

COUNCIL

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON THURSDAY 2ND MARCH, 2017**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Brodie - Browne) in the Chair

Councillors Ashton, Atkinson, David Barton, Jo Barton, Bliss, Booth, Bradshaw, Burns, Byrom, Carr, Carragher, Linda Cluskey, Cummins, Dams, Dodd, Dutton, Fairclough, Friel, Gannon, Grace, Hands, Hardy, Jamieson, Jones, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Lappin, Daniel Lewis, Dan T. Lewis, Maher, McCann, McGinnity, McGuire, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Brenda O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, O'Hanlon, Owens, Page, Pitt, Preece, Pullin, Robinson, Roche, Roscoe, Sayers, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, Anne Thompson, Lynne Thompson, Tweed, Veidman, Weavers, Webster and Bill Welsh

78. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ball, Bennett, Brennan, Kevin Cluskey, Dawson, Keith and Marianne Welsh.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Paragraph 9 of the Council's Code of Conduct, the following declaration of personal interest was made and the Officer concerned left the room during the consideration of the item:

Officer	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Margaret Carney, Chief Executive	88 – Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 – 2019/20	Personal interest in the amendment submitted by Councillor McGuire

80. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2017 be approved as a correct record.

81. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayoral Charity Cabaret Dinner – 1 April 2017

The Mayor reminded Members that the Mayoral Charity Dinner will be held on Saturday 1 April 2017 at the Floral Hall, Southport Theatre and Convention Centre and the proceeds from the event would be distributed to Mayoral Charities. Tickets and further details of the event were available from the Mayor's office in Bootle Town Hall.

Extra-ordinary Council Meeting – 20 June 2017

The Mayor advised Members that an Extra-ordinary Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 20 June 2017 at 6.30pm in Bootle Town Hall to confer the Freedom of the Borough on the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, which would be followed by a Freedom March by the Regiment and a Civic Reception for the Regiment.

82. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Mayor reported that no matters had been raised by Members of the Public.

83. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered a schedule setting out the written questions submitted by:

- Councillor David Barton to the Cabinet Member – Locality Services (Councillor Fairclough)
- Councillor Preece to the Cabinet Member – Regeneration and Skills (Councillor Atkinson)
- Councillor Bradshaw to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Maher)

together with the responses given. A supplementary question was responded to by the Cabinet Member – Regeneration and Skills.

84. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2017 - 2020

The Council considered the report of the Head of Regeneration and Housing which provided details of the revised Capital Strategy for 2017-2020.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough:

“That the Capital Strategy for 2017-2020 be approved.”

An **amendment** was moved by Councillor Daniel Lewis, seconded by Councillor Weavers that the Motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

“Subject to the addition of the words “relevant Area Committees for consultation and the” after the words “and presented to the” on agenda page 25 under the paragraph headed ‘Appraisal Process.’”

On a show of hands, the Mayor declared that amendment was **lost** by 35 votes to 23.

A **further amendment** was moved by Councillor Dutton, seconded by Councillor Jamieson that the Motion be amended by the addition of the following text:

“Subject to the membership of the Strategic Capital Investment Group set out in Appendix A of the Strategy on agenda page 48 being amended to include Opposition Group Members.”

On a show of hands, the Mayor declared that amendment was **lost** by 36 votes to 23.

Thereafter, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that Motion was carried by 36 votes to 23 and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Capital Strategy for 2017-2020 be approved

85. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY 2017/18

Further to Minute No. 85 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 16 February 2017, the Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources which provided details of the proposed procedures and strategy to be adopted in respect of the Council’s Treasury Management Function in 2017/18.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to:

- (1) the Treasury Management Policy Document for 2017/18 as set out in Annex A of the report;
- (2) the Treasury Management Strategy Document for 2017/18 as set out in Annex B of the report; and

- (3) the basis to be used in the calculation of the Minimum Revenue Provision for Debt Repayment in 2016/17 as set out in Annex C of the report.

86. THE PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL FINANCE IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES - PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2017/18

Further to Minute No. 86 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 16 February 2017, the Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources on proposals to establish the Prudential Indicators required under the Prudential Code of Capital Finance in Local Authorities. This would enable the Council to effectively manage its Capital Finance Activities and comply with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Prudential Code of Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Prudential Indicators as detailed in the report, and summarised in Annex A of the report, be approved as the basis for compliance with The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities;
- (2) approval be given to the relevant Prudential Indicators being amended, should any changes to unsupported borrowing be approved as part of the 2017/18 Revenue Budget;
- (3) it be noted that estimates of capital expenditure may change as grant allocations are received, as indicated in paragraph 2.2 of the report; and
- (4) the Head of Corporate Resources be granted delegated authority in conjunction with the Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services to manage the Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for external debt as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

87. ROBUSTNESS OF THE 2017/18 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND THE ADEQUACY OF RESERVES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003, SECTION 25

The Council considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources which provided an assessment of the robustness of the estimates and the tax setting calculations, the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves and the production of longer term revenue and capital plans, based on the proposals set out in the report on the Budget 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 - 2019/20 (Minute No. 88 below refers).

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That the matters raised in the report be noted and taken into account during the determination of the Budget for 2017/18.

**88. BUDGET 2017/18 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN
2018/19 - 2019/20**

Further to Minute No. 73 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 12 January 2017, the Council considered the report of the Chief Executive and Head of Corporate Resources which provided details of the development of a 3 year financial strategy for the period 2017/18 – 2019/20 (the budget plan period) which reflected the current financial challenges facing the Council during the period, the proposed approach to meeting those challenges and how they reflect the Council's statutory requirement to remain financially sustainable and the desire to deliver the Sefton 2030 Vision and the Councils Core Purpose.

Given the scale of the financial and service challenges facing the Council, this was a complex and detailed report, which provided for a financial balanced budget, but this would require major and difficult decisions on how the council delivers its services, the level at which it continues to deliver them and Council Tax implications.

The report presented a financially balanced strategy and some areas of change were more specific than others. Where possible the change was explained at the detailed budget level and where this was not possible a budget planning assumption had been made based on the best available information. This was sufficiently robust to approve the budget and associated policy changes, whilst recognising that the details would continue to be refined over the period of the strategy.

This report set out the detailed approach to the strategy, which included:

- The national and local financial context within which the Council is operating;
- The funding gap facing the Council for the three year period 2017/18 to 2019/20;
- The approach to delivering both the aspirations of the Sefton 2030 Vision and a financially sustainable council;
- The financial, service and community impact of the Budget including the reserves position of the Council; and,
- The draft capital programme for the 3 year period.

The Cabinet on 12 January 2017 (Minute No. 73 refers) had considered these items, and the report provided additional information and updates on the specific Public Sector Reform Projects and Service Delivery Options, including some changes to the financial assumptions. In addition, there were some further revisions to the Medium Term Financial Plan. The

report indicated that after these minor changes, a financially balanced budget strategy for the forthcoming 3 year period was presented for consideration by the Council.

The report requested the Council to consider and determine the following issues:

- the Budget for 2017/18 and the three-year financial plan 2017/18 to 2019/20;
- the Council Tax increase for Sefton Council for 2017/18; and,
- the overall Council Tax resolution.

The Council also considered the draft Council Tax resolution for 2017/18 which had been prepared by the Head of Corporate Resources and circulated to Members of the Council in the supplementary agenda.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough:

That:

- (1) the update of the Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2017/18 to 2019/20, which included the implications of the provisional local government settlement be noted;

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- (2) approval be given to the budget proposals within the report, as described in Chapter 5 of Appendix A to the report; the risks, PSED information and the mitigating actions within the decisions be noted and taken into account and approval be given to the commencement of all appropriate activity as detailed, including for example, consultation with employees and engagement with partners and contractual changes;
- (3) approval be given to the current levels of trade union facility time and associated arrangements for the whole period of the budget plan;
- (4) it be noted that officers will comply with agreed HR policies and procedures including relevant consultation with Trade Unions and reports to the Cabinet Member - Regulatory, Compliance & Corporate Services;
- (5) approval be given to the programme management and governance arrangements in relation to the Framework for Change being delegated to the Chief Executive in conjunction with the Leader of the Council;

Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20

- (6) approval be given to the inclusion within the Capital Programme of the Capital schemes to be funded from school and transport grants, 2017/18 to 2019/20 as outlined in Paragraphs 8.2.2 and 8.3.2 of the report;
- (7) approval be given to the inclusion within the Capital Programme of the fully grant funded schemes as detailed in Paragraphs 8.5.1 of the report;

Budget 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2019/20

- (8) approval be given to the budget for 2017/18 and the three-year financial plan covering the years 2017/18 to 2019/20; and officers be authorised to undertake the necessary actions relating to the implementation associated with the recommendations, such necessary actions are described under each proposal in Chapter 5 of Appendix A in the report;
- (9) approval be given to the Fees and Charges as proposed in the draft Council budget and set out in Appendix D of the report;
- (10) approval be given to the use of one-off resources of £4.65m in 2017/18 to smooth the impact of the required savings over the budget plan period as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of Chapter 4 of Appendix A to the report; and to the funding of the one off investment to secure an economic legacy from the Open Golf Championship as referred to in Paragraph 3.3 of Chapter 4 to the report,.
- (11) approval be given to the development of the Cost of Change budget with a value of £8.5m as set out in Paragraph 3.4 of Chapter 4 of Appendix A of the report;
- (12) approval be given to a Council Tax increase in 2017/18 of 1.99%;
- (13) approval be given to a Social Care Council Tax Precept of 3% in 2017/18 resulting in an overall increase in Council Tax for Sefton of 4.99% in 2017/18;
- (14) approval be given to the allocation of specific grants as detailed in Paragraphs 10.3 to 10.20 of the report;
- (15) the Schools' Forum decisions on the Dedicated Schools Grant and Individual School Budgets as set out in Appendix B to the report be noted;

- (16) approval be given to the approach and delegated authorities set out in paragraph 10.21 of the report, as permanent “business as usual” arrangements for setting Adult Social Care fees; and
- (17) subject to above, the overall Council Tax resolution including a Social Care Precept, Police and Fire and Parish Precepts, as set out in the supplementary agenda be approved.

Councillors Maher, McGuire, Dutton and Gannon each gave a statement expressing the views of their political groups on the content of the report.

Following debate on the report, an **amendment** was moved by Councillor Hands, seconded by Councillor Pullin that the Motion be amended as follows:

“That the budget proposals set out in the report be amended by utilising £2m from the Transforming Sefton Reserve into 5 new earmarked funds for community use that will support the delivery of the Sefton 2030 Vision.

These 5 funds will be:-

- *School and Education Improvement Community Fund*
- *Social Care Assistance Community Fund*
- *Dementia Accessibility Community Fund*
- *Autism Assistance and Early Intervention Community Fund; and*
- *Environmental Improvement Community Fund*

These one-off funds will be £400,000 each that individuals and organisations can bid for in order to deliver specific schemes. Schemes must be for the benefit of the Sefton Community and have measurable outcomes that will contribute to the delivery of the Sefton 2030 Vision.

The net impact of the proposed amendment will still ensure that the Councils three year budget remains balanced.”

The Mayor reported that the Head of Corporate Resources and Section 151 Officer had indicated that the amendment if carried, would not affect his opinion set out in his robustness report considered under Minute No. 87 above.

Following debate and in accordance with Rule 96 of Chapter 4 in the Constitution, the voting on the Amendment was recorded and the Members of Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Ashton, David Barton, Jo Barton, Bliss, Booth, Dodd, Dutton, Gannon, Hands, Jamieson, Jones, Daniel Lewis, McCann, McGuire, O’Hanlon, Pitt, Preece, Pullin, Shaw, Lynne Thompson, Weavers, Bill Welsh and The Mayor.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Atkinson, Bradshaw, Burns, Byrom, Carr, Carragher, Linda Cluskey, Cummins, Dams, Fairclough, Friel, Grace, Hardy, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Lappin, Dan T. Lewis, Maher, McGinnity, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Brenda O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, Owens, Page, Robinson, Roche, Roscoe, Sayers, Spencer, Thomas, Anne Thompson, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.

The Mayor declared that the Amendment was **lost** by 36 votes to 23

Following debate, a **further amendment** was moved by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Booth that the Motion be amended as follows:

“The proposed Tourism saving be reduced by £300,000 with the cost being met through corresponding reductions in the Council’s senior management staffing budget i.e. Head of Service and above. This proposal will ensure that an appropriate budget continues to exist in order that the economic benefits from the tourism sector can be realised.

The net impact of the proposed amendment will still ensure that the Council’s three year budget remains balanced.”

At this point, The Mayor requested that the Meeting be adjourned for a short period of time, to enable the Members and Chief Executive to consider the implications of the amendment.

The Meeting reconvened after a ten minute adjournment and the Chief Executive indicated that she had a personal interest in the amendment and would leave the Council Chamber during the consideration of the amendment.

The Council then debated the amendment and in accordance with Rule 96 of Chapter 4 in the Constitution, the voting on the amendment was recorded and the Members of Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Ashton, Booth, Dodd, Hands, Daniel Lewis, McGuire, Preece, Pullin, Shaw, Lynne Thompson, Weavers, Bill Welsh and The Mayor.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT:

Councillors Atkinson, Bradshaw, Burns, Byrom, Carr, Carragher, Linda Cluskey, Cummins, Dams, Dutton, Fairclough, Friel, Gannon, Grace, Hardy, Jamieson, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Lappin, Dan T. Lewis, Maher, McCann, McGinnity, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Brenda O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, O'Hanlon, Owens, Page, Pitt, Robinson, Roche, Roscoe,

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Sayers, Spencer, Thomas, Anne Thompson, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.

ABSTENTIONS:

Councillors David Barton, Bliss and Jones.

The Mayor declared that the Amendment was **lost** by 42 votes to 13 with 3 abstentions.

The Chief Executive re-entered the Council Chamber at this point.

Following further debate and in accordance with Rule 96 of Chapter 4 in the Constitution, the voting on the Motion was recorded and the Members of Council present at the time, voted as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

Councillors Atkinson, David Barton, Bliss, Bradshaw, Burns, Byrom, Carr, Carragher, Linda Cluskey, Cummins, Dams, Dutton, Fairclough, Friel, Gannon, Grace, Hardy, Jamieson, Jones, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Lappin, Dan T. Lewis, Maher, McCann, McGinnity, McKinley, Moncur, Murphy, Brenda O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, O'Hanlon, Owens, Page, Pitt, Robinson, Roche, Roscoe, Sayers, Spencer, Thomas, Anne Thompson, Tweed, Veidman and Webster.

AGAINST THE MOTION:

Councillors Ashton, Booth, Dodd, Hands, Daniel Lewis, McGuire, Preece, Pullin, Shaw, Lynne Thompson, Weavers, Bill Welsh and The Mayor.

The Mayor declared that the Motion was carried by 45 votes to 13 and it was

RESOLVED:

That

- (1) the update of the Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2017/18 to 2019/20, which included the implications of the provisional local government settlement be noted;

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- (9) approval be given to the Fees and Charges as proposed in the draft Council budget and set out in Appendix D of the report;
- (10) approval be given to the use of one-off resources of £4.65m in 2017/18 to smooth the impact of the required savings over the budget plan period as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of Chapter 4 of Appendix A to the report; and to the funding of the one off investment to secure an economic legacy from the Open Golf Championship as referred to in Paragraph 3.3 of Chapter 4 to the report,.
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- (12) approval be given to a Council Tax increase in 2017/18 of 1.99%;
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- (15) the Schools' Forum decisions on the Dedicated Schools Grant and Individual School Budgets as set out in Appendix B to the report be noted;
- (16) approval be given to the approach and delegated authorities set out in paragraph 10.21 of the report, as permanent "business as usual" arrangements for setting Adult Social Care fees;
- (17) it be noted that at its meeting on 26 January 2017, the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2017/2018 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 1992 (as amended):
- (a) 81,906.80 Band D equivalent properties, for the whole area [item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended]; and
- (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as shown in the table below:

Parish	Council Tax Base (Band D Equivalent Properties)
Aintree Village	2,019.17
Formby	9,054.19
Hightown	846.60
Ince Blundell	163.57
Little Altcar	322.86
Lydiate	2,037.31
Maghull	6,492.19
Melling	980.64
Sefton	231.19
Thornton	762.65

- (18) the Council calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/2018 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £117,826,208.
- (19) the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2017/2018 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a)	£581,150,122	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.
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(b)	- £462,402,456	Being the aggregate amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.																																																																							
(c)	£118,747,666	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)	£1,449.79	Being the amount at 3(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)	£921,458	Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.																																																																							
(f)	£1,438.54	Being the amount at 3(d) above, less the amount given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by the amount at 1(a) above (item T), 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 special item relates.																																																																							
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Aintree Village	978.84	1,141.98	1,305.12	1,468.26	1,794.54	2,120.82	2,447.10	2,936.52																																																																	
Formby	964.37	1,125.09	1,285.82	1,446.55	1,768.01	2,089.46	2,410.92	2,893.10																																																																	
Hightown	963.33	1,123.88	1,284.44	1,444.99	1,766.10	2,087.21	2,408.32	2,889.98																																																																	
Ince Blundell	966.97	1,128.14	1,289.30	1,450.46	1,772.78	2,095.11	2,417.43	2,900.92																																																																	

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Little Altcar	965.22	1,126.09	1,286.96	1,447.83	1,769.57	2,091.31	2,413.05	2,895.66
Lydiate	1,006.41	1,174.14	1,341.88	1,509.61	1,845.08	2,180.55	2,516.02	3,019.22
Maghull	1,021.22	1,191.42	1,361.63	1,531.83	1,872.24	2,212.64	2,553.05	3,063.66
Melling	972.62	1,134.72	1,296.83	1,458.93	1,783.14	2,107.34	2,431.55	2,917.86
Sefton	969.41	1,130.97	1,292.54	1,454.11	1,777.25	2,100.38	2,423.52	2,908.22
Thornton	962.96	1,123.45	1,283.95	1,444.44	1,765.43	2,086.41	2,407.40	2,888.88
All Other Parts of the Council's Area	959.03	1,118.86	1,278.70	1,438.54	1,758.22	2,077.89	2,397.57	2,877.08

- (20) it be noted that for the year 2017/2018 the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire and Rescue 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:

Proportion of Band D	Property Valuation Band							
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Precepting Authority</u>								
Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority	49.56	57.82	66.08	74.34	90.86	107.38	123.90	148.68
Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner	110.65	129.09	147.53	165.97	202.85	239.73	276.62	331.94

- (21) the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2017/2018 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Proportion of Band D	Property Valuation Band							
	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Parish</u>								
Aintree Village	1,139.05	1,328.89	1,518.73	1,708.57	2,088.25	2,467.93	2,847.62	3,417.14
Formby	1,124.58	1,312.00	1,499.43	1,686.86	2,061.72	2,436.57	2,811.44	3,373.72
Hightown	1,123.54	1,310.79	1,498.05	1,685.30	2,059.81	2,434.32	2,808.84	3,370.60
Ince Blundell	1,127.18	1,315.05	1,502.91	1,690.77	2,066.49	2,442.22	2,817.95	3,381.54
Little Altcar	1,125.43	1,313.00	1,500.57	1,688.14	2,063.28	2,438.42	2,813.57	3,376.28

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Lydiate	1,166.62	1,361.05	1,555.49	1,749.92	2,138.79	2,527.66	2,916.54	3,499.84
Maghull	1,181.43	1,378.33	1,575.24	1,772.14	2,165.95	2,559.75	2,953.57	3,544.28
Melling	1,132.83	1,321.63	1,510.44	1,699.24	2,076.85	2,454.45	2,832.07	3,398.48
Sefton	1,129.62	1,317.88	1,506.15	1,694.42	2,070.96	2,447.49	2,824.04	3,388.84
Thornton	1,123.17	1,310.36	1,497.56	1,684.75	2,059.14	2,433.52	2,807.92	3,369.50
<u>All Other Parts of the Council's Area</u>	1,119.24	1,305.77	1,492.31	1,678.85	2,051.93	2,425.00	2,798.09	3,357.70

- (22) the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2017/2018 is not deemed to be excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

89. VEXATIOUS OR UNFOCUSED COMPLAINTS AND DATA REQUESTS

Further to Minute No. 33 of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 7 December 2016, the Council considered the report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance which provided details of a proposed policy and procedure for dealing with Vexatious or Unfocused Complaints and Data Requests.

It was moved by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor McGinnity and following debate

RESOLVED:

That the policy and procedure for dealing with Vexatious or Unfocused Complaints and Data Requests be approved.

90. CCTV POLICY STATEMENT

Further to Minute No. 34 of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 7 December 2016, the Council considered the report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance which provided details of the draft CCTV Policy Statement.

It was moved by Councillor Roche, seconded by Councillor McGinnity and

RESOLVED:

That the CCTV Policy Statement as set out in Annex A to the report be approved.

91. LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYORAL ELECTION - APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER

The Council considered the report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance which indicated that the Council was required to appoint a Local Returning Officer in respect of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayoral Election to take place on Thursday 4 May 2017, in accordance with the Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 which provides that each constituent authority must appoint one of its officers to act as the Local Returning Officer for the combined authority mayoral election.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Fairclough and

RESOLVED:

That Margaret Carney, Chief Executive, be appointed to act as the Local Returning Officer in respect of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayoral Election to take place on Thursday 4 May 2017.

92. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 85 - ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Further to Minute No. 45 of the meeting held on 22 September 2016, the Council considered the report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance which requested the Council to approve and authorise the absence of Councillor Ball from attendance at Council and Committee Meetings pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was moved by Councillor Maher, seconded by Councillor Dutton and

RESOLVED:

That the current absence from all Council and Committee Meetings of Councillor Ball due to ill-health be authorised and approved for a six month period until the Council meeting on 21 September 2017, pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

93. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2016/17

Councillor Hands proposed the following change:

- Councillor Keith to replace Councillor Jo Barton as the Substitute Member for Councillor Pullin on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)

RESOLVED:

That the change to the membership of the Committee be approved.

94. MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR MAHER

It was moved by Councillor Maher and seconded by Councillor Murphy:

Levy of a Financial Transactions Tax

“This Council notes the suffering forced upon local residents as a result of this Government’s cuts programme and asserts that there is an alternative to its ideologically driven attack on public services – namely the levy of a Financial Transactions Tax (FTT) on the speculative activities that have accelerated the recent enrichment of the few to the detriment of the many.

The Council therefore calls upon Government to enact the FTT and use the revenues from this measure to reverse ongoing shrinkage in central grants to our Council.

This Council believes that:-

- Revenues from the FTT could help repair the damage caused by cuts in public services since 2010;
- Local government deserves to receive a significant proportion of FTT revenues, making an important contribution to both capital and revenue expenditure such as reversing cuts to council tax benefits; and
- Whilst an FTT might have a negligible effect on jobs in the City of London, investing FTT revenues in a smart and progressive way would see a significant increase in employment levels in other sectors.

This Council resolves that:-

- The UK Government should extend the current FTT on shares to other asset classes, such as bonds and derivatives.

This Council further resolves to:-

- Write to the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Chancellor and Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government stating this Council’s support for extending FTTs; and
- Write to all local MPs outlining the Council’s position.”

An **amendment** was moved by Councillor Bill Welsh, seconded by Councillor Shaw that the Motion be amended as follows;

deleting all of the text in the 3rd bullet point which starts "Whilst an FTT might have a negligible effect on jobs in the City of London..." and substituting the following text:

- *"Investing FTT revenues in a smart and progressive way would see a significant increase in employment levels in other sectors apart from the financial sector."*

and insert a 4th bullet point after this, to read as follows:

- *"There are concerns that the unilateral extension of the FTT in the UK would have a negative impact on the UK financial sector resulting in its shrinkage and consequent reduction in other tax revenues which might outweigh the gain from the FTT by a significant margin. Therefore to avoid trades moving from the City of London to other global financial centres it is proposed that a common FTT should be negotiated and introduced simultaneously across the main, global financial centres."*

Then following "This Council resolves that:-", change the text of the bullet point starting "The UK Government should extend the current FTT..." to the following:-

"The UK Government should work with the main, global financial centres to introduce a common FTT which would come into operation at the same time in each centre. This FTT would include trades in shares, bonds and derivatives.

On a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the amendment was **lost** by 44 votes to 12.

Thereafter, on a show of hands, the Mayor declared that the Motion was carried by 39 votes to 5 with 12 abstentions and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Motion be approved.

95. MOTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BRADSHAW

It was moved by Councillor Bradshaw, seconded by Councillor Maher and unanimously

RESOLVED:

Footbridge at the junction of Dunnings Bridge Road and Park Lane, Netherpton

This Council calls on Highways England to halt their plan to replace the footbridge at the junction of Dunnings Bridge Road and Park Lane,

Netherton with a pedestrian crossing and ensure that either a refurbishment of the existing footbridge or a new footbridge is put in place.

This junction is on one of the busiest roads in the country and has on one side a primary school and the other side a Day centre and we believe that the safety of our local children, vulnerable people and other local residents is critical. It is vital that urgent action is taken to halt this plan with immediate effect.

As such, we request the Chief Executive of the Council to contact the Chief Executive of Highways England seeking intervention to halt this ill-conceived plan immediately and ensure that any replacement at this road junction is a footbridge.