



## BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN HALL  
DUKE STREET  
BARROW-IN-FURNESS

13<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

To: The Members of Barrow Borough Council

Mr Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at the TOWN HALL, BARROW on MONDAY the 23rd day of FEBRUARY, 2009 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM for the transaction of the business specified below.

Chief Executive

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

### Business

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. A Member with a Personal Interest in a matter to be considered at this meeting must either before the matter is discussed or when the interest becomes apparent disclose:-
  - (1) the existence of that interest to the meeting;
  - (2) the nature of the interest concerned; and
  - (3) decide whether they have a prejudicial interest.

A note on declaring interests at meetings, which incorporates certain other aspects of the Code of Conduct and a pro-forma for completion where interests are disclosed accompanies the agenda and reports for this meeting.
2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN.
4. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2009/10 AND THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE.

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

5. SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 2009.

TWO VERSIONS OF THE REPORT ARE ATTACHED AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE POLICE AUTHORITY. THE CHAIRMAN WILL ANNOUNCE AT THE MEETING THE APPLICABLE REPORT.

6. 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 Chief Executive adequate notice of any Amendment which they propose to raise.**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 3</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: 23rd February, 2009</b>	
<b>Reporting Officer: Chief Executive</b>	

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The following recommendations are submitted for consideration by the Council.

### **Executive Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2009**

#### **1.0 Budget Proposals 2009-2010**

1.1 The recommendations set out below are those determined by the Executive Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.

#### **1.2 Recommendations:**

To recommend the Council:-

- (i) To adopt the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2009-10 to 2011-12;
- (ii) To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement which sets out Council's policy on MRP;
- (iii) To approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2009-10 to 2011-12, and the Treasury Prudential Indicators;
- (iv) To approve the Authorised Limit for borrowing;
- (v) To approve the Investment Strategy 2009-10 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy, and the detailed criteria including in the Part of the report;
- (vi) To approve and agree to submit the three year Capital Programme for consultation;
- (vii) To approve the General Fund budget at £13,742,000;
- (viii) To agree to increase the Council Tax by 4.5%;
- (ix) To agree to commit £500,000 from balances to reduce the impact of lower interest rates and keep the Council Tax increases to acceptable levels;

- (x) To approve the fees and charges increases generating £67,940;**
- (xi) To approve the allocation of £150,000 from the Area Based Grant to fund the cost of the Neighbourhood Management Team;**
- (xii) To approve the establishment of an annual grant to the Barrow Disability Association;**
- (xiii) To agree the proposed public consultation process;**
- (xiv) To approve the Medium Term Financial Plan;**
- (xv) To approve the recommendations of the Housing Management Forum regarding the Housing Revenue Account; and**
- (xvi) To approve the Corporate Business Plan.**

## **2.0 The Housing Revenue Account**

**To recommend the Council:-**

- (i) To note information at (1 of the report) and agree to redirect savings of c.£140,000 to the Housing Investment Programme;**
- (ii) To note the information regarding balances;**
- (iii) To agree the 2009/10 budget as presented in the report (in year surplus £52,670);**
- (iv) To agree an average increase of 5.8% in line with Rent Restructuring guidelines and note the effect on individual rents;**
- (v) To agree the increase of Garage charges of 6%;**
- (vi) To agree that Homelink charges be increased when inflationary increase had been agreed by the Supporting People Commissioning body; and**
- (vii) To agree that the ongoing principle be agreed to vary certain charges as required to reflect the full cost of the service, which include, staircase cleaning, supported tenancies, furnished tenancies and dispersed accommodations.**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2009</b>	
<b>Reporting Officer: Borough Treasurer</b>	
<p><b>Title: General Fund Revenue Budget 2009-2010 and the Outcome of the Public Consultation Exercise</b></p> <p><b>Summary and Conclusions:</b></p> <p>This report informs Council of the final budget position after the outcome of the public consultation process relating to the budget proposals.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve the decision of the Executive Committee relating to approving the budget for 2009-2010; and</li> <li>2. To note the recommendations of the Joint meeting of the Regeneration and Community Services and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committees held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009.</li> </ol>	

### **Report**

A part of the budget process is to submit the budget proposals for public consultation. The consultation was carried out from the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009 by publishing the proposals on the Council's website and circulating the documents to 31,370 households in the Borough. **Members are requested to bring their budget papers to the meeting.**

At the date of issuing this report there were 24 responses to the consultation as summarised below:

1. Consultation issue – **Do you agree the Council should use some of its reserves to offset the effect of the credit crunch?**

Of the 24 responses, 13 commented on this issue.

12 out of the 13 responses agreed that the Council should use some of its reserves to offset the effect of the credit crunch.

2. Consultation issue – **Do you think the 4.5% Council Tax increase is:**
  - Reasonable
  - Too Low
  - Too High

Of the 24 responses, 20 commented on this issue.

7 out of the 20 responses thought the increase is Reasonable.  
1 out of the 19 responses thought the increase is Too Low.  
12 out of the 19 responses thought the increase is Too High.

3. Consultation issue – **Do you agree to the proposed increase in fees and charges instead of an additional increase in the Council Tax of 1.62%?**

Of the 24 responses, 10 commented on this issue.

9 out of the 10 responses agreed to the proposed increase in fees and charges instead of an additional increase in the Council Tax of 1.62%.

4. Consultation issue – **Are there any areas or services where the Council should spend more money?**

Of the 24 responses, 15 commented on this issue.

The following Borough Council services were suggested; some identified more than one service area:

<b>Spend more money on</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Collecting council tax debts	2
Prevention of dog fouling	3
Prevention of pavement littering	1
Assistance to small businesses	1
Investment in public parks	1
Public transport subsidy	1
Allotment support	1
Traffic wardens in Dalton at key times	1
Environmental health	1
Portland Walk	1
Free town centre parking	1

7 of the responses identified areas for improvement that fall within the County Council's responsibilities:

- walks in and around the Abbey
- improving highways and pedestrian ways (x2)
- repairing highways lighting
- repairing street lights and holes in the highways
- improving the roads in Dalton
- making backstreets safe to walk on

1 of the responses identified an area for improvement that falls within the Police Authority's responsibilities: response times.

5. Consultation issue – **Are there any areas or services where the Council should reduce its expenditure?**

Of the 24 responses, 16 commented on this issue.

The following Borough Council services were suggested; some identified more than one service area:

<b>Save money on</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Councillors expenditure	4
Reduce capital programme	1
Do not buy new assets	1
Cost of changing to smaller bins	1
Review staff pay	2
Increase rental income	1
Remove employee pension scheme	2
Remove sick pay for staff	1
Reduce staff numbers	1
Get rid of parking attendants	1
Reduce all overheads where possible	1

4 of the responses identified areas for reduction or savings that fall within the County Council's responsibilities:

- project feasibility studies
- co-ordinating repairs to roads and sewers
- speed bumps, road narrowing and parking bays
- the number of libraries

The final budget summary is attached at **Appendix 1**.

The budget proposals and the outcome of the consultation were reported to a Joint meeting of the Regeneration and Community Services and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committees on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009. At this meeting, members of the Committee were supportive of the budget proposals. The minutes of the Joint Committee are attached at **Appendix 2**.

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item (5)</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2009</b>	
<b>Reporting Officer: Borough Treasurer</b>	
<p><b>Title: Setting the Council Tax for the Year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 (This is the final version after the Police Authority and the County Council approved their budgets on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of February respectively. This report replaces the previously circulated items (5A) and (5B) reports)</b></p> <p><b>Summary and Conclusions:</b> This report analyses the components of and recommends the setting of the Council Tax for Barrow Borough Council for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.</p> <p>It recommends a Council Tax rate of £1,529.96 for Band D (£1,019.97 for Band A) in the unparished areas of the Borough, with an appropriate addition for each of the parished areas.</p> <p>The recommendation represents a 3.05% (£45.27 or 87 pence per week for Band D and £30.18 or 58 pence per week for Band A) overall increase in the Council Tax in the unparished areas of the Borough, with an appropriate addition for each of the parished areas.</p> <p>This comprises:</p> <p>4.5% due to Barrow Borough Council (£8.68 or 17 pence per week for Band D and £5.79 or 11 pence per week for Band A);</p> <p>2.5% due to Cumbria County Council (£27.80 or 53 pence per week for Band D and £18.53 or 36 pence per week for Band A);</p> <p>4.9% due to Cumbria Police Authority, (£8.79 or 17 pence per week for Band D and £5.86 or 11 pence per week for Band A)</p> <p>The increases in the parish element of the tax are:</p> <p>2.4% Dalton with Newton Town Council (£5.44 or 10 pence per week for Band D and £3.62 or 6 pence per week for Band A);</p> <p>5% Askam and Ireleth Parish Council (£10.57 or 20 pence per week for Band D and £7.05 or 14 pence per week for Band A);</p> <p>3.3% Lindal and Marton Parish Council, (£6.72 or 13 pence per week for Band D and £4.47 or 8 pence per week for Band A)</p>	



**Recommendations:** Members are recommended:-

1. To note the gross precept of Barrow Borough Council and its 3 parishes as £13,844,000;
2. To agree that a Collection Fund deficit of £17,078 is to apply to this calculation;
3. To note the Revenue Support Grant (RSG), National Non Domestic Rate (NNDR) and Area Based Grant (ABG) allocations from Central Government to the Borough are:

RSG	£1,688,639;
NNDR	£7,316,049,
ABG	£408,000,

respectively, and that these amounts will be deducted from the Council's requirements in the process of calculating the tax level;

4. To note the following tax bases;

Whole Borough	21,530.92;
Dalton with Newton	2,491.21;
Askam and Ireleth	1,116.23;
Lindal and Marton	265.78

5. To agree that the Basic Band D rate of Council Tax for the Borough and Parish precepts is £206.60;

This applies to the individual areas of the Borough as follows:

Barrow (unparished)	£201.87;
Dalton with Newton	£233.18;
Askam and Ireleth	£221.58;
Lindal and Marton	£209.39;

6. To note that the precepts from Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Police Authority for Band D Council Tax are;

Cumbria County Council	£1,139.84;
Cumbria Police Authority	£188.25;

7. To resolve that the foregoing is combined into the Band D Council Tax levels for the individual parts of the Borough for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 as follows:

Barrow (unparished)	£1,529.96;
Dalton with Newton	£1,561.27;
Askam and Ireleth	£1,549.67;
Lindal and Marton	£1,537.48

## Report

### **CALCULATING AND SETTING OF THE COUNCIL TAX 2009/2010** **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 AND RELATED** **REGULATIONS AND DIRECTIONS**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The calculation and setting of the Council Tax for the Council's 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 REQUIREMENT**

At this meeting the Council is considering the approval of the 2009/2010 General Fund Revenue Budget of £13,742,000.

The Council's budget requirement is the amount to be met from Revenue Support Grant, redistributed Business Rates and Council Tax income. It therefore comprises the Revenue Budget plus any precepts issued by the Parish Councils. The following precepts have been received.

Dalton with Newton Parish Council	78,000
Askam and Ireleth Parish Council	22,000
Lindal and Marton Parish Council	2,000

The Council's budget requirement is, therefore, £13,844,000 made up as follows:

Revenue Budget	13,742,000
Parish Precepts	102,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,844,000</b>

The legislation requires the budget requirement to be grossed up to show the Council's estimates of total expenditure and income for 2009/2010. These figures are as follows:

Total Expenditure	50,969,910
Total Income	(37,125,910)
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>13,844,000</b>

## **COLLECTION FUND SURPLUS/DEFICIT**

The Council is required to estimate whether the Collection Fund will show a surplus or deficit for the financial year 2008/2009 for the collection of the Council Tax. The tax base is also adjusted by an estimated provision of 2% for non-collection. The percentage used in 2008/2009 has been maintained for 2009/2010.

The estimate of these items result in a deficit balance of £17,078 on collections over that anticipated in setting the 2008/2009 Council Tax, therefore, a deduction is made to the collection requirements for 2009/2010.

## **REVENUE SUPPORT GRANT AND NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATE DISTRIBUTION**

The DCLG has notified the Council of its share of the distribution of Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and National Non-Domestic Rate (NNDR) for 2009/2010 as follows:

Revenue Support Grant	1,688,639
National Non-Domestic Rates	7,316,049
Area Based Grant	408,000

These amounts are deducted from the Council's budget requirement prior to calculating the Council Tax.

## **COUNCIL TAX BASE**

The following tax bases for the Council's and the parished areas have been set for 2009-2010 as agreed by the Executive Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008:

Whole Area	21,530.92
Dalton with Newton	2,491.21
Askam and Ireleth	1,116.23
Lindal and Marton	265.78

## CALCULATION OF THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Council's basic amount of tax for Band D dwellings is calculated as follows:

Budget Requirements	13,844,000
Less: Revenue Support Grant	(1,688,639)
National Non-Domestic Rates	(7,316,049)
Area based Grant	(408,000)
Actual deficit on the Collection Fund at 31/3/2008	17,078
Amount to be met from Council Tax	4,448,390
Divided by the Tax Base for Whole Area	21,530.92
Gives the Basic Amount of Council Tax	206.60

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 arrive at the basic amounts of Council Tax (for Band D dwellings) for the individual areas as follows

Barrow (unparished)	201.87
Dalton with Newton Parish	233.18
Askam and Ireleth Parish	221.58
Lindal and Marton Parish	209.39

The rates of Council Tax for the eight Valuation Bands are calculated by applying the appropriate proportions to the Band D basic amounts.

Band	Ratio	Barrow (£.p)	Dalton with Newton (£.p)	Askam and Ireleth (£.p)	Lindal and Marton (£.p)
A	6/9	134.58	155.45	147.72	139.59
B	7/9	157.01	181.36	172.34	162.86
C	8/9	179.44	207.27	196.96	186.13
<b>D</b>	<b>9/9</b>	<b>201.87</b>	<b>233.18</b>	<b>221.58</b>	<b>209.39</b>
E	11/9	246.73	284.99	270.82	255.92
F	13/9	291.59	336.81	320.06	302.46
G	15/9	336.45	388.63	369.29	348.99
H	18/9	403.73	466.35	443.15	418.78

## CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL AND POLICE AUTHORITY PRECEPTS AND AMOUNTS OF COUNCIL TAX

Cumbria County Council set its budget for 2009/2010 resulting in a precept of £24,541,825. The Police Authority set its budget with a precept of £4,053,196 which together result in the following Council Tax:

Band	County Council (£.p)	Police Authority (£.p)	Total (£.p)
A	759.89	125.50	885.39
B	886.54	146.42	1,032.96
C	1,013.19	167.33	1,180.52
<b>D</b>	<b>1,139.84</b>	<b>188.25</b>	<b>1,328.09</b>
E	1,393.14	230.08	1,623.22
F	1,646.44	271.92	1,918.36
G	1,899.73	313.75	2,213.48
H	2,279.68	376.50	2,656.18

## SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX

The calculated Borough, Police Authority and County Council basic taxes are added to calculate the composite tax. The Council Tax for each category of dwellings will be as follows, [bracketed figures, relating to 2008/2009 Council Tax, and are included for comparison and information]:

Band	Barrow (£.p)	Dalton with Newton (£.p)	Askam and Ireleth (£.p)	Lindal and Marton (£.p)
A	<b>1,019.97</b> [989.79]	<b>1,040.84</b> [1,012.83]	<b>1,033.11</b> [1,001.67]	<b>1,024.98</b> [996.12]
B	<b>1,189.97</b> [1,154.76]	<b>1,214.32</b> [1,181.63]	<b>1,205.30</b> [1,168.62]	<b>1,195.82</b> [1,162.14]
C	<b>1,359.96</b> [1,319.72]	<b>1,387.79</b> [1,350.44]	<b>1,377.48</b> [1,335.56]	<b>1,366.65</b> [1,328.15]
D	<b>1,529.96</b> [1,484.69]	<b>1,561.27</b> [1,519.24]	<b>1,549.67</b> [1,502.51]	<b>1,537.48</b> [1,494.17]
E	<b>1,869.95</b> [1,814.62]	<b>1,908.21</b> [1,856.85]	<b>1,894.04</b> [1,836.40]	<b>1,879.14</b> [1,826.21]
F	<b>2,209.95</b> [2,144.55]	<b>2,255.17</b> [2,194.46]	<b>2,238.42</b> [2,170.29]	<b>2,220.82</b> [2,158.25]
G	<b>2,549.93</b> [2,474.48]	<b>2,602.11</b> [2,532.07]	<b>2,582.77</b> [2,504.18]	<b>2,562.47</b> [2,490.29]
H	<b>3,059.91</b> [2,969.38]	<b>3,122.53</b> [3,038.49]	<b>3,099.33</b> [3,005.02]	<b>3,074.96</b> [2,988.35]

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 Authority are payable in equal instalments as follows:

1st Tranche	27 April 2009
2nd Tranche	27 May 2009
3rd Tranche	26 June 2009
4th Tranche	27 July 2009
5th Tranche	27 August 2009
6th Tranche	25 September 2009
7th Tranche	27 October 2009
8th Tranche	27 November 2009
9th Tranche	22 December 2009
10th Tranche	27 January 2010
11th Tranche	26 February 2010
12th Tranche	26 March 2010

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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

## **INSTALMENT DATES**

Council Tax and NNDR bills are payable in ten instalments. The payment dates, which will maximise cash flow, are shown below for information. These may have to be adjusted in the event of any delay in issuing bills.

2009	1st April
	1st May
	1st June
	1st July
	1st August
	1st September
	1st October
	1st November
	1st December
2010	1st January

## RECOMMENDATIONS

You are recommended to adopt the following resolutions:

1. That it be noted that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 the Council approved a net General Fund Revenue Budget for 2009/2010 of £13,742,000.
2. That it be noted that the Borough Treasurer had calculated the amount of 21,530.92 as the council tax base for the year 2009/2010 in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and subsequent amendments.

- a. 21,530.92 being the amount calculated by the Council, 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. Part of the Council's area

Dalton with Newton Parish	2,491.21
Askam and Ireleth Parish	1,116.23
Lindal and Marton Parish	265.78

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.

3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2009/2010 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, and subsequent amendments:
  - a. £50,969,910 being the aggregate of the amounts, which the Council estimates for the items, set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (e) of the Act;
  - b. £37,125,910 being the aggregate of the amounts, which the Council estimates for the items, set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (c) of the Act;
  - c. £13,844,000 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 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.



- d. £9,395,610 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, area based grant and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund directions under the Finance Act 1992 and related regulations.
- e. £206.60 being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- f. £102,000 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- g. £201.87 being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(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 special item relates.
- h. Parts of the Council's area
- |                           | £.P    |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Dalton with Newton Parish | 233.18 |
| Askam and Ireleth Parish  | 221.58 |
| Lindal and Marton Parish  | 209.39 |

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(g) above the amounts of the special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, 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.

i. 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	134.58	155.45	147.72	139.59
B	7/9	157.01	181.36	172.34	162.86
C	8/9	179.44	207.27	196.96	186.13
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G	15/9	336.45	388.63	369.29	348.99
H	18/9	403.73	466.35	443.15	418.78

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) and 3(h) above 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 calculation bands.

4. That it be noted that for the year 2009/2010 Cumbria County Council and the Police 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.

Band	County Council (£.p)	Police Authority (£.p)
A	759.89	125.50
B	886.54	146.42
C	1,013.19	167.33
D	1,139.84	188.25
E	1,393.14	230.08
F	1,646.44	271.92
G	1,899.73	313.75
H	2,279.68	376.50

5. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(i) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2009/2010 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Parts of the Council's Area:

Band	Barrow (£.p)	Dalton with Newton (£.p)	Askam and Ireleth (£.p)	Lindal and Marton (£.p)
A	1,019.97	1,040.84	1,033.11	1,024.98
B	1,189.97	1,214.32	1,205.30	1,195.82
C	1,359.96	1,387.79	1,377.48	1,366.65
D	1,529.96	1,561.27	1,549.67	1,537.48
E	1,869.95	1,908.21	1,894.04	1,879.14
F	2,209.95	2,255.17	2,238.42	2,220.82
G	2,549.93	2,602.11	2,582.77	2,562.47
H	3,059.91	3,122.53	3,099.33	3,074.96

<b>General Fund Budget</b>	<b>Actual 2007-2008</b>	<b>Original Budget 2008-2009</b>	<b>Forecast Outturn Budget 2008-2009</b>	<b>Budget 2009-2010</b>
<b>Subjective Summary</b>				
Staff costs	6,229,258	6,360,670	6,526,850	6,945,780
Transport costs	166,515	196,310	209,410	200,450
Property costs	1,824,312	1,810,730	1,930,850	2,093,810
Supplies and services	4,965,350	4,242,340	4,403,070	4,144,730
Contract services	5,810,882	6,090,580	6,306,750	6,821,410
Transfer payments	21,312,723	23,330,340	23,422,090	23,511,410
External income	(30,350,534)	(29,386,150)	(29,503,800)	(30,793,860)
<b>Direct costs</b>	<b>9,958,506</b>	<b>12,644,820</b>	<b>13,295,220</b>	<b>12,923,730</b>
Support services	4,142,627	4,391,880	4,480,870	4,752,310
Debt management expenses	32,301	21,450	21,450	21,990
Capital charges	3,361,421	1,348,590	1,348,590	1,255,580
Internal income	(5,669,214)	(5,925,720)	(6,021,570)	(6,182,050)
<b>Indirect costs</b>	<b>1,867,135</b>	<b>(163,800)</b>	<b>(170,660)</b>	<b>(152,170)</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>11,825,641</b>	<b>12,481,020</b>	<b>13,124,560</b>	<b>12,771,560</b>
External interest earned	(623,406)	(425,000)	(450,000)	(150,000)
External interest paid on borrowing	876,956	917,830	881,860	872,830
Items excluded from council tax	(2,375,463)	(657,520)	(657,520)	(2,128,880)
Items included in council tax	2,079,877	775,670	790,800	2,499,420
Contribution to / (from) reserves	683,988	0	0	66,070
Contribution to / (from) balances	423,488	0	(184,700)	(189,000)
<b>Net Revenue Budget</b>	<b>12,891,081</b>	<b>13,092,000</b>	<b>13,505,000</b>	<b>13,742,000</b>
<b>Budget Funded By:</b>				
Revenue support grant	(1,246,300)	(1,086,006)	(1,086,006)	(1,688,639)
NNDR pool	(7,426,380)	(7,801,311)	(7,801,311)	(7,316,049)
Area based grant / LABGI	(161,971)	0	(413,000)	(408,000)
Council tax	(4,147,973)	(4,273,918)	(4,273,918)	(4,448,390)
Collection fund balance	(8,157)	(39,265)	(39,265)	17,078
Less: Parish precepts	99,700	108,500	108,500	102,000
<b>Total Revenue Financing</b>	<b>(12,891,081)</b>	<b>(13,092,000)</b>	<b>(13,505,000)</b>	<b>(13,742,000)</b>

## **JOINT MEETING OF THE REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CORPORATE SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Meeting, Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2009  
at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillors Bell, Callister, Dawes, Pemberton, Hammond, McClure, McEwan, Maltman, and Solloway.

### **1 – Appointment of Chairman**

It was moved by Councillor Maltman and seconded by Councillor Pemberton that Councillor Dawes be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

COUNCILLOR DAWES IN THE CHAIR

### **2 – Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February, 2008 were taken as read and confirmed.

### **3 – Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Flitcroft and R. Hamezeian.

<b>REFERRED ITEM</b>
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<b>THE FOLLOWING MATTER IS REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION</b>
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### **4 – Scrutiny of the Council Budget for the Year 2009-2010**

Members had been informed that each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, jointly, had the opportunity to scrutinise the budget proposals before being approved and set by full Council at the Extraordinary Council meeting on 23rd February, 2009.

The Borough Treasurer reported that at a meeting of the Executive Committee on 28th January, 2009 it had been agreed that the budget proposals would be made available for public consultation. He circulated a breakdown of the information received as part of the consultation exercise. He informed the Committee that so far 23 responses had been received as a result of the public consultation exercise and that the consultation would remain open until 20th February and any further responses would be reported to Council on 23rd February, 2009.

He reported that the budget had been compiled based on reduced income from investments and that in previous years the General Fund balance had gained from higher than expected earnings from interest rates and it would be reasonable to use up to £500,000 of balances to overcome this period of lower interest rates. This amount could be used over three years to limit the impact on the Council Tax increases and he proposed that £189,000 be used to set the budget for 2009-2010, £156,000 in 2010-2011 and £155,000 in 2011-2012.

The Borough Treasurer responded to Members' questions in relation to the budget proposals for 2009-2010.

**RESOLVED:-** To agree that Members were satisfied with the Budget Proposals for 2009-2010 as approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 28th January, 2009 and agreed to forward these proposals to full Council for approval at its meeting on 23rd February, 2009.

The meeting closed at 2.35 p.m.