

## Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 6 March 2018 starting at 6.30pm  
Present: Councillor R Bennett (Chairman)

Councillors:

P Ainsworth	K Hind
J E Alcock	S Hind
S Atkinson	S A Hirst
S Bibby	J Holgate
A Brown	A M Knox
I Brown	S Knox
S Brunskill	G Mirfin
S Carefoot	R Newmark
P M Dobson	M Robinson
P Dowson	J Rogerson
P Elms	I Sayers
R Elms	G Scott
M Fenton	R E Sherras
M French	R Swarbrick
G Geldard	D Taylor
L Graves	R J Thompson
R Hargreaves	N C Walsh
T Hill	J White
B Hilton	

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Community Services, Director of Resources, Head of HR, Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

### 614 PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Fielding, opened the meeting with prayers.

### 615 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Hore and D T Smith.

### 616 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

### 617 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 618 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

619 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported on a number of recent events that he had attended including various events over Christmas and he also was pleased to report that his Christmas lunch at Whalley Golf Club had raised over £600 and £1,200 had been raised at his Mayors' Ball. He thanked all staff and officers who had assisted him at these events.

620 STATUTORY BUDGET CONSULTATIONS WITH NON-DOMESTIC RATEPAYER REPRESENTATIVES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Consideration was given to the written report of the Director of Resources referring to a meeting which had taken place with representatives and non-domestic ratepayers and the Council's budget proposals. The meeting had been attended by Mr Williams of Clitheroe Chamber of Trade and Mr Atherton of Whalley Chamber of Trade, and Councillors A Brown, T Hill, K Hind, S Hirst, A Knox and J Rogerson, Chief Executive, Director of Resources and Head of Revenues and Benefits.

RESOLVED: That Members receive the report.

621 REVENUE BUDGET 2018/2019 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/2019 TO 2022/2023 AND SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN THE COUNCIL'S AREA FOR 2018/2019

Consideration was given to the written report of the Director of Resources concerning the budget for 2018/2019 and the setting of the different amounts of Council Tax for different parts of the Council's area where special items applied (Parish Precepts).

Enclosed with the report was the budget summary of the financial year 2018/2019 which contained details of revenue and capital requirements. Approval of the budget proposals contained in the report was proposed by Councillor K Hind and seconded by Councillor P Elms.

In his budget speech the Leader noted that the budget had presented challenges for the Budget Working Group and Policy and Finance Committee this year. The aim had been to present a balanced budget and in order to achieve this the Council had increased the amount taken from the New Homes Bonus from £793,000 to £1,104,000 and increased the amount of business rates used and taken monies from balances to fund the budget.

The Leader recommended an increase in the Council Tax on a Band D property of £5 (3.4%). He commented that this would be only the second time in 10 years that the Council had increased its Council Tax. This would mean that a Band D taxpayer's would pay the overall Council Tax bill will be 9% £150.69 a year, an extra 10p a week.

The Leader was pleased to report that a balanced budget had been achieved without making any employees redundant, or cuts to services and whilst retaining a £6.6m capital programme over a 5 year period.

The Leader noted that there would be further challenges ahead but that the Council continued to be cautious in its spending and focus on proactive work to drive the local economy to create more jobs, new businesses and expand existing ones so as to increase business income, thereby securing the future of services for its residents. This work would be led by the new Director of Economic Development and Planning.

The Leader recommended the Council's budget and Council Tax for 2018/2019.

The Leader was also pleased that the Council had been able to propose an ambitious capital programme for the years 2018/2019 to 2022/2023 and recommend for approval.

The Leader expressed his thanks for the time and effort Committee, Officers and the Budget Working Group had dedicated to achieving the budget as presented.

The Leader of the opposition, Councillor A Knox, added his thanks to Officers for their work in preparing the budget.

Members then debated the budget proposals. At the end of the debate a recorded vote was taken.

The following Members voted for the motion:

P Ainsworth	P Dobson	K Hind	R Sherras
J Alcock	P Dowson	S Hind	R Swarbrick
S Atkinson	P Elms	S Hirst	D Taylor
R Bennett	R Elms	J Holgate	R Thompson
S Bibby	G Geldard	G Mirfin	N Walsh
A Brown	L Graves	R Newmark	J White
I Brown	R Hargreaves	J Rogerson	
S Brunskill	T Hill	I Sayers	
S Carefoot	B Hilton	G Scott	

The following Members abstained:

M Fenton	A Knox	M Robinson
M French	S Knox	

The motion was carried.

RESOLVED: That the Council:

1. approve the following submitted by the Policy and Finance Committee and included in the budget summary book:
  - a) the revised estimates of 2017/18 and the revenue estimates for 2018/19;
  - b) the revised capital programme for 2017/18 and the forward capital programme for 2018/19 to 2022/23.

2. approve the Prudential indicators, borrowing limits and MRP policy statement as set out in Annex 1 of the report;
3. note that under delegated powers in accordance with Section 84 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003, the Council determined the following amounts for 2018/19, in accordance with the Local Authority's (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulation 1992 (as amended) as its Council Tax base for the year:
  - a) 22,902 being the amount of its Council Tax Base for the whole district [item T and the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the Act)], and

b)

Parish Area	Tax base
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	446
Balderstone	197
Barrow	449
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	205
Billington & Langho	2,124
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	488
Bowland Forest (High)	70
Bowland Forest (Low)	79
Bowland with Leagram	86
Chatburn	380
Chipping	488
Clayton le Dale	510
Clitheroe	5,225
Dinckley	44
Downham	48
Dutton	105
Gisburn	211
Grindleton	360
Horton	47
Hothersall	73
Longridge	2,772
Mearley	8
Mellor	1,000
Newsholme	20
Newton	146
Osbaldeston	111
Paythorne	43
Pendleton	106
Ramsgreave	280
Read	564
Ribchester	661

Parish Area	Tax base
Rimington & Middop	239
Sabden	524
Salesbury	193
Simonstone	497
Slaidburn & Easington	150
Thornley with Wheatley	167
Twiston	35
Waddington	456
West Bradford	362
Whalley	1,627
Wilpshire	1,078
Wiswell	183
Worston	45
	<b>22,902</b>

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the regulations, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

4. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) is £3,451,102.
5. Calculate the following amounts for 2018/19, in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - a) £27,069,264 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) £23,182,979 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - c) £3,886,285 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 5(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 5(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) £169.69 Being the amount at 5(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (3(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) £435,183 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- f) £150.69 Being the amount at 5(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 5(e) above by Item T (3(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.
- g) Aggregate of the basic amount of council tax for Ribble Valley Borough Council and Parish precept for Band D properties:

Parts of the Council's area	£
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	162.24
Balderstone	159.32
Barrow	172.01
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	156.70
Billington & Langho	160.60
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	192.54
Bowland Forest Higher	181.65
Bowland Forest Lower	165.88
Bowland with Leagram	153.02
Chatburn	180.62
Chipping	166.57
Clayton le Dale	156.57
Clitheroe	171.93
Dinckley	150.69
Downham	150.69
Dutton	155.45
Gisburn	175.69
Grindleton	171.52
Horton	150.69
Hothersall	164.39
Longridge	176.12
Mearley	150.69
Mellor	165.35
Newsholme	150.69
Newton	167.81
Osbaldeston	157.45

Parts of the Council's area		£
Paythorne		150.69
Pendleton		162.95
Ramsgreave		157.83
Read		167.93
Ribchester		162.53
Rimington & Middop		173.70
Sabden		179.26
Salesbury		175.56
Simonstone		167.59
Slaidburn & Easington		164.36
Thornley with Wheatley		159.67
Twiston		150.69
Waddington		180.30
West Bradford		169.90
Whalley		172.72
Wilpshire		166.90
Wiswell		177.21
Worston		150.69

Being the amount given by adding to the amount at 5(f) above to 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 contained in 3(b), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- h) Aggregate of the basic amount of council tax for Ribble Valley Borough Council and Parish precept for Band D properties by valuation band:

		VALUATION BANDS							
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigney		108.16	126.18	144.22	162.24	198.30	234.34	270.40	324.48
Balderstone		106.21	123.91	141.62	159.32	194.73	230.13	265.53	318.64
Barrow		114.67	133.78	152.90	172.01	210.24	248.46	286.68	344.02
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton		104.47	121.87	139.29	156.70	191.53	226.34	261.17	313.40
Billington & Langho		107.07	124.91	142.76	160.60	196.29	231.97	267.67	321.20
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley		128.36	149.75	171.15	192.54	235.33	278.11	320.90	385.08

VALUATION BANDS								
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Bowland Forest Higher	121.10	141.28	161.47	181.65	222.02	262.38	302.75	363.30
Bowland Forest Lower	110.59	129.01	147.45	165.88	202.75	239.60	276.47	331.76
Bowland with Leagram	102.01	119.01	136.02	153.02	187.03	221.03	255.03	306.04
Chatburn	120.41	140.48	160.55	180.62	220.76	260.89	301.03	361.24
Chipping	111.05	129.55	148.07	166.57	203.59	240.60	277.62	333.14
Clayton le Dale	104.38	121.77	139.18	156.57	191.37	226.15	260.95	313.14
Clitheroe	114.62	133.72	152.83	171.93	210.14	248.34	286.55	343.86
Dinckley	100.46	117.20	133.95	150.69	184.18	217.66	251.15	301.38
Downham	100.46	117.20	133.95	150.69	184.18	217.66	251.15	301.38
Dutton	103.63	120.90	138.18	155.45	190.00	224.54	259.08	310.90
Gisburn	117.13	136.64	156.17	175.69	214.74	253.77	292.82	351.38
Grindleton	114.35	133.40	152.47	171.52	209.64	247.75	285.87	343.04
Horton	100.46	117.20	133.95	150.69	184.18	217.66	251.15	301.38
Hothersall	109.59	127.86	146.13	164.39	200.92	237.45	273.98	328.78
Longridge	117.41	136.98	156.55	176.12	215.26	254.39	293.53	352.24
Mearley	100.46	117.20	133.95	150.69	184.18	217.66	251.15	301.38
Mellor	110.23	128.60	146.98	165.35	202.10	238.84	275.58	330.70
Newsholme	100.46	117.20	133.95	150.69	184.18	217.66	251.15	301.38
Newton	111.87	130.52	149.17	167.81	205.10	242.39	279.68	335.62
Osbaldeston	104.97	122.46	139.96	157.45	192.44	227.42	262.42	314.90
Paythorne	100.46	117.20	133.95	150.69	184.18	217.66	251.15	301.38
Pendleton	108.63	126.74	144.85	162.95	199.16	235.37	271.58	325.90
Ramsgreave	105.22	122.75	140.30	157.83	192.91	227.97	263.05	315.66
Read	111.95	130.61	149.27	167.93	205.25	242.56	279.88	335.86
Ribchester	108.35	126.41	144.47	162.53	198.65	234.76	270.88	325.06
Rimington & Middop	115.80	135.10	154.40	173.70	212.30	250.90	289.50	347.40
Sabden	119.51	139.42	159.35	179.26	219.10	258.93	298.77	358.52
Salesbury	117.04	136.54	156.06	175.56	214.58	253.58	292.60	351.12
Simonstone	111.73	130.34	148.97	167.59	204.84	242.07	279.32	335.18
Slaidburn & Easington	109.57	127.83	146.10	164.36	200.89	237.41	273.93	328.72
Thornley with Wheatley	106.45	124.18	141.93	159.67	195.16	230.63	266.12	319.34
Twiston	100.46	117.20	133.95	150.69	184.18	217.66	251.15	301.38
Waddington	120.20	140.23	160.27	180.30	220.37	260.43	300.50	360.60
West Bradford	113.27	132.14	151.03	169.90	207.66	245.41	283.17	339.80
Whalley	115.15	134.33	153.53	172.72	211.11	249.48	287.87	345.44



VALUATION BANDS								
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Wilpshire	111.27	129.81	148.36	166.90	203.99	241.07	278.17	333.80
Wiswell	118.14	137.83	157.52	177.21	216.59	255.97	295.35	354.42
Worston	100.46	117.20	133.95	150.69	184.18	217.66	251.15	301.38

being the amounts given by multiplying (as appropriate) the amounts at 5(f) or 5(g) 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 proportion 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.

6. Note, that for 2018/19 Lancashire County Council has 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								
A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	
863.28	1,007.16	1,151.04	1,294.92	1,582.68	1,870.44	2,158.20	2,589.84	

7. Note, that for 2018/19 the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire has 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								
A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	
118.30	138.02	157.73	177.45	216.88	256.32	295.75	354.90	

8. Note, that for 2018/19 the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority has 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								
A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	
44.97	52.47	59.96	67.46	82.45	97.44	112.43	134.92	

9. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 5(h), 6, 7 and 8 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for 2018/19 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	1,134.71	1,323.83	1,512.95	1,702.07	2,080.31	2,458.54	2,836.78	3,404.14
Balderstone	1,132.76	1,321.56	1,510.35	1,699.15	2,076.74	2,454.33	2,831.91	3,398.30
Barrow	1,141.22	1,331.43	1,521.63	1,711.84	2,092.25	2,472.66	2,853.06	3,423.68
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	1,131.02	1,319.52	1,508.02	1,696.53	2,073.54	2,450.54	2,827.55	3,393.06
Billington & Langho	1,133.62	1,322.56	1,511.49	1,700.43	2,078.30	2,456.17	2,834.05	3,400.86
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	1,154.91	1,347.40	1,539.88	1,732.37	2,117.34	2,502.31	2,887.28	3,464.74
Bowland Forest (High)	1,147.65	1,338.93	1,530.20	1,721.48	2,104.03	2,486.58	2,869.13	3,442.96
Bowland Forest (Low)	1,137.14	1,326.66	1,516.18	1,705.71	2,084.76	2,463.80	2,842.85	3,411.42
Bowland with Leagram	1,128.56	1,316.66	1,504.75	1,692.85	2,069.04	2,445.23	2,821.41	3,385.70
Chatburn	1,146.96	1,338.13	1,529.28	1,720.45	2,102.77	2,485.09	2,867.41	3,440.90
Chipping	1,137.60	1,327.20	1,516.80	1,706.40	2,085.60	2,464.80	2,844.00	3,412.80
Clayton le Dale	1,130.93	1,319.42	1,507.91	1,696.40	2,073.38	2,450.35	2,827.33	3,392.80
Clitheroe	1,141.17	1,331.37	1,521.56	1,711.76	2,092.15	2,472.54	2,852.93	3,423.52
Dinckley	1,127.01	1,314.85	1,502.68	1,690.52	2,066.19	2,441.86	2,817.53	3,381.04
Downham	1,127.01	1,314.85	1,502.68	1,690.52	2,066.19	2,441.86	2,817.53	3,381.04
Dutton	1,130.18	1,318.55	1,506.91	1,695.28	2,072.01	2,448.74	2,825.46	3,390.56
Gisburn	1,143.68	1,334.29	1,524.90	1,715.52	2,096.75	2,477.97	2,859.20	3,431.04
Grindleton	1,140.90	1,331.05	1,521.20	1,711.35	2,091.65	2,471.95	2,852.25	3,422.70
Horton	1,127.01	1,314.85	1,502.68	1,690.52	2,066.19	2,441.86	2,817.53	3,381.04
Hothersall	1,136.14	1,325.51	1,514.86	1,704.22	2,082.93	2,461.65	2,840.36	3,408.44
Longridge	1,143.96	1,334.63	1,525.28	1,715.95	2,097.27	2,478.59	2,859.91	3,431.90
Mearley	1,127.01	1,314.85	1,502.68	1,690.52	2,066.19	2,441.86	2,817.53	3,381.04
Mellor	1,136.78	1,326.25	1,515.71	1,705.18	2,084.11	2,463.04	2,841.96	3,410.36
Newsholme	1,127.01	1,314.85	1,502.68	1,690.52	2,066.19	2,441.86	2,817.53	3,381.04
Newton	1,138.42	1,328.17	1,517.90	1,707.64	2,087.11	2,466.59	2,846.06	3,415.28

VALUATION BANDS								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Osbaldeston	1,131.52	1,320.11	1,508.69	1,697.28	2,074.45	2,451.62	2,828.80	3,394.56
Paythorne	1,127.01	1,314.85	1,502.68	1,690.52	2,066.19	2,441.86	2,817.53	3,381.04
Pendleton	1,135.18	1,324.39	1,513.58	1,702.78	2,081.17	2,459.57	2,837.96	3,405.56
Ramsgreave	1,131.77	1,320.40	1,509.03	1,697.66	2,074.92	2,452.17	2,829.43	3,395.32
Read	1,138.50	1,328.26	1,518.00	1,707.76	2,087.26	2,466.76	2,846.26	3,415.52
Ribchester	1,134.90	1,324.06	1,513.20	1,702.36	2,080.66	2,458.96	2,837.26	3,404.72
Rimington & Middop	1,142.35	1,332.75	1,523.13	1,713.53	2,094.31	2,475.10	2,855.88	3,427.06
Sabden	1,146.06	1,337.07	1,528.08	1,719.09	2,101.11	2,483.13	2,865.15	3,438.18
Salesbury	1,143.59	1,334.19	1,524.79	1,715.39	2,096.59	2,477.78	2,858.98	3,430.78
Simonstone	1,138.28	1,327.99	1,517.70	1,707.42	2,086.85	2,466.27	2,845.70	3,414.84
Slaidburn & Easington	1,136.12	1,325.48	1,514.83	1,704.19	2,082.90	2,461.61	2,840.31	3,408.38
Thornley with Wheatley	1,133.00	1,321.83	1,510.66	1,699.50	2,077.17	2,454.83	2,832.50	3,399.00
Twiston	1,127.01	1,314.85	1,502.68	1,690.52	2,066.19	2,441.86	2,817.53	3,381.04
Waddington	1,146.75	1,337.88	1,529.00	1,720.13	2,102.38	2,484.63	2,866.88	3,440.26
West Bradford	1,139.82	1,329.79	1,519.76	1,709.73	2,089.67	2,469.61	2,849.55	3,419.46
Whalley	1,141.70	1,331.98	1,522.26	1,712.55	2,093.12	2,473.68	2,854.25	3,425.10
Wilpshire	1,137.82	1,327.46	1,517.09	1,706.73	2,086.00	2,465.27	2,844.55	3,413.46
Wiswell	1,144.69	1,335.48	1,526.25	1,717.04	2,098.60	2,480.17	2,861.73	3,434.08
Worston	1,127.01	1,314.85	1,502.68	1,690.52	2,066.19	2,441.86	2,817.53	3,381.04

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## LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader reported on key matters that affected the work of the Council. He began with an update on matters relating to the East Lancashire Unitary Authority. He reported that Pendle Council had decided they wished to leave Lancashire County Council and form an East Lancashire Unitary Council with what was expected to include Blackburn, Burnley, Hyndburn, Rossendale and Ribble Valley. The Leader noted that such a potential unitary would be predominantly urban and industrial in nature and therefore had little in common with the rurality of the Ribble Valley. The Council leading group had considered the Council's position and if approached to join such a unitary, would recommend to Council that it did not join. He confirmed the Council's commitment to remain as part of the Lancashire County Council area where independence was preserved and the voice of Ribble Valley residents would be heard and best represented.

Next the Leader updated Members on the future of the Lancashire Combined Authority. He had attended a Lancashire Leaders' meeting in which the Leader

of Lancashire County Council had set out key areas for the County's involvement in the Combined Authority. This included the position that there would be no votes for districts and boroughs in respect of transport matters.

The Leader had pointed out the need to reopen the Ribble Valley rail link to provide regular passenger transport connecting the borough with the Settle and Carlisle and West Coast mainline and Skipton, Leeds and Bradford as well as improving connections to Manchester Victoria.

The Council's position in respect of the Lancashire Combined Authority remained unchanged. The Leader confirmed that he would wait for any Government announcement on Combined Authorities before asking the Council to review its policy.

Next the Leader reported that he had represented the borough at a recent District Council Network Conference attended by 95 boroughs and districts. The key messages from the Conference were centred on borough's creating opportunities for co-operative working with other Local Authorities and partners, and the role of boroughs in supporting the health and wellbeing offering within their areas.

Finally, the Leader was pleased to report that the Council had received a very positive report from its recent Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Challenge Assessment. The report included a number of key recommendations which the Council would now progress.

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#### LEADER'S QUESTION TIME

The Leader of the opposition, Councillor A Knox, asked if the Leader could confirm where Ribble Valley ranked in the list of the 10 poorest areas in the country for 4G coverage as per the analysis of OFCOM data carried out by the Country Landowners' Association (CLA).

The Leader thanked Councillor Knox for his question and confirmed that the CLA claimed that in 14 rural Local Authority areas in England, 4 out of 5 households did not receive 4G mobile coverage from all the big mobile providers.

Ribble Valley was ranked 10 out of the 10 Local Authorities with the lowest rates of indoor 4G coverage in England, with 1 being the poorest.

Next Councillor Knox asked how much money the Council had received from developers in the past 5 years as a result of Section 106 payments and how much had been spent in each of those years.

The Leader confirmed that over the past 5 years the Council had received £332,000 in Section 106 payments. The money spent over the last 5 years amounted to £193,000. In addition to this spend there were further monies that had been committed to ongoing projects where the expenditure had yet to be deferred.

Finally Councillor Knox asked how many homes had been given planning permission but had not yet been built.

The Leader confirmed that in the Corporate Strategy Plan period since 2008, 3,511 homes with planning permission were not currently under construction. 445 homes had been recorded as under construction. He reported that such information was monitored twice a year and a report published. The latest report being published in October 2017.

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#### NOTICE OF MOTION

A Notice of Motion was posed by Councillor A Knox that:

“Council notes with concern that according to the latest Social Mobility Commission Report, published in November 2017 the Ribble Valley ranks 311<sup>th</sup> out of 324 for social mobility amongst young people.

Council also notes with concern that the report states that the worst performing areas for social mobility are no longer inner city areas, but remote rural and coastal areas.

Consequently, Council resolves to set up a Task and Finish Group to provide a report to Policy and Finance Committee no later than its September meeting.

The report should be based on evidence taken from a variety of sources including partners as well as the Social Mobility Commission, to find out the reasons for the lack of social mobility amongst local young people and also to provide recommendations for this Council and its partners as to how they should tackle the problem going forward.”

The Notice of Motion was seconded by Councillor K Hind and was then debated.

An amendment was proposed that the Task and Finish Group be an all-party Task and Finish Working Group. The amendment was approved.

**RESOLVED:** That the following Notice of Motion be carried:

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625 COMMITTEE MINUTES

(i) Community Services Committee – 9 January 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(ii) Planning and Development Committee – 11 January 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(iii) Personnel Committee – 17 January 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(iv) Health and Housing Committee – 18 January 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received with the exception of Minute Number 510:

Minute 510

THE HOUSING AND PLANNING ACT 2016 CIVIL PENALTIES

Consideration was given to approval for the implementation of new enforcement powers contained in Part 2 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016, relating to rogue landlords and property agents in England.

RESOLVED: That the Council

1. approve the policy and matrix of use of civil penalties set out in Appendix 1 to the report and its inclusion in the Environmental Health Enforcement Policy;
2. delegate to the Head of Environmental Health Services all powers to issue, use and enforce civil penalties as detailed in the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and any Regulations made thereunder; and
3. delegate to the Head of Environmental Health Services all powers to issue, use and enforce Rent Repayment Orders as detailed in the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and any Regulations made thereunder.

(v) Policy and Finance Committee – 23 January 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

Planning and Development Committee – 12 January 2017

(vi) Parish Council Liaison Committee – 25 January 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(vii) Personnel Committee – 30 January 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received with the exception of Minute Number 556:

Minute 556

PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2018/2019

RESOLVED: That the Pay Policy Statement for 2018/2019 be approved.

(viii) Licensing Committee – 30 January 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(ix) Economic Development Committee – 1 February 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(x) Special Policy and Finance Committee – 6 February 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received with the exception of Minute Numbers 595 and 596 which had already been approved at Agenda item 6 and 7 respectively.

(xi) Policy and Finance Sub-Committee – 19 February 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

(xii) Accounts and Audit Committee – 21 February 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be received.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Marshal Scott (414400).