

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2009

Present: Councillors: K Hitchen (Mayor); D Banks; G Blackwell; J W Bowman; H Branney; A Carroll; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; R Cole; P C Connolly; B A Dixon; E Eastwood; G Garrity; Mrs C A Giel; A Holliday; Mrs J I Hully; A E Jacob; M A McVeigh; S J Meteer; Mrs W Metherell; D W Moore; A D Mossop; A Norwood; J Park; R F Pitt; J Prince; G Scurrah; W Southward; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; P Whalley; C J Whiteside; Mrs J Williams; N Williams; E M Woodburn; Mrs M Woodburn; A Wonnacott; H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Brenan; N Clarkson; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs D A Faichney; F Gleaves; F R Heathcote; J Jackson; J Kane; T J Knowles; R Salkeld; D A Wilson.

Alan Southward

Before the start of the formal business all present stood in memory of Alan Southward, the Council's Elections and Emergency Planning Manager who died on 18 February 2009.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 January 2009 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

C 87 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor referred to the various engagements he had fulfilled since the last Council meeting, including the funeral of Alan Southward earlier in the day of the meeting.

C 88 Declarations of Interest

Councillors H Wormstrup and J Bowman declared personal interests in the item in the Executive report on Worklessness due to being Council representative and substitute representative on the Coalfields Alliance

Councillor R Cole declared a personal interest in the Executive Report on Nuclear Issues due to being a County Council Member.

Councillor A Norwood declared a personal interest in the Executive report on Evaporator D as an employee in the nuclear industry.

Councillor R Pitt declared a personal interest in the Haverigg Prison item due to his spouse's employment in the Prison Service.

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

24th FEBRUARY 2009

BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

1. Following approval of items elsewhere on this agenda, the Council is asked to resolve formally:

Resolution 1

- a) That the 2009/10 Net Revenue Budget Requirement be approved at £12.345 million (with a further £1.749 million to be utilised from reserves making the total Net Operating Budget £14.094 million).
- b) That a Capital Budget of £3.119 million be approved for 2009/10.

2. Resolution 2

That it be noted that at its meeting of the 26th February 2008, the Council delegated the final approval of the Council Tax Base to the Head of Finance & Management Information Systems and the portfolio holder (The Deputy Leader.) The Council meeting of 24th February 2009 was asked to re-affirm this delegation and for the financial year 2009/10, the final amount is calculated as:

- a) £22,236.20 being the amount calculated in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of the Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as its council tax base for the year.
- b) Part of the Council's area (band D equivalent Council Tax Base)

PARISH	COUNCIL TAX BASE (Band D equivalents)
Arlecdon & Frizington	1163.50
St Bridget's Beckermert	166.60
Bootle	266.62
St Bees	750.87
Cleator Moor	2051.88
Distington	681.56
Drigg & Carleton	182.50
Egremont	2366.67
Eskdale	148.25
Ennerdale & Kinniside	121.20
Gosforth	527.82
Haile & Wilton	112.75
Irton with Santon	166.46
St John's	616.66
Lowside Quarter	225.79

PARISH	COUNCIL TAX BASE (Band D equivalents)
Lamplugh	342.32
Lowca	229.05
Millom	2141.60
Moresby	427.23
Muncaster	142.44
Millom Without	432.06
Ponsonby	36.42
Parton	261.95
Seascale	611.49
Ulpha	75.26
Waberthwaite	97.82
Wasdale	62.52
Whicham	149.09
Weddicar	163.91
All other parts of the Council Area	7513.91
TOTAL	22236.20

Being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

3. Resolution 3

That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2009/10 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended):

- a) £43,508,106 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.
- b) £31,163,106 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.
- c) £12,345,000 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 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- d) £8,445,615 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic rates, Revenue Support Grant and decreased by £4,900 being the sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund Regulations (Council Tax Deficit)

- e) £192.71 being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(a) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- f) £384,583.00 being the aggregate amount of all special items Parish and Town Council Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act
- g) £175.41 being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(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 the area to which no special item relates.
- h) The following are calculated by adding to the amount at 3 (g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2 (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which one or more special items relate.

PARISH	Parish/Town precepts (Band D equivalents) £
Arlecdon & Frizington	29.22
St Bridget's Beckermest	27.01
Bootle	27.19
St Bees	22.55
Cleator Moor	18.28
Distington	17.61
Drigg & Carleton	17.81
Egremont	36.97
Eskdale	6.75
Ennerdale & Kinniside	24.75
Gosforth	35.31
Haile & Wilton	17.74
Irton with Santon	0.00
St John's	19.46
Lowside Quarter	15.50
Lamplugh	36.52
Lowca	11.92
Millom	32.03
Moresby	31.60
Muncaster	26.07
Millom without	11.57
Ponsonby	0.00
Parton	38.18

PARISH	Parish/Town precepts (Band D equivalents) £
Seascale	26.98
Ulpha	0.66
Waberthwaite	10.22
Wasdale	10.72
Whicham	23.48
Weddicar	22.88

- i) The following are calculated by multiplying the amount at 3 (g) and 3 (h) above by the number which in the proportion set out in section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that portion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

VALUATION BANDS

Disabled A £	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
97.45	116.94	136.43	155.92	175.41	214.39	253.37	292.35	350.82

	Dis. A	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Arlecdon and Frizington	16.23	19.48	22.73	25.97	29.22	35.71	42.21	48.70	58.44
St Bridget's Beckermert	15.01	18.01	21.01	24.01	27.01	33.01	39.01	45.02	54.02
Bootle	15.11	18.13	21.15	24.17	27.19	33.23	39.27	45.32	54.38
St Bees	12.56	15.03	17.54	20.04	22.55	27.56	32.57	37.58	45.10
Cleator Moor	10.16	12.19	14.22	16.25	18.28	22.34	26.40	30.47	36.56
Distington	9.78	11.74	13.70	15.65	17.61	21.52	25.44	29.35	35.22
Drigg & Carleton	9.89	11.87	13.85	15.83	17.81	21.77	25.73	29.68	35.62
Egremont	20.54	24.65	28.75	32.86	36.97	45.19	53.40	61.62	73.94
Eskdale	3.75	4.50	5.25	6.00	6.75	8.25	9.75	11.25	13.50
Ennerdale and Kinniside	13.75	16.50	19.25	22.00	24.75	30.25	35.75	41.25	49.50
Gosforth	19.62	23.54	27.46	31.39	35.31	43.16	51.00	58.85	70.62
Haile & Wilton	9.86	11.83	13.80	15.77	17.74	21.68	25.62	29.57	35.48
Irton with Santon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St John's Beckermert	10.81	12.97	15.14	17.30	19.46	23.78	28.11	32.43	38.92
Lowside Quarter	8.61	10.33	12.06	13.78	15.50	18.94	22.39	25.83	31.00
Lamplugh	20.29	24.35	28.40	32.46	36.52	44.64	52.75	60.87	73.04
Lowca	6.62	7.95	9.27	10.60	11.92	14.57	17.22	19.87	23.84

Millom	17.79	21.35	24.91	28.47	32.03	39.15	46.27	53.38	64.06
Moresby	17.56	21.07	24.58	28.09	31.60	38.62	45.64	52.67	63.20
Muncaster	14.48	17.38	20.28	23.17	26.07	31.86	37.66	43.45	52.14
Millom	6.43	7.71	9.00	10.28	11.57	14.14	16.71	19.28	23.14
Without									
Ponsonby	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parton	21.21	25.45	29.70	33.94	38.18	46.66	55.15	63.63	76.36
Seascale	14.99	17.99	20.98	23.98	26.98	32.98	38.97	44.97	53.96
Ulpha	0.37	0.44	0.51	0.59	0.66	0.81	0.95	1.10	1.32
Waberthwaite	5.68	6.81	7.95	9.08	10.22	12.49	14.76	17.03	20.44
Wasdale	5.96	7.15	8.34	9.53	10.72	13.10	15.48	17.87	21.44
Whicham	13.04	15.65	18.26	20.87	23.48	28.70	33.92	39.13	46.96
Weddicar	12.71	15.25	17.80	20.34	22.88	27.96	33.05	38.13	<u>45.76</u>

4. Resolution 4

That it be noted that for the year 2009/10 Cumbria County Council and the Cumbria Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

VALUATION BANDS

	Disabled A	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Cumbria County Council	633.24	759.89	886.54	1013.19	1139.84	1393.14	1646.44	1899.73	2279.68
Cumbria Police Authority	104.58	125.50	146.42	167.33	188.25	230.08	271.92	313.75	376.50

5. Resolution 5

That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(I) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2009/10 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below,

	Dis. A	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Arlecdon and Frizington	851.50	1021.81	1192.12	1362.41	1532.72	1873.32	2213.94	2554.53	3065.44
St Bridget's Beckermert	850.28	1020.34	1190.40	1360.45	1530.51	1870.62	2210.74	2550.85	3061.02
Bootle	850.38	1020.46	1190.54	1360.61	1530.69	1870.84	2211.00	2551.15	3061.38
St Bees	847.80	1017.36	1186.93	1356.48	1526.05	1865.17	2204.30	2543.41	3052.10
Cleator Moor	845.43	1014.52	1183.61	1352.69	1521.78	1859.95	2198.13	2536.30	3043.56
Distington	845.05	1014.07	1183.09	1352.09	1521.11	1859.13	2197.17	2535.18	3042.22
Drigg & Carleton	845.16	1012.22	1183.24	1352.27	1521.31	1859.38	2197.46	2535.51	3042.62
Egremont	855.81	1026.98	1198.14	1369.30	1540.47	1882.80	2225.13	2567.45	3080.94
Eskdale	839.02	1006.83	1174.64	1342.44	1510.25	1845.86	2181.48	2517.08	3020.50
Ennerdale and Kinniside	849.02	1018.83	1188.64	1358.44	1528.25	1867.86	2207.48	2547.08	3056.50
Gosforth	854.89	1025.87	1196.85	1367.83	1538.81	1880.77	2222.73	2564.68	3077.62
Haile & Wilton	845.13	1014.16	1183.19	1352.21	1521.24	1859.29	2197.35	2535.40	3042.48
Irton with Santon	835.27	1002.33	1169.39	1336.44	1503.50	1837.61	2171.73	2505.83	3007.00
St John's Beckermert	846.08	1015.30	1184.53	1353.74	1522.96	1861.39	2199.84	2538.26	3045.92
Lowside Quarter	843.88	1012.66	1181.45	1350.22	1519.00	1856.55	2194.12	2531.66	3038.00
Lamplugh	855.56	1026.68	1197.79	1368.90	1540.02	1882.25	2224.48	2566.70	3080.04
Lowca	841.89	1010.28	1178.66	1347.04	1515.42	1852.18	2188.95	2525.70	3030.84
Millom	853.06	1023.68	1194.30	1364.91	1535.53	1876.76	2218.00	2559.21	3071.06
Moresby	852.83	1023.40	1193.97	1364.53	1535.10	1876.23	2217.37	2558.50	3070.20
Muncaster	849.75	1019.71	1189.67	1359.61	1529.57	1869.47	2209.39	2549.28	3059.14
Millom	841.70	1010.04	1178.39	1346.72	1515.07	1851.75	2188.44	2525.11	3030.14
Without									
Ponsonby	835.27	1002.33	1169.39	1336.44	1503.50	1837.61	2171.73	2505.83	3007.00
Parton	856.48	1027.78	1199.09	1370.38	1541.68	1884.27	2226.88	2569.46	3083.36
Seascale	850.26	1020.32	1190.37	1360.42	1530.48	1870.59	2210.70	2550.80	3060.96
Ulpha	835.64	1002.77	1169.90	1337.03	1504.16	1838.42	2172.68	2506.93	3008.32
Wabberthwaite	840.95	1009.14	1177.34	1345.52	1513.72	1850.10	2186.49	2522.86	3027.44
Wasdale	841.23	1009.48	1177.73	1345.97	1514.22	1850.71	2187.21	2523.70	3028.44
Whicham	848.31	1017.98	1187.65	1357.31	1526.98	1866.31	2205.65	2544.96	3053.96
Weddicar	847.98	1017.58	1187.19	1356.78	1526.38	1865.57	2204.78	2543.96	3052.76
Whitehaven	835.27	1002.33	1169.39	1336.44	1503.50	1837.61	2171.73	2505.83	3007.00

PRECEPTS RECEIVED

A. COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Council, at its meeting on 18th February 2009, set a budget requirement of £337,865,000 which requires a total Council Tax precept of £200,901,444

The split of the precepts is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Precept</u>
	£
Allerdale	36,206,958
Barrow	24,541,825
Carlisle	39,114,886
Copeland	25,345,732
Eden	23,338,747
South Lakeland	52,353,296

The Council Tax to be levied in respect of the County's precept requirement is as follows:

<u>BAND</u>	<u>COUNCIL TAX</u>
	£
A	759.89
B	886.54
C	1013.19
D	1139.84
E	1393.14
F	1646.44
G	1899.73
H	2279.68

B. POLICE AUTHORITY

The Police Authority, at its meeting on 17th February 2009,
Set a budget requirement of £100.3 million which requires a total Council Tax precept of
£33,179,801

The split of the precepts is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Precept</u>
	£
Allerdale	5,979,746
Barrow	4,053,196
Carlisle	6,460,004
Copeland	4,185,965
Eden	3,854,502
South Lakeland	8,646,388

The Council Tax to be levied in respect of the Police Authority's precept requirement is as follows:

<u>BAND</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
	<u>TAX</u>
	£
A	125.50
B	146.42
C	167.33
D	188.25
E	230.08
F	271.92
G	313.75
H	376.50

C. PARISH PRECEPTS

PARISH	PRECEPT RECEIVED 2009/10	BAND D
		CHARGE £
Arlecdon and Frizington	34000.00	29.22
St Bridgets Parish	4500.00	27.01
Bootle	7250.00	27.19
St Bees	16935.00	22.55
Cleator Moor	37500.00	18.28
Distington	12000.00	17.61
Drigg and Carleton	3250.00	17.81
Egremont	87500.00	36.97
Eskdale	1000.00	6.75
Ennerdale and Kinniside	3000.00	24.75
Gosforth	18635.00	35.31
Haile and Wilton	2000.00	17.74
Irton with Santon	0.00	0.00
St Johns	12000.00	19.46
Lowside Quarter	3500.00	15.50
Lamplugh	12500.00	36.52
Lowca	2730.00	11.92
Millom	68600.00	32.03
Moresby	13500.00	31.60
Muncaster	3713.00	26.07
Millom Without	5000.00	11.57
Ponsonby	0.00	0.00
Parton	10000.00	38.18
Seascale	16500.00	26.98
Ulpha	50.00	0.66
Waberthwaite	1000.00	10.22
Wasdale	670.00	10.72
Whicham	3500.00	23.48
Weddicar	3750.00	22.88
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COLLECTION FUND POSITION IN RELATION TO COUNCIL TAX ITEMS

EXPENDITURE

	£	£
Cumbria County Council	24,817,220	
Police Authority Precept	4,004,916	
Increase in Bad Debts provision	79,477	
Copeland Borough Council (inc Parishes)	4,114,035	

INCOME

Council Tax estimated to be Collected as at 15 th January 2009		33,026,225
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ESTIMATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR 2008/09		10,577
(Deficit) brought forward from 2007/08		(53,394)

TOTAL DEFICIT		(42,817)
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APPORTIONMENT OF DEFICIT

Cumbria County Council		32,648
Police Authority		5,269
Copeland Borough Council		4,900

	BAND A DISA	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
NO OF DWELLINGS IN VALUATION LIST 8th DEC 2008		19,186	4,306	3,933	2,940	1704	426	89	16
ADD ESTIMATED NO. OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES (Apportioned)		10	13	41	32	5	0	0	0
DEDUCT ESTIMATED NO. OF PROPERTIES TO BE DELETED. COMMERCIAL, EXEMPTIONS & DEMOLISHED		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEDUCT NO. OF PROPERTIES WHICH WILL BE EXEMPT		611	85	78	41	23	9	2	2
ADJUSTMENT FOR NO. OF PROPERTIES WHICH WILL FALL INTO LOWER BAND DUE TO DISABLED PERSONS	81	-50	10	-16	-2	-13	-5	-1	-4
DEDUCT SINGLE PERSON DISCOUNTS AT 25%	16	7810	1307	921	532	252	40	10	0
DEDUCT DISCOUNTS AT 50% ON EMPTY & DISREGARDED PROPERTIES	0	978	178	170	112	62	27	11	8
MOD PROPERTIES IN LIEU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL NET OF DISCOUNTS EXEMPTIONS ETC.	77.00	16,093.50	3,828.255	3,564.75	2,740.00	1,579.00	388.50	78.00	6.00
BAND D EQUIVALENT	42.78	10,729.00	2977.53	3,168.67	2,740.00	1,929.89	561.17	130.00	12.00

TOTAL RELEVANT AMOUNT (A)	22,291.03
ESTIMATED COUNCIL TAX BASE	21956.66
2ND HOMES	283.79
2ND HOMES @ 98.5%	279.53
TOTAL ESTIMATED COUNCIL TAX BASE	22,236.20

A x Collection Rate @ 98.5%

Councillor Mrs J I Hully declared a personal interest in Nuclear Issues due to a relative's employment in the nuclear industry.

C 89 Executive Reports

The Leader of the Council, Councillor E Woodburn, the Deputy Leader (Achieving Transformation) Councillor C Giel and the Deputy Leader (Promoting Prosperity), Councillor G Clements gave progress reports on matters considered by the Executive since the last Council meeting.

C 90 West Cumbria Hospital Provision

Arising from the Executive report (Effective Leadership), the Leader agreed to make available to all Members the consultancy costs to the Council in connection with identification of a new hospital site in Whitehaven.

C 91 Health Improvement

Arising from the Executive report (Effective Leadership), the Leader agreed to make available to Councillor Mrs Y R T Clarkson the outcome of discussions with the PCT on health improvement resources.

C 92 Pow Beck Valley

Arising from the Executive Report (Achieving Transformation), the Deputy Leader Councillor Mrs Giel agreed to provide Councillor Mrs Y Clarkson with a written reply on the long-term solution to Japanese knotweed.

C 93 Whitehaven RLFC

Arising from the Executive Report (Achieving Transformation), the Deputy Leader Councillor Mrs Giel agreed to include an update in the next Portfolio Report on Whitehaven RLFC.

C 94 Locality Working

Arising from the Executive Report (Achieving Transformation), the Deputy Leader Councillor Mrs Giel agreed to provide Councillor A Norwood with a written reply on the outcomes and success criteria for locality working.

C 95 Worklessness

RESOLVED – that the North West Coalfield Community Regeneration Programme Phase 2 Action Plan core priorities and targeted activity areas be approved.

C 96 EXE08/0122 – Compulsory Purchase Order – Albion Street Whitehaven

RESOLVED – that in connection with Executive Decision EXE 08/0122- Compulsory Purchase Order – Albion Street Whitehaven:

(a) in respect of matters not already delegated to officers by contract standing order 21, authority be delegated to the Head of Development Strategy to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the land referred to in recommendation (e) with the approval of any proposed terms being delegated to such officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, the Head of Finance and Management Information Systems and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services; and

(b) in respect of the Project that those areas of land within the area shown hatched on the attached plan at Appendix 1 (excluding the area cross-hatched) not already within the ownership of the Council together with any rights affecting land already in the Council's ownership which may prevent the Project from proceeding be acquired compulsorily under section 226 (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to facilitate the carrying out of development, redevelopment or improvement on or in relation to the said land and that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made and titled the Copeland Borough Council (Land at Albion Street, Whitehaven) Compulsory Purchase Order 2009.

C 97 EXE 08/0123 - Compulsory Purchase Order - Pow Beck Sports Valley

In connection with Executive Decision EXE 08/0123 - Compulsory Purchase Order - Pow Beck Sports Valley, it was moved by Councillor D Moore by way of amendment to the Executive recommendation that the recommendations to council be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Economic Development and Enterprise for further consideration.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared LOST

It was then **RESOLVED** that

(a) in respect of matters not already delegated to officers by contract standing order 21, authority be delegated to the Head of Development Strategy to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the land referred to in recommendation (e) with the approval of any proposed terms being delegated to such officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Regeneration, the Head of Finance and Management Information Systems and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services; and

(b) in respect of the Project that those areas of land shown hatched on the plan attached to the report and marked A, B and C be acquired compulsorily under section 226 (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to facilitate the carrying out of development, redevelopment or improvement of the land and that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made and titled the Copeland Borough Council (Land at Pow Beck, Whitehaven) Compulsory Purchase Order 2009.

C 98 EXE 08/0112 – Appointment of Proper Officers

RESOLVED – that a) the appointment of seven consultant level staff of Cumbria and Lancashire Health Protection Unit named in the report as Proper Officers under Public Health (Control of Diseases) Act 1984; and

b) that the specified named staff of Cumbria Primary Care Trust be appointed as the Proper Officers under National Assistance Act 1948.

C 99 Overview and Scrutiny Report

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee gave an update on matters considered by scrutiny since the last Council meeting.

RESOLVED – that the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Safer and Stronger Communities concerning Haverigg Prison be referred back to the Committee for a wider debate involving all Members of the Council.

C 100 Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2009/2010

The Council considered the recommendations of the Executive on the revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2009/2010.

It was moved by Councillor A Holliday and duly seconded that the Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2009/2010 be as set out in the amended Appendix “B” to the Executive report of 17 February 2009.

It was then moved by Councillor D Moore by way of amendment, and duly seconded, that the Council Tax increase for 2009/2010 be zero and that a fund of £500,000 from reserves be established for parish councils to bid for improvement projects, with priority being given to projects attracting external funding.

A requisition having been made under Standing Order 12.26, a recorded vote was taken on the amendment, and the voting was as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors Carroll, Y Clarkson, Cole, Eastwood, Hitchen, Jacob, Moore. Mossop, Norwood, Scurrah, Whiteside, Wonnacott.

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors Banks, Blackwell, Bowman, Branney, Clements, Connolly, Dixon, Garrity, Giel, Holliday, Hully, McVeigh, Meteer, Metherell, Park, Pitt, Prince, Southward, Sunderland, Tyson, C Watson, P Watson, Whalley, J Williams, N Williams, E Woodburn, M Woodburn, Wormstrup.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was declared LOST by 28 votes to 12.

It was then

RESOLVED – that Council approves (a) The budget requirement of £12,345,000 for 2009/10 (and note the provisional figures of £12,304,000 for 2010/11 and £11,487,000

for 2011/12 subject to the Government's final settlement figures for these years) as summarised in Appendix H.

(b) The utilisation of earmarked reserves to support the budget proposal of £1,749,000 in 2009/10, £1,717,000 in 2010/11 and £40,000 in 2011/12. Earmarked reserves (for specific purposes) are projected to be £2,401,000 by 31st March 2012. General Fund balances are projected to be £2,357,000 by 31st March 2012 and this includes the risk based reserve of £1,735,000 over the three year period to mitigate current business risks.

(c) That Council Tax be increased by 4.5% for 2009/10, and subsequent years. This would result in an additional rise of approximately 10p per week for Band A properties and 15p a week for Band D properties in 2009/10.

(d) The Budget and Council Tax resolution as shown in the Annex to these minutes with approval of the dwelling Council tax base being delegated to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder (Deputy Leader) of the Council.

(e) The proposed fees and charges, as amended, for Services as shown in Appendix F to the report, subject to no increases in car parking charges in 2009/10.

C 101 Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2011/12

The Council considered the proposed Capital Programme for 2009/10 to 2011/12.

RESOLVED – that the Council

(a) agrees, in principle, the Capital Programme 2009/10 – 2011/12 as set out in this report, subject to the further appraisal of each scheme.

(b) agrees to delegate the decision as to who will appraise each scheme to the Head of Finance and MIS and the Portfolio Holder (Deputy Leader) and decisions to be reported to Executive as part of the Capital Budget monitoring process during the year.

C 102 Treasury Management, Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision 2009/2010

RESOLVED – that the Council agrees:

1. The Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2009/10 to 2011/12 contained within Appendix A of the report.
2. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement contained within Appendix A which sets out the Council's policy on MRP.
3. The Treasury Management Strategy 2009/10 to 2011/12, and the treasury Prudential Indicators contained within Appendix B.
4. The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator.
5. The Investment Strategy 2009/10 contained in the treasury management strategy (Appendix B), and the detailed criteria included in Annex B1.

C 103 Review of Planning Delegation Scheme

Consideration was given to proposed amendments to the Planning Delegation Scheme, as set out in Appendix "B" to the report.

It was moved by Councillor M McVeigh and duly seconded that the proposed scheme be approved and implemented

It was then moved by Councillor C Whiteside by way of amendment and duly seconded that the following be added as clause (j): "Resubmissions e.g. applications where an identical or similar proposal on the same site has been considered by the Planning Panel within the last 5 years"; and that the word "substantive" be deleted from clause (g).

Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred for further consideration at the next Council meeting.

C 104 Standards Committee – Appointment of Independent Member

RESOLVED – that Mrs Pat Routledge be appointed as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee and the Council's thanks be conveyed to Mr Nigel Woodcock for his service to the Council in that capacity.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

Mayor

