

MEETING OF THE

SPECIAL BUDGET COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 18th FEBRUARY, 2016

AT 7.00 p.m.

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT NELSON TOWN HALL

Minutes of all meetings held since the last Council meeting can be accessed via the Council's website www.pendle.gov.uk followed by the "Council" tab.

Members are reminded that it is now not necessary to submit amendments in writing prior to the start of the meeting. Members are however urged wherever possible to continue to do this so that the effect of amendments can be fully understood.

For further information please contact Jane Watson on telephone 661648.

PHILIP MOUSDALE, CORPORATE DIRECTOR

If you would like this information in a way which is better for you, please telephone us.



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AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he/she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

Members are advised that when the Council adopted the present Code of Conduct it granted a general dispensation to all members of the Council to speak and vote when considering the setting of the Council Tax under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

3. Recorded Votes

Members are reminded that in accordance with Rule 17 of the Procedure at Full Council all votes on budget issues will be recorded. This includes all motions and amendments.

4. <u>Standing Orders</u>

In accordance with normal practice the Council is invited to suspend Standing Order 14.3 to allow Group Leaders to speak on items 6 and 7 for longer than 5 minutes.

5. Robustness of Estimates and Adequacy of Financial Reserves

Enc. The Head of Central Services submits the attached report which the Council is asked to consider and have regard to when making decisions in respect of the proposed Budget for 2016/17 and associated Council Tax calculations.

6. Capital Programme 2016-2019

To approve the Capital Programme for 2016-2019.

Enc. The Financial Services Manager submits the attached report on behalf of Management Team.

7. General Fund Revenue Budget and Setting of the Council Tax 2016/17

To set the General Fund Budget Requirement and Council Tax for the Borough for 2016/17.

The Financial Services Manager submits the attached report on behalf of Management Team. **REPORT TO FOLLOW**

8. Safeguarding Adults Policy

Enc. To consider the attached report from the Strategic Director.

This report was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 9th February, 2016 where it was recommended:

"That the Safeguarding Adults Policy be recommended to Council for adoption."

9. Housing Renewal Policy

Enc. To consider the attached report from the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager.

This report was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 9th February, 2016 were it was recommended:

"That the Housing Renewal Policy be recommended to Council for adoption."

10. The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015

Enc. To consider the attached report from the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager.

This report was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 9th February, 2016 where it was recommended that Council agree:

- "(1) That the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager be authorised to exercise the Council's full enforcement powers under the "Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015" made under Section 150(1)-(6) and (10) of the energy Act 2013 and paragraph 3(a) of Schedule 4 to the Housing Act 2004 that came into force on 1st October, 2015.
- (2) That the statement of principles which the Local Authority will follow in determining the amount of a penalty charge related to a breach of the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015 be approved.
- (3) That the Council's Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy be amended to include the new regulations."