lancashire Combined Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as indicated in the tables below.
4. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 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 the year 2016/17 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

a) Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
Eccleshill Parish	£895.04	£1,044.21	£1,193.39	£1,342.56	£1,640.91	£1,939.25	£2,237.60	£2,685.12
Livesey Parish	£883.54	£1,030.80	£1,178.05	£1,325.31	£1,619.82	£1,914.34	£2,208.85	£2,650.62
North Turton Parish	£889.59	£1,037.85	£1,186.12	£1,334.38	£1,630.91	£1,927.44	£2,223.97	£2,668.76
Pleasington Parish	£882.05	£1,029.05	£1,176.06	£1,323.07	£1,617.09	£1,911.10	£2,205.12	£2,646.14
Tockholes Parish	£900.69	£1,050.80	£1,200.92	£1,351.03	£1,651.26	£1,951.49	£2,251.72	£2,702.06
Yate and Pickup Bank Parish	£893.49	£1,042.40	£1,191.32	£1,340.23	£1,638.06	£1,935.89	£2,233.72	£2,680.46
Darwen Town Council	£887.28	£1,035.16	£1,183.04	£1,330.92	£1,626.68	£1,922.44	£2,218.20	£2,661.84
All other parts of the Council's area	£878.27	£1,024.65	£1,171.03	£1,317.41	£1,610.17	£1,902.93	£2,195.68	£2,634.82

b) Major Precepting Authorities

<u>Precepting Authority</u>	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
Lancashire Police Authority	£108.15	£126.17	£144.20	£162.22	£198.27	£234.32	£270.37	£324.44
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority	£43.67	£50.94	£58.22	£65.50	£80.06	£94.61	£109.17	£131.00

c) Aggregate Council Tax

<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>H</u>
Eccleshill Parish	£1,046.86	£1,221.32	£1,395.81	£1,570.28	£1,919.24	£2,268.18	£2,617.14	£3,140.56
Livesey Parish	£1,035.36	£1,207.91	£1,380.47	£1,553.03	£1,898.15	£2,243.27	£2,588.39	£3,106.06

North Turton Parish	£1,041.41	£1,214.96	£1,388.54	£1,562.10	£1,909.24	£2,256.37	£2,603.51	£3,124.20
Pleasington Parish	£1,033.87	£1,206.16	£1,378.48	£1,550.79	£1,895.42	£2,240.03	£2,584.66	£3,101.58
Tockholes Parish	£1,052.51	£1,227.91	£1,403.34	£1,578.75	£1,929.59	£2,280.42	£2,631.26	£3,157.50
Yate and Pickup Bank Parish	£1,045.31	£1,219.51	£1,393.74	£1,567.95	£1,916.39	£2,264.82	£2,613.26	£3,135.90
Darwen Town Council	£1,039.10	£1,212.27	£1,385.46	£1,558.64	£1,905.01	£2,251.37	£2,597.74	£3,117.28
All other parts of the Council's area	£1,030.09	£1,201.76	£1,373.45	£1,545.13	£1,888.50	£2,231.86	£2,575.22	£3,090.26

Town and Parish Council Precepts

<u>Parish / Town Council</u>	<u>2015/16</u>			<u>2016/17</u>				<u>Council Tax Increase /</u>
	<u>Tax Base</u>	<u>Precepts</u>	<u>Council Tax</u>	<u>Tax Base</u>	<u>Precepts</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Council Tax</u>	<u>(Reduction)</u>
		£	<u>Band D</u> £		£	£	<u>Band D</u> £	<u>CT Band D</u> <u>16/17 less</u> <u>15/16</u> £
Eccleshill Parish	92.60	2,328.00	25.14	92.55	2,328.00	413.50	25.15	0.01
Livesey Parish	1,851.64	14,629.00	7.90	1,851.65	14,629.00	1,371.00	7.90	0.00
North Turton Parish	1,667.49	27,069.00	16.23	1,668.45	28,310.00	1,241.00	16.97	0.74
Pleasington Parish	254.50	1,450.00	5.70	256.00	1,450.00	0.00	5.66	(0.04)
Tockholes Parish	207.82	6,617.12	31.84	208.75	7,018.52	146.00	33.62	1.78
Yate and Pickup Bank Parish	138.33	3,040.00	21.98	133.23	3,040.00	260.00	22.82	0.84
Darwen Town Council	7,195.03	98,095.00	13.63	7,258.30	98,095.00	23,905.00	13.51	(0.12)
TOTAL / AVERAGE	11,407.41	153,228.12	4.64	11,468.93	154,870.52	27,336.50	4.64	0.00

Signed at a meeting of the Council
on the day of
(being) the next ensuing meeting of the Council) by

MAYOR