



BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN HALL
DUKE STREET
BARROW-IN-FURNESS

23rd February, 2015

To: The Members of Barrow Borough Council

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at the TOWN HALL, BARROW on TUESDAY the 3RD day of MARCH, 2015 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM for the transaction of the business specified below.

Executive Director

Prior to the business of the meeting, Prayers will be offered.

Business

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

2. MINUTES. To confirm the Minutes of the Council's proceedings held on 20th January, 2015.

To expedite the business of the meeting, Members are requested to give the Executive Director adequate notice of any Amendment which they propose to raise.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader or Head of Paid Service.
5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN.
6. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2015-2016 AND THE OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE.
7. SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 2015.
8. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Council has agreed that time be set aside for questions to the Leader of the Council.

Standing Order 10.2 and 10.4 set out the procedure for questions to the Leader and the notice period required.

The Leader will also take any questions without notice relevant to the reports and minutes detailed on the agenda.

9. TO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, THAT IS TO SAY:

That the Council authorises the fixing of its Common Seal to any documents to give effect to the Minutes and proceedings of the Committees submitted to or approved by this meeting and any other matters dealt with at this meeting.

To expedite the business of the meeting, Members are requested to give the Executive Director adequate notice of any Amendment which they propose to raise.

COUNCIL	Agenda Item 5
Date of Meeting: 3rd March, 2015	
Reporting Officer: Executive Director	
<p>REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <p>The following recommendations are submitted for consideration by the Council.</p> <p><u>Executive Committee – 21st January, 2015</u></p> <p>The recommendations set out below are those determined by the Executive Committee on 21st January, 2015.</p> <p>1.0 The Housing Revenue Account 2015-16</p> <p>1.1 Recommendations:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">To recommend the Council:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note information at point (1) of the report; 2. To note the information on balances and Voluntary Repayment Provision at point (2) of the report; 3. To agree the Dwelling Rent and Garage Rent increases of 2.2% at point (3) of the report and note the information at Appendix B of the report; 4. To note the information in point (4) of the report and agree 2015/16 budgets as shown in Appendix A of the report; and 5. To note the information at point (5) of the report. <p>2.0 Budget Proposals 2015-16</p> <p>2.1 Recommendations:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree the proposed budget consultation process as referred to in the report; 	

Decision (Recommended to Council):

To recommend the Council:-

- 2. To set the 2015-2016 General Fund Revenue Budget as £11,471,040 including £94,110 for parish precepts and agree the movements in reserves set out in paragraph 5.8;**
- 3. To agree that Council Tax was not increased for 2015-2016;**
- 4. To agree that establishment matters, be delegated to the Executive Director and the Director of Resources as set out in paragraph 5.1.1;**
- 5. To agree the increases in fees and charges referred to in paragraph 6.6;**
- 6. To approve the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2015-2016 referred to in Section B;**
- 7. To approve the Capital Programme for 2014-2015 to 2017-2018 as referred to in Section D; and**
- 8. To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2015-2016 to 2017-2018 as referred to in Section E.**

Background Papers

Nil.

COUNCIL	Agenda Item 6
Date of Meeting: 3rd March, 2015	
Reporting Officer: Director of Resources	
<p>Title: General Fund Revenue Budget 2015-2016 and the Outcome of the Public Consultation Exercise</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>This report confirms the General Fund revenue budget after the Government financial settlement confirmation and the outcome of the public consultation process relating to the budget proposals.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <p>Members are recommended -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the decisions of the Executive Committee on 21st January, 2015, in relation to the budget for 2015-2016; 2. To note that the public consultation period has ended; and 3. To note Minute No. 31 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29th January, 2015. 	

Report

This report confirms the General Fund revenue budget, which has not been altered since it was presented to the Executive Committee on 21st January, 2015, as £11,471,040.

The report also contains the outcome of the public consultation and the budget report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Public consultation

As agreed at the Executive Committee on 21st January, 2015, a public consultation has been carried out from 22nd January, 2015 to 18th February, 2015 by publishing the Budget Proposals on the Council's website and inviting comments. There have been no responses to report.

The budget proposals were reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29th January, 2015. At this meeting, Members of the Committee were supportive

of the budget proposals. An extract of the Minutes referring to the budget proposals are attached at **Appendix 1**.

Background Papers

Nil.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting, Thursday, 29th January, 2015
at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillors Roberts (Chairman), Cassidy (Vice-Chairman), Hamilton, Johnston, C. Thomson and M. A. Thomson.

Officers Present:- Sue Roberts (Director of Resources), John Penfold (Corporate Support Manager), Keely Fisher (Democratic Services Officer) and Matthew Tranter (Apprentice).

REFERRED ITEMS

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION

31 – Budget Proposals 2015-2016

The Director of Resources reported that the Executive Committee had considered the budget proposals for 2015-2016 on 21st January, 2015 and their recommendations would be before Council on 3rd March, 2015.

Members of this Committee had the opportunity to scrutinise the budget proposals and raise any concerns or comments to full Council at the meeting on 3rd March, 2015.

The Executive Committee report with the related appendices had been appended to the Director's report.

It was moved by Councillor M. A. Thomson and seconded by Councillor Hamilton that the budget proposals for 2015-2016 be agreed and it was;

RECOMMENDED:- That the budget proposals for 2015-2016 be agreed.

COUNCIL	Agenda Item 7
Date of Meeting: 3rd March, 2015	
Reporting Officer: Director of Resources	
<p>Title: Setting the Council Tax for the year commencing 1st April, 2015</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to calculate and set the Council Tax for the year 2015-2016.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <p>Members are recommended –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria's precept is subject to approval. Should the figures be changed, an update will be provided at the meeting; and 2. To approve the formal Council Tax resolutions as detailed in Section VII of the report. 	

Report

Calculating and setting the Council Tax for 2015-2016

Introduction

The calculation and setting of the Council Tax for the Borough area is closely prescribed by legislation. This report sets out the individual components of the calculation and concludes with the formal resolution in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Budget

At this meeting the Council is considering the approval of the 2015-2016 General Fund revenue budget of £11,471,040; this includes £94,110 of Parish Council precepts.

The Council's budget is the amount required to meet the years estimated expenditure net of any income raised in fees and charges or service specific grant funding.

The budget includes the following precepts issued by the Parish Councils for 2015-2016:

Precept	£
Dalton with Newton Town Council	65,690
Askam and Ireleth Parish Council	24,970
Lindal and Marton Parish Council	3,450
Total parish precepts	94,110

The Council Tax Requirement for the Borough is £3,918,260 made up as follows:

Item	£
General Fund revenue budget	11,376,930
Less general grants	(7,310,090)
Less the Collection Fund surplus	(148,580)
Council Tax Requirement excluding parish precepts	3,918,260
Plus the parish precepts	94,110
The Council Tax Requirement	4,012,370

The legislation requires the Council's revenue budget to be grossed up to show the estimated total expenditure and income for 2015-2016:

Item	£
Total gross expenditure	59,004,520
Total gross income	(54,992,150)
The Council Tax Requirement	4,012,370

Council Tax Base

The following Council Tax Bases for the Borough and the parished areas have been set for 2015-2016 as notified to the Executive Committee on 21st January, 2015:

Whole Area	18,061.47
Dalton with Newton	2,217.03
Askam and Ireleth	1,032.61
Lindal and Marton	255.27

Calculation of the Basic Council Tax for the Borough Council

The Council's Basic Amount of Council Tax for Band D dwellings is calculated as follows:

The Council Tax Requirement excluding parishes	£3,918,260
Divided by the Council Tax Base for the Whole Area	18,061.47
Gives the Basic Amount of Council Tax	£216.94

This Band D rate of Council Tax is, in effect, an average across the parished and unparished areas of the Borough. The statutory calculation then arrives at the Basic Amounts of Council Tax (for Band D dwellings) for the individual areas as follows:

Area	Basic Amount
Barrow (unparished)	£216.94
Dalton with Newton Parish	£246.57
Askam and Ireleth Parish	£241.12
Lindal and Marton Parish	£230.42

Table 1 in Section VII.4 shows the tax amounts for each band and parish in the Council's area.

Cumbria County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria precepts and amounts of Council Tax

Cumbria County Council set its budget for 2015-2016 resulting in a precept of £21,395,795. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria set its budget with a precept of £3,839,507. See Table 2 in Section VIII.5 for the banded amounts of Council Tax.

Setting the Council Tax

The calculated Borough, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria and Cumbria County Council elements are added to calculate the composite Council Tax. The Council Tax for each category of dwellings is shown in table 3 in Section VII.6. After setting the Council Tax, the Council is required to advertise the amounts within 21 days in at least one local newspaper.

Schedule of precept instalments

The precepts issued by Cumbria County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria are payable in equal monthly instalments on dates to be agreed with the two authorities. The Borough Council's demand will be paid to the General Fund by instalments on the same dates. The three parish precepts will be paid over in full on the April precept payment date.

Instalment dates

Council Tax and NNDR bills are payable in ten instalments. The payment dates, which will maximise cash flow, are as follows; these may have to be adjusted in the event of any delay in issuing bills:

Instalment	Date	Instalment	Date
1	1 st April 2015	6	1 st September 2015
2	1 st May 2015	7	1 st October 2015
3	1 st June 2015	8	1 st November 2015
4	1 st July 2015	9	1 st December 2015
5	1 st August 2015	10	1 st January 2016

Resolutions

Members are recommended to adopt the following resolutions:

1. It be noted that on 21st January, 2015, the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for the year 2015-2016 in accordance with Regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act):
 - a. for the whole Borough area as 18,061.47 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulation 1992, as its Council Tax Base for the year;
 - b. for dwellings in those parts of the Borough area to which a Parish Precept relates:

Dalton with Newton	2,217.03
Askam and Ireleth	1,032.61
Lindal and Marton	255.27

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation, 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.

2. That the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015-2016 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £3,918,260.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015-2016 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:
 - a. £59,004,520 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. £54,992,150 being the aggregate of the amounts, which the Council estimates for the items, set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act;
 - c. £4,012,370 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.
 - d. £216.94 being the amount at 3(c) above, all divided by the item at 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 Council precepts).

- e. £94,110 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Council precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- f. £216.94 being the Basic Amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates as set out in Section 52ZX of the Act.

4. **Table 1** – Council Tax for parts of the Council's Area:

Band	Ratio	Barrow £.p	Dalton with Newton £.p	Askam and Ireleth £.p	Lindal and Marton £.p
A	6/9	144.63	164.38	160.75	153.61
B	7/9	168.73	191.78	187.54	179.22
C	8/9	192.84	219.17	214.33	204.82
D	9/9	216.94	246.57	241.12	230.42
E	11/9	265.15	301.36	294.70	281.62
F	13/9	313.36	356.16	348.28	332.83
G	15/9	361.57	410.95	401.87	384.03
H	18/9	433.88	493.14	482.24	460.84

5. That it be noted that for the year 2015-2016, Cumbria County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in **Table 2** below:

Band	Cumbria County Council £.p	Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria £.p
A	789.74	141.72
B	921.36	165.34
C	1,052.99	188.96
D	1,184.61	212.58
E	1,447.86	259.82
F	1,711.10	307.06
G	1,974.35	354.30
H	2,369.22	425.16

6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in **Table 3** below as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2015-2016 for each of the categories of dwellings:

Band	Barrow £.p	Dalton with Newton £.p	Askam and Ireleth £.p	Lindal and Marton £.p
A	1,076.09	1,095.84	1,092.21	1,085.07
B	1,255.43	1,278.48	1,274.24	1,265.92
C	1,434.79	1,461.12	1,456.28	1,446.77
D	1,614.13	1,643.76	1,638.31	1,627.61
E	1,972.83	2,009.04	2,002.38	1,989.30
F	2,331.52	2,374.32	2,366.44	2,350.99
G	2,690.22	2,739.60	2,730.52	2,712.68
H	3,228.26	3,287.52	3,276.62	3,255.22

7. Determine that, in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council's Basic Amount of Council Tax for 2015-2016 of £216.94 compared to £216.94 for the previous year (no increase) is not excessive.

Background Papers

Nil.