

# CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- **The Mayor and Members of The City Council**

Date of Meeting:- 04 November 2003

Agenda Item No:- 7(b)(ii)

Public	Operational	Delegated Yes
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Accompanying Comments and Statements	Required	Included
Environmental Impact Statement:	No	No
Corporate Management Team Comments:	No	No
Financial Comments:	Yes	Yes
Legal Comments:	No	No
Personnel Comments:	No	No

Title:- **COUNCIL TAX PETITION**

Report of:- **Head of Finance**

Report reference:- **FS41/03**

## Summary:-

A petition has been received from Mr W Whalen calling on the City Council to not increase Council Tax.

## Recommendation:-

The Council are asked to give consideration to the petition.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

## CITY OF CARLISLE

To: The Mayor and Members of  
The City Council  
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FS41/03

### COUNCIL TAX PETITION

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A petition has been received from Mr W Whalen calling on the City Council to not increase Council Tax.
- 1.2 For information, the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan for 2004/05 to 2006/07 which was approved by Council on 15 July 2003, states in respect of Council Tax:

"Council Tax constitutes 36% of the Council's net budget for 2003/04.

The Council's Policy on taxation levels is that these should be set wherever possible at fair and reasonable levels and that the Council Taxpayer should not automatically bear the largest burden for any savings that may be required by the authority.

Projections for the period of this Plan have been set at a 3.5% increase, which has been based on the results of the budget consultation exercise undertaken as part of the 2003/04 budget process. This will however be subject to review during the annual budget process, and will be particularly dependent on annual Government funding levels and future spending commitments."

- 1.3 The Executive reaffirmed its intention at its meeting on 29 September to work towards keeping any increase in Council Tax for 2004/05 in line with the increase in inflation (dependent on the consideration of budget bids and the level of Government grant).

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Council are asked to give consideration to the petition.

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