

Council

Wednesday, 24th February, 2021, 6.00 pm

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Supplementary Agenda

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the above meeting of the Council, the following information:

8 General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget and Council Tax 2021/22

To seek approval to recommendations from the Executive contained in the attached report of the Chief Finance Officer (Introduced by the Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets)) and within the appendices listed below.

8a Appendix A: Formal Council Tax Resolution 2021/22

(Pages 173 - 178)

8b Appendix B: Parish Precepts 2021/22

(Pages 179 - 180)

8o Suggested amendments to Administration budget

(Pages 181 - 182)

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FORMAL COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

Draft resolution on setting of the 2021/22 Council Tax for the Borough to be passed in approving the Cabinet's recommendations for the Council's Budget.

1. It be noted that on 31 January 2021 the Statutory Finance Officer calculated the Council Tax Base 2021/22
 - a) for the whole Council area as 36,219.4 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
 - b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates (as in the attached Appendix B).
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) is £8,085,619
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - a) £51,516,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - b) £42,952,503 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - c) £8,563,497 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).
 - d) £236.43 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), 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 (including Parish precepts).
 - e) £477,878 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as in the attached Table 1).
 - f) £223.24 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(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.
4. To note that the County Council, the Police Authority and the 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 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 2021/22 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

VALUATION BANDS

SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
148.83	173.63	198.44	223.24	272.85	322.46	372.07	446.48

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
970.79	1,132.59	1,294.39	1,456.19	1,779.79	2,103.39	2,426.98	2,912.38

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
150.97	176.13	201.29	226.45	276.77	327.09	377.42	452.90

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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
1,318.77	1,538.56	1,758.36	1,978.15	2,417.74	2,857.33	3,296.92	3,956.30

6. That the Statutory Finance Officer and his officers be authorised to take any action necessary to ensure collection and recovery of the Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates.
7. South Ribble Borough 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.

EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL TAX SETTING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 1

(a) Before we can calculate the Council Tax to be charged, we first have to calculate the Council Tax base. The Council Tax base is the amount which a Band D Council Tax of £1.00 would raise. For 2021/22 we estimate that a £1.00 Council Tax at Band D would raise £36,219.40 in the borough.

(b) This shows the “base” figure for each Parish in the area. For example, a £1.00 Band D Council Tax in Farington would raise £2,487.90.

RESOLUTION 2

This shows the Council's net spending for 2021/22 excluding the cost of Parish precepts.

RESOLUTION 3

(a) This is the grand total of money which the Council estimates it will spend on all services in 2021/22. It also includes the amount the Parish Councils need to run their services.

(b) This is the grand total of money which the Council estimates it will receive from various sources in the year. This includes Central Government and business rates, car park charges, investment income, government grants in respect of benefits, etc.

(c) This is the difference between 2(a) and 2(b) and is in effect the Council's and Parishes net spending on services.

(d) The difference between 2(a) and 2(b) is the amount we need to charge Council Taxpayers. This is divided by the base in 1(a) to give the average Band D Council Tax for all Borough and Parish services.

(e) The total of all the amounts needed from Council Taxpayers by the Parish Councils in the area.

(f) This is the Band D Council Tax for South Ribble Borough Council's own services, i.e. excluding Parish Council spending.

RESOLUTION 4

Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire Authority and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire are separate bodies who have worked out their own estimates of spending and income for 2021/22 and have set taxes in a similar way to South Ribble Borough Council. This resolution notes their final decision.

RESOLUTION 5

This pulls together the Council Taxes for South Ribble Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and Lancashire Fire Authority. For example, the aggregate amount for Band D is £1,987.15 made up as follows:

	£
South Ribble Borough Council	223.24
Lancashire County Council	1,456.19
Lancashire Police Authority	226.45
Lancashire Fire Authority	72.27

The rate for each property Band is calculated by reference to the Band D charge. The following ratios apply:

Band A	6/9 ths of Band D
Band B	7/9 ths of Band D
Band C	8/9 ths of Band D
Band D	9/9 ths of Band D
Band E	11/9 ths of Band D
Band F	13/9 ths of Band D
Band G	15/9 ths of Band D
Band H	18/9 ths of Band D

The aggregate charge for Band A, for example, is $£1,978.15 \times 6 \div 9 = £1,318.77$

RESOLUTION 6

Formally authorise the necessary staff to take legal action to collect arrears as and when this is necessary. ***For the vast majority of taxpayers, this is not needed***

Table 1

Council Tax Schedule 2021/22	Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
South Ribble Borough Council	£148.83	£173.63	£198.44	£223.24	£272.85	£322.46	£372.07	£446.48
Lancashire County Council	£970.79	£1,132.59	£1,294.39	£1,456.19	£1,779.79	£2,103.39	£2,426.98	£2,912.38
Lancashire Police Authority	£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
Total Unparished Areas	£1,318.77	£1,538.56	£1,758.36	£1,978.15	£2,417.74	£2,857.33	£3,296.92	£3,956.30
Farington	£23.18	£27.04	£30.91	£34.77	£42.50	£50.22	£57.95	£69.54
Farington and South Ribble BC	£172.01	£200.67	£229.35	£258.01	£315.35	£372.68	£430.02	£516.02
Farington Total	£1,341.95	£1,565.60	£1,789.27	£2,012.92	£2,460.24	£2,907.55	£3,354.87	£4,025.84
Hutton	£16.97	£19.79	£22.62	£25.45	£31.11	£36.76	£42.42	£50.90
Hutton and South Ribble BC	£165.80	£193.42	£221.06	£248.69	£303.96	£359.22	£414.49	£497.38
Hutton Total	£1,335.74	£1,558.35	£1,780.98	£2,003.60	£2,448.85	£2,894.09	£3,339.34	£4,007.20
Little Hoole	£18.33	£21.38	£24.44	£27.49	£33.60	£39.71	£45.82	£54.98
Little Hoole and South Ribble BC	£167.16	£195.01	£222.88	£250.73	£306.45	£362.17	£417.89	£501.46
Little Hoole Total	£1,337.10	£1,559.94	£1,782.80	£2,005.64	£2,451.34	£2,897.04	£3,342.74	£4,011.28
Longton	£24.77	£28.89	£33.02	£37.15	£45.41	£53.66	£61.92	£74.30
Longton and South Ribble BC	£173.60	£202.52	£231.46	£260.39	£318.26	£376.12	£433.99	£520.78
Longton Total	£1,343.54	£1,567.45	£1,791.38	£2,015.30	£2,463.15	£2,910.99	£3,358.84	£4,030.60
Much Hoole	£27.63	£32.23	£36.84	£41.44	£50.65	£59.86	£69.07	£82.88
Much Hoole and South Ribble BC	£176.46	£205.86	£235.28	£264.68	£323.50	£382.32	£441.14	£529.36
Much Hoole Total	£1,346.40	£1,570.79	£1,795.20	£2,019.59	£2,468.39	£2,917.19	£3,365.99	£4,039.18
Penwortham	£16.74	£19.53	£22.32	£25.11	£30.69	£36.27	£41.85	£50.22
Penwortham and South Ribble BC	£165.57	£193.16	£220.76	£248.35	£303.54	£358.73	£413.92	£496.70
Penwortham Total	£1,335.51	£1,558.09	£1,780.68	£2,003.26	£2,448.43	£2,893.60	£3,338.77	£4,006.52
Samlesbury and Cuerdale	£10.93	£12.76	£14.58	£16.40	£20.04	£23.69	£27.33	£32.80
Samlesbury and Cuerdale and South Ribble BC	£159.76	£186.39	£213.02	£239.64	£292.89	£346.15	£399.40	£479.28
Samlesbury and Cuerdale Total	£1,329.70	£1,551.32	£1,772.94	£1,994.55	£2,437.78	£2,881.02	£3,324.25	£3,989.10

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Parish Precepts

Parish/Town Council	2020/21			2021/22			
	Precept	Tax Base Band D Equivalent Properties	Council Tax Band D Equivalent £	Precept £	Tax Base Band D Equivalent Properties	Council Tax Band D Equivalent £	Council Tax Increase £
	£		£	£		£	£
Farington	56,500	2,375.1	23.79	86,500	2,487.9	34.77	10.98
Hutton	22,500	941.0	23.91	24,500	962.6	25.45	1.54
Little Hoole	22,500	819.6	27.45	22,500	818.5	27.49	0.04
Longton	116,000	3,127.6	37.09	116,000	3,122.5	37.15	0.06
Much Hoole	36,831	726.9	50.67	30,097	726.3	41.44	-9.23
Penwortham	170,000	7,546.8	22.53	190,000	7,566.9	25.11	2.58
Samlesbury & Cuerdale	8,000	499.9	16.00	8,190	499.4	16.40	0.40
Unparished areas		20,036.8			20,035.3		
Total	432,331	36,073.7		477,787	36,219.4		

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2021/22 AMENDMENTS

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Revenue Expenditure

The Conservative Group propose that the £150k reserve set aside to support Community Wealth Building should be repurposed to create a reserve that will support 18 to 25-year old local entrepreneurs set up businesses in the borough.

The Conservative Group propose that the additional £2m in the capital programme that is set aside to develop affordable homes be removed. In its place it is proposed that the £2m is used to purchase houses within the borough that are in disrepair and that are empty so that they can be renovated by the council and rented to tenants at a affordable rent. This will realise the ambition of the opposition to deliver better quality homes within the borough as well as an income stream to the council.

The Conservative Group supports the council's £250k fund toward the green agenda and proposes this is spent on developing green initiatives within the borough such as

- living walls
- biodiversity projects
- air purifying plants

The Conservative Group proposes to increase the funding for the home-schooling initiative from £20k to £50k with the increase being funded through Covid-19 unringfenced grants.

The Conservative Group proposes to freeze car parking charges for 3 months after lockdown restrictions are relaxed. This is essential to supporting local businesses recover from, what has been for most, the most difficult trading environment they have ever experienced. Free parking would be subject to a 3 hour limit to stop all day parking. This is estimated to cost the council approximately £40k and can be funded through unringfenced Covid-19 funding.

Capital Expenditure

The Conservative Group proposes £100k of drainage work at Longton playing fields. It is proposed that where possible this is funded through external funding including s106 contributions. There is already currently £37k of s106 agreements that can be ringfenced towards this project.

The Conservative Group believes that the £75k funding for the local improvement scheme at New Longton should come first from council resources. Any further funding required for additional work should come from s106 funds.

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