

Minutes of Council

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 2 March 2021, starting at 6.30 pm
Present: Councillor S Brunskill (Chair)

Councillors:

J Alcock	S Hirst
S Atkinson	B Holden
T Austin	S Hore
R Bennett	A Humpheys
D Berryman	A Knox
S Bibby	S Knox
D Birtwhistle	G Mirfin
A Brown	R Newmark
I Brown	D O'Rourke
B Buller	S O'Rourke
S Carefoot	D Peat
J Clark	S Rainford
L Edge	M Robinson
R Elms	J Rogerson
S Fletcher	J Schumann
M French	G Scott
B Hilton	R Sherras
M Hindle	R Thompson

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Community Services, Director of Economic Development and Planning, Director of Resources and Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Heakin opened the meeting with prayers.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillor J Hill.

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DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There was no public participation.

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TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported that there had been no Mayoral duties due to the Covid pandemic, however the Mayor had taken the opportunity to reflect on the work of the

volunteers and the efforts of Councillors and officers to support businesses and the community throughout the Ribble Valley.

1005 STATUTORY BUDGET CONSULTATION WITH BUSINESS RATEPAYER REPRESENTATIVES

Consideration was given to the written report of the Director of Resources referring to consultation with business ratepayer representatives. As it had not been possible to arrange a meeting in person, a budget report had been circulated to the Whalley Chamber of Trade, Clitheroe Chamber of Trade and the Love Longridge Business Group. There had been no response from the Whalley Chamber of Trade or the Clitheroe Chamber of Trade. The Love Longridge Business Group had responded with some areas for consideration. The Leader confirmed that these would be explored over the next 12 months through the committees of the Council.

1006 REVENUE BUDGET 2021/22 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22 TO 2024/25 AND SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH CATEGORY OF DWELLING IN THE COUNCIL'S AREA FOR 2021/22

Consideration was given to the written report of the Director of Resources concerning the budget for 2021/22 and the setting of the different amounts of Council Tax for different parts of the Council's area where special items applied (Parish Precepts).

The report set out the budget summary of the financial year 2021/22 which contained details of revenue and capital requirements. Approval of the budget proposals contained in the report was proposed by Councillor S Atkinson and seconded by Councillor S Hore.

The Leader presented his budget speech outlining the key economic issues that had been taken into account in setting the budget and the impact of the pandemic.

As a consequence, Policy and Finance Committee had recommended a freeze on Council Tax for the financial year 2021/22.

The Leader recommended the Council's budget and Council Tax for 2021/22.

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, proposed on an amendment to the budget with regard to bringing 3 new earmarked reserves into the budget as follows:

Reserve to ensure continuation of Local Council Tax Support Scheme £150 hardship grants for 2021/22	£300,000
Funded from Business Rate Growth Reserve	£300,000
Reserve to support Carbon Reduction Measures	£200,000
Funded from New Homes Bonus Reserve	£200,000
Reserve to support post Covid-19 local economy recovery measures	£500,000
Funded from Business Rate Growth Reserve OR from the COVID-19 funding the Government has awarded the Council to assist in its role in response to the pandemic which may be unallocated or unused at 31 March 2021.	£500,000

A recorded vote was taken on the budget amendment.

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Apologies
J Alcock		x		
S Atkinson		x		
A Austin		x		
R Bennett		x		
D Berryman		x		
S Bibby		x		
D Birtwhistle			x	
A Brown		x		
I Brown		x		
S Brunskill (Mayor)		x		
R Buller	x			
S Carefoot		x		
J Clark		x		
L Edge		x		
R Elms		x		
S Fletcher	x			
M French	x			
J Hill				x
B Hilton		x		
M Hindle		x		
S Hirst		x		
B Holden		x		
S Hore		x		
A Humphreys		x		
A Knox	x			
S Knox	x			
G Mirfin		x		
R Newmark		x		
D O'Rourke	x			
S O'Rourke	x			
D Peat		x		
S Rainford		x		
M Robinson	x			
J Rogerson (Dep Mayor)		x		
J Schumann	x			
G Scott		x		
R Sherras		x		
R Thompson			x	

Total Votes Cast	For	Against	Abstain	Apologies
	9	26	2	1

The amendment was lost.

Members then returned to the substantive motion. A recorded vote was taken.

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Apologies
J Alcock	x			
S Atkinson	x			
A Austin	x			
R Bennett	x			
D Berryman	x			
S Bibby	x			
D Birtwhistle	x			
A Brown	x			
I Brown	x			
S Brunskill (Mayor)	x			
R Buller		x		
S Carefoot	x			
J Clark	x			
L Edge	x			
R Elms	x			
S Fletcher			x	
M French			x	
J Hill				x
B Hilton	x			
M Hindle	x			
S Hirst	x			
B Holden	x			
S Hore	x			
A Humphreys	x			
A Knox			x	
S Knox			x	
G Mirfin	x			
R Newmark	x			
D O'Rourke			x	
S O'Rourke			x	
D Peat	x			

	For	Against	Abstain	Apologies
S Rainford	x			
M Robinson			x	
J Rogerson (Dep Mayor)	x			
J Schumann			x	
G Scott	x			
R Sherras	x			
R Thompson	x			
Total Votes Cast	For	Against	Abstain	Apologies
	28	1	8	1

The motion was carried and it was

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 2020/21 and the revenue estimates for 2021/22;
 - b) the revised capital programme for 2020/21 and the forward capital programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25.
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 2021/22, 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) £24,007 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	470
Balderstone	199
Barrow	618
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	210
Billington & Langho	2,149
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	487
Bowland Forest (High)	72
Bowland Forest (Low)	80
Bowland with Leagram	84
Chatburn	391

Chipping	519
Clayton le Dale	515
Clitheroe	5,705
Dinckley	47
Downham	50
Dutton	105
Gisburn	227
Grindleton	359
Horton	50
Hothersall	76
Longridge	2,944
Mearley	8
Mellor	985
Newsholme	20
Newton	144
Osbaldeston	105
Paythorne	44
Pendleton	112
Ramsgreave	283
Read	581
Ribchester	662
Rimington & Middop	233
Sabden	543
Salesbury	191
Simonstone	502
Slaidburn & Easington	152
Thornley with Wheatley	169
Twiston	35
Waddington	451
West Bradford	367
Whalley	1,758
Wilpshire	1,079
Wiswell	181
Worston	45
	24,007

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 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) is £3,737,650.
5. Calculate the following amounts for 2021/22, in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - a) £30,475,876 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) £26,234,617 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- c) £4,241,259 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) £176.67 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) £503,609 Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- f) £155.69 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	168.46
Balderstone	175.79
Barrow	179.04
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	163.42
Billington & Langho	165.91
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	190.60
Bowland Forest Higher	185.79
Bowland Forest Lower	170.69
Bowland with Leagram	166.40
Chatburn	184.77
Chipping	172.41
Clayton le Dale	161.52
Clitheroe	176.21
Dinckley	155.69
Downham	155.69
Dutton	160.45
Gisburn	179.92
Grindleton	177.97
Horton	155.69

Parts of the Council's area	£
Hothersall	168.85
Longridge	182.56
Mearley	155.69
Mellor	181.07
Newsholme	155.69
Newton	169.58
Osbaldeston	165.21
Paythorne	155.69
Pendleton	169.98
Ramsgreave	167.34
Read	174.34
Ribchester	170.53
Rimington & Middop	183.59
Sabden	184.93
Salesbury	180.82
Simonstone	172.42
Slaidburn & Easington	169.18
Thornley with Wheatley	164.57
Twiston	155.69
Waddington	185.62
West Bradford	176.10
Whalley	190.29
Wilpshire	173.04
Wiswell	193.73
Worston	155.69

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:

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	112.30	131.02	149.74	168.46	205.90	243.34	280.76	336.92
Balderstone	117.19	136.72	156.26	175.79	214.86	253.92	292.98	351.58
Barrow	119.36	139.25	159.15	179.04	218.83	258.62	298.40	358.08
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	108.94	127.10	145.26	163.42	199.74	236.06	272.36	326.84

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Billington & Langho	110.60	129.04	147.47	165.91	202.78	239.65	276.51	331.82
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	127.06	148.24	169.42	190.60	232.96	275.32	317.66	381.20
Bowland Forest Higher	123.86	144.50	165.15	185.79	227.08	268.37	309.65	371.58
Bowland Forest Lower	113.79	132.76	151.72	170.69	208.62	246.56	284.48	341.38
Bowland with Leagram	110.93	129.42	147.91	166.40	203.38	240.36	277.33	332.80
Chatburn	123.18	143.71	164.24	184.77	225.83	266.89	307.95	369.54
Chipping	114.94	134.09	153.25	172.41	210.73	249.04	287.35	344.82
Clayton le Dale	107.68	125.62	143.57	161.52	197.42	233.31	269.20	323.04
Clitheroe	117.47	137.05	156.63	176.21	215.37	254.53	293.68	352.42
Dinckley	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Downham	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Dutton	106.96	124.79	142.62	160.45	196.11	231.77	267.41	320.90
Gisburn	119.94	139.94	159.93	179.92	219.90	259.89	299.86	359.84
Grindleton	118.64	138.42	158.19	177.97	217.52	257.07	296.61	355.94
Horton	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Hothersall	112.56	131.33	150.09	168.85	206.37	243.90	281.41	337.70
Longridge	121.70	141.99	162.27	182.56	223.13	263.70	304.26	365.12
Mearley	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Mellor	120.71	140.83	160.95	181.07	221.31	261.55	301.78	362.14
Newsholme	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Newton	113.05	131.89	150.74	169.58	207.27	244.95	282.63	339.16
Osbaldeston	110.14	128.49	146.85	165.21	201.93	238.64	275.35	330.42
Paythorne	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Pendleton	113.32	132.20	151.09	169.98	207.76	245.53	283.30	339.96
Ramsgreave	111.56	130.15	148.75	167.34	204.53	241.72	278.90	334.68
Read	116.22	135.60	154.97	174.34	213.08	251.83	290.56	348.68
Ribchester	113.68	132.63	151.58	170.53	208.43	246.33	284.21	341.06
Rimington & Middop	122.39	142.79	163.19	183.59	224.39	265.19	305.98	367.18
Sabden	123.28	143.83	164.38	184.93	226.03	267.13	308.21	369.86
Salesbury	120.54	140.64	160.73	180.82	221.00	261.19	301.36	361.64
Simonstone	114.94	134.10	153.26	172.42	210.74	249.06	287.36	344.84
Slaidburn & Easington	112.78	131.58	150.38	169.18	206.78	244.38	281.96	338.36
Thornley with Wheatley	109.71	128.00	146.28	164.57	201.14	237.72	274.28	329.14
Twiston	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38
Waddington	123.74	144.37	164.99	185.62	226.87	268.12	309.36	371.24
West Bradford	117.40	136.96	156.53	176.10	215.24	254.37	293.50	352.20
Whalley	126.86	148.00	169.15	190.29	232.58	274.87	317.15	380.58
Wilpshire	115.36	134.58	153.81	173.04	211.50	249.95	288.40	346.08
Wiswell	129.15	150.68	172.20	193.73	236.78	279.84	322.88	387.46

	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Worston	103.79	121.09	138.39	155.69	190.29	224.89	259.48	311.38

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 2021/22 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 £	
970.79	1,132.59	1,294.39	1,456.19	1,779.79	2,103.39	2,426.98	2,912.38	

7. Note, that for 2021/22 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 £	
150.97	176.13	201.29	226.45	276.77	327.09	377.42	452.90	

8. Note, that for 2021/22 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 £	
48.18	56.21	64.24	72.27	88.33	104.39	120.45	144.54	

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 2021/22 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

VALUATION BANDS								
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley	1,282.24	1,495.95	1,709.66	1,923.37	2,350.79	2,778.21	3,205.61	3,846.74

VALUATION BANDS								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balderstone	1,287.13	1,501.65	1,716.18	1,930.70	2,359.75	2,788.79	3,217.83	3,861.40
Barrow	1,289.30	1,504.18	1,719.07	1,933.95	2,363.72	2,793.49	3,223.25	3,867.90
Bashall Eaves, Great Mitton & Little Mitton	1,278.88	1,492.03	1,705.18	1,918.33	2,344.63	2,770.93	3,197.21	3,836.66
Billington & Langho	1,280.54	1,493.97	1,707.39	1,920.82	2,347.67	2,774.52	3,201.36	3,841.64
Bolton by Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley	1,297.00	1,513.17	1,729.34	1,945.51	2,377.85	2,810.19	3,242.51	3,891.02
Bowland Forest (High)	1,293.80	1,509.43	1,725.07	1,940.70	2,371.97	2,803.24	3,234.50	3,881.40
Bowland Forest (Low)	1,283.73	1,497.69	1,711.64	1,925.60	2,353.51	2,781.43	3,209.33	3,851.20
Bowland with Leagram	1,280.87	1,494.35	1,707.83	1,921.31	2,348.27	2,775.23	3,202.18	3,842.62
Chatburn	1,293.12	1,508.64	1,724.16	1,939.68	2,370.72	2,801.76	3,232.80	3,879.36
Chipping	1,284.88	1,499.02	1,713.17	1,927.32	2,355.62	2,783.91	3,212.20	3,854.64
Clayton le Dale	1,277.62	1,490.55	1,703.49	1,916.43	2,342.31	2,768.18	3,194.05	3,832.86
Clitheroe	1,287.41	1,501.98	1,716.55	1,931.12	2,360.26	2,789.40	3,218.53	3,862.24
Dinckley	1,273.73	1,486.02	1,698.31	1,910.60	2,335.18	2,759.76	3,184.33	3,821.20
Downham	1,273.73	1,486.02	1,698.31	1,910.60	2,335.18	2,759.76	3,184.33	3,821.20
Dutton	1,276.90	1,489.72	1,702.54	1,915.36	2,341.00	2,766.64	3,192.26	3,830.72
Gisburn	1,289.88	1,504.87	1,719.85	1,934.83	2,364.79	2,794.76	3,224.71	3,869.66
Grindleton	1,288.58	1,503.35	1,718.11	1,932.88	2,362.41	2,791.94	3,221.46	3,865.76
Horton	1,273.73	1,486.02	1,698.31	1,910.60	2,335.18	2,759.76	3,184.33	3,821.20
Hothersall	1,282.50	1,496.26	1,710.01	1,923.76	2,351.26	2,778.77	3,206.26	3,847.52
Longridge	1,291.64	1,506.92	1,722.19	1,937.47	2,368.02	2,798.57	3,229.11	3,874.94
Mearley	1,273.73	1,486.02	1,698.31	1,910.60	2,335.18	2,759.76	3,184.33	3,821.20
Mellor	1,290.65	1,505.76	1,720.87	1,935.98	2,366.20	2,796.42	3,226.63	3,871.96
Newsholme	1,273.73	1,486.02	1,698.31	1,910.60	2,335.18	2,759.76	3,184.33	3,821.20
Newton	1,282.99	1,496.82	1,710.66	1,924.49	2,352.16	2,779.82	3,207.48	3,848.98
Osbaldeston	1,280.08	1,493.42	1,706.77	1,920.12	2,346.82	2,773.51	3,200.20	3,840.24
Paythorne	1,273.73	1,486.02	1,698.31	1,910.60	2,335.18	2,759.76	3,184.33	3,821.20
Pendleton	1,283.26	1,497.13	1,711.01	1,924.89	2,352.65	2,780.40	3,208.15	3,849.78
Ramsgreave	1,281.50	1,495.08	1,708.67	1,922.25	2,349.42	2,776.59	3,203.75	3,844.50
Read	1,286.16	1,500.53	1,714.89	1,929.25	2,357.97	2,786.70	3,215.41	3,858.50
Ribchester	1,283.62	1,497.56	1,711.50	1,925.44	2,353.32	2,781.20	3,209.06	3,850.88
Rimington & Middop	1,292.33	1,507.72	1,723.11	1,938.50	2,369.28	2,800.06	3,230.83	3,877.00
Sabden	1,293.22	1,508.76	1,724.30	1,939.84	2,370.92	2,802.00	3,233.06	3,879.68
Salesbury	1,290.48	1,505.57	1,720.65	1,935.73	2,365.89	2,796.06	3,226.21	3,871.46

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Simonstone	1,284.88	1,499.03	1,713.18	1,927.33	2,355.63	2,783.93	3,212.21	3,854.66
Slaidburn & Easington	1,282.72	1,496.51	1,710.30	1,924.09	2,351.67	2,779.25	3,206.81	3,848.18
Thornley with Wheatley	1,279.65	1,492.93	1,706.20	1,919.48	2,346.03	2,772.59	3,199.13	3,838.96
Twiston	1,273.73	1,486.02	1,698.31	1,910.60	2,335.18	2,759.76	3,184.33	3,821.20
Waddington	1,293.68	1,509.30	1,724.91	1,940.53	2,371.76	2,802.99	3,234.21	3,881.06
West Bradford	1,287.34	1,501.89	1,716.45	1,931.01	2,360.13	2,789.24	3,218.35	3,862.02
Whalley	1,296.80	1,512.93	1,729.07	1,945.20	2,377.47	2,809.74	3,242.00	3,890.40
Wilpshire	1,285.30	1,499.51	1,713.73	1,927.95	2,356.39	2,784.82	3,213.25	3,855.90
Wiswell	1,299.09	1,515.61	1,732.12	1,948.64	2,381.67	2,814.71	3,247.73	3,897.28
Worston	1,273.73	1,486.02	1,698.31	1,910.60	2,335.18	2,759.76	3,184.33	3,821.20

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LEADER'S REPORT AND QUESTION TIME

The Leader began by paying tribute to Councillor Bridget Hilton who would be retiring from the Council after 14 years of service and thanked her for her dedication and commitment to the Council.

The Leader reported on two major infrastructure projects that would impact on the borough, namely the Haweswater Aqueduct Renewal Programme and a BT Openreach Project to create full fibre connection from the Clitheroe Exchange.

The Leader went on to report on the continuing work that was being done to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic and highlighted a number of actions that had been undertaken eg the Community Hub work, the appointment of Enforcement Officers to make sure that businesses complied with Covid-19 Regulations, the payment of grants to local businesses, the lateral flow testing that had been sent up in the Council Chamber and the PCR testing sites that had been set up on Council car parks.

He praised the efforts of all staff that had helped the Council respond to challenges brought about by the pandemic and thanked everyone involved for their contribution, hard work and commitment.

Finally the Leader confirmed that as the country entered the recovery stage of the pandemic, the Council was now returning its thoughts and actions to the major strategic aims of the Council, including Committee meetings, climate change, a review of Longridge assets and supporting ongoing economic recovery in the borough.

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor A Knox, asked the Leader if he could confirm what tonnage of materials had residents put in their blue recycling bins over the last 5 years.

The Leader thanked Councillor Knox for his question and confirmed that the tonnage of materials collected from blue bins was as follows:

- 2015/16 – 2456 tonnes.
- 2016/17 – 2450 tonnes.

- 2017/18 – 2445 tonnes.
- 2018/19 – 2473 tonnes.
- 2019/20 – 2637 tonnes.

Next Councillor Knox asked if the Leader could confirm which working groups reported to Policy and Finance Committee.

The Leader confirmed that there were currently 4 working groups that came under the remit of Policy and Finance Committee. They were the Budget Working Group, Voluntary Organisations Grants, Longridge Assets and Climate Change.

Councillor Knox proposed that a fifth group be set up to deal with Covid recovery. The Leader confirmed that he supported that proposal.

Finally Councillor Knox asked the Leader if he could confirm how many people had presented themselves as homeless to the Council in each of the last 5 years.

The Leader confirmed that the numbers of households that had presented as homeless in the last 3 years were as follows:

- 2018/19 – 101.
- 2019/20 – 89.
- 2020/21 – 65.

Data prior to that period was no longer available.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (i) Community Committee - 5 January 2021
- (ii) Planning and Development Committee – 7 January 2021
- (iii) Personnel Committee 13 January 2021
- (iv) Health and Housing Committee – 14 January 2021
- (v) Policy and Finance Committee – 19 January 2021
- (vi) Economic Development Committee – 21 January 2021
- (vii) Licensing Committee – 26 January 2021
- (viii) Parish Council Liaison – 28 January 2021
- (ix) Planning and Development Committee – 4 February 2021
- (x) Accounts and Audit Committee – 10 February 2021
- (xi) Special Policy and Finance Committee – 16 February 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meetings be received with the exception of minute numbers 907, 935 and 938:

Minute 907 – Pay Policy Update

RESOLVED: That the Pay Policy Statement for 2021/2022 be approved.

Minute 935 – Review of Standing Orders

RESOLVED: That the changes to Standing Orders be approved.

Minute 938 – Investigatory Powers Commissioners Report

RESOLVED: That the amended RIPA Policy be approved.

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EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items under this heading.

The meeting closed at 7.47 pm

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