

Agenda



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Council

Thursday, 27 February 2025 at 7.00 pm,
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Accrington

Membership

Councillor Mike Booth (Mayor) in the Chair,
Councillors Judith Addison, Vanessa Alexander, Josh Allen, Heather Anderson, Noordad Aziz, Scott Brerton, Stephen Button, Danny Cassidy, Andrew Clegg, Jodi Clements, Loraine Cox, Paul Cox, Munsif Dad BEM JP, Bernard Dawson MBE, Stewart Eaves, Peter Edwards, Shabir Fazal OBE, Melissa Fisher, Andy Gilbert, Marlene Haworth, David Heap, Zak Khan, Clare McKenna, Dave Parkins, Joyce Plummer, Kath Pratt, Clare Pritchard, Ethan Rawcliffe, Steven Smithson, Tina Walker, Kate Walsh, Kimberley Whitehead, Clare Yates and Mohammed Younis

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

NOTE: All Councillors (with the exception of one) have been granted a dispensation to speak and vote in relation to the following matters, which are relevant to the business due to be conducted during this meeting:

- Setting Council Tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended from time to time or any superseding legislation.

Notwithstanding the above, the Government takes the view that a dispensation is unnecessary in certain circumstances and that councillors do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in decisions relating to the setting of Council Tax levels.



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3. Announcements

- a) Mayor
- b) Leader of the Council
- c) Chief Executive

4. Confirmation of Minutes (Pages 5 - 28)

To confirm as correct, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th January 2025.

5. Declaration of the Returning officer for the Baxenden Ward By-Election held on 6th February 2025

The following person was elected at the Borough Council By-Election held on 6th February 2025.

Electoral Ward	Name and Address of Elected Councillor	Party
Baxenden	David James Heap (address in Hyndburn)	Conservative

6. Review of Allocation of Seats to Political Groups and Appointments to Committees (Pages 29 - 34)

In accordance with The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Council is required to review the allocation of seats to political groups under s.15 Local Government and Housing Act 1989, in certain prescribed circumstances. This includes following the service of a notice to the proper officer under Regulation 9 by a member wishing to join a political group on the Council and the acceptance of that application by the group concerned, accompanied by a further notice under Regulation 17(c) requesting a review.

Following the recent by-election in the Baxenden ward, it is anticipated that the relevant notices will be received prior to the Council meeting.

If a review is triggered, this may result in adjustments being required to the size of committees and the political balance on those committees. There may also be consequential amendments to the councillors appointed to serve on those committees.

Further information on any changes being proposed will be available at the meeting.

(Update report attached)

7. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 to 2027/28 (Pages 35 - 68)

To note the attached report which was approved by Cabinet on 12th February 2025.

8. Prudential Indicators, Capital, Treasury Management and Investment Strategies 2025/26 - 2027/28 (Pages 69 - 128)

To consider the attached report and recommendations which were considered by the Cabinet on 12th February 2025 and which are referred to Council for approval.

The report also includes the following:

- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2025/26
- Treasury Management Policy Statement 2025/26
- Treasury Management Practices 2025/26

9. General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax Levels and Capital Programme 2025/26 (Pages 129 - 196)

To determine the General Fund Revenue Budget, Council Tax Levels and Capital Programme for 2025/26. In order to enable the Council to make the required decisions, the following documents are submitted:-

a) General Fund Revenue Budget 2025/26

The proposals put forward by the Cabinet on 12th February 2025 (updated) are set out in the attached report. Should there be any further changes for consideration, the final proposals of the controlling group will be submitted in advance of the meeting.

b) New Scheme Additions to the Cabinet Programme in 2025/26 to 2027/28

The proposals put forward by the Cabinet on 12th February 2025 are set out in the attached report. Should there be any further changes for consideration, the final proposals of the controlling group will be submitted in advance of the meeting.

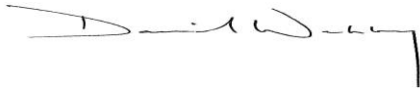
c) Comments and Recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny

The Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet on 20th February 2025 to consider the budget proposals for 2025/26. The Committee's comments will be reported in advance of the meeting.

d) Council Tax Resolution 2025/26

The report sets out the Council's budget requirement for 2025/2026 as presented to Cabinet on 12th February 2025, its Precept on the Collection Fund and the formal details surrounding the Precept of other bodies on the Collection Fund. Should there be any further changes for consideration, the final proposals of the controlling group will be submitted in advance of the meeting.

NOTE: In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, a recorded vote will be required in respect of this decision, including any amendments moved and seconded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. W. ...' with a long horizontal stroke and a vertical drop at the end.

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