



# MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY, 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](http://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.

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**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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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیوں کریں۔

# AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Council

**Enc.** To approve as a correct record, or otherwise, the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

3. 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.

4. Announcements from the Mayor and Leader of the Council (if any)
5. Questions on Notice from the Public to the Leader (if any)
6. Questions on Notice by Members to the Leader, a Committee Chairman or a Representative on an Outside Body on Matters not otherwise on the Agenda (if any)
7. Report by the Leader on the Executive's Work

**Enc.** A report of the Leader on the work of the Executive since the last Council meeting is attached.

8. Report by the Chairman of the Scrutiny Management Team

**Enc.** A report of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Management Team on recent overview and scrutiny activity is attached.

10. Representatives on Outside Bodies

To consider nominations for

## **(a) Carers Link Lancashire**

This organisation recently approached the Council requesting a representative. Information about this Group can be found via the following link:

<https://carers.org/partner/carers-link-lancashire>

## **(b) Member Champion for Cycling**

11. Treasury Management - Amendment to Investment Criteria

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Financial Services Manager.

12. Review of Revenue Reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016

To consider the attached report from the Financial Services Manager.

This report was considered by the Executive on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 where it was resolved:

- “(1) That the outcome of the review of revenue reserves as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 be noted.
- (2) That the transfer in 2016/17 of £1,75m from specific reserves to the Budget Strategy Reserve, as set out in paragraph 11 in the report, be agreed and recommended to Council for approval.”

13. Strategic Plan

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

This report was considered by the Executive on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 where it was resolved:

“That Council be recommended to approve the Strategic Plan 2015-2018 (incorporating the Annual Refresh for 2016-2017).”

14. Committee Structure – Development Management

At the Annual meeting the Council requested the all-party Governance Working Group to consider a report from the Corporate Director to consider sending major planning applications direct to Development Management Committee because of their borough wide importance.

At its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June the Governance Working Group recommended the Council as follows:

**RECOMMENDED**

- (1) That all applications for 60 or more houses be dealt with by the Development Management Committee and that the terms of reference for the Committee and Area Committees be amended accordingly.
- (2) That the operation of this arrangement be reviewed at the next Annual Council meeting.
- (3) That political groups not be allowed to appoint substitutes except for one standing substitute for the Municipal Year.

15. Council Size and Frequency of Elections

At its meetings on 16<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> June the all-party Governance Working Group has considered the questions of the size of the Council and the frequency of elections following a reference to it by the Council at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

It was reported that there were three reasons for reducing the number of councillors.

- 1. Since 2001 the nature and role of the council had shrunk with a reduction of resources and services provided and a much streamlined officer structure.

2. The overall number of local democratic representatives had increased significantly with the creation of Nelson and Colne Town Councils. At the same time the role of all parish and town councils was growing, as a result of the transfer of services and facilities to them.
3. To reduce the cost. The Medium Term Financial Plan envisages savings to be realised in 2018/19.

The starting point for an electoral review was the number of councillors the Council should have. There was no set formula just a question of what is right for the Council. Previous discussions had envisaged a reduction of around 15 councillors.

An electoral review would have regard to the Council's electoral cycle – in other words the desirability of setting the appropriate number of councillors per ward in relation to the frequency of elections. The Council itself had the ability to decide to move from elections by thirds to whole elections.

The Working Group has recommended the Council as follows:

### **RECOMMENDED**

That the Council agrees to the carrying out of an electoral review and as the first step an early meeting with the Local Government Boundary Commission be sought.

## 16. Notices of Motion

### **(a) EU Referendum**

To be moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor J. Cooney:

Council notes the result of the EU Referendum and in particular the result in Pendle where 63% of voters chose to leave the European Union. As a democratic body Pendle Borough Council recognises and respects the decision of the people to leave the European Union.

This council and all its members commits to play its part, no matter how small, to implement the will of the people and support HM Government in ensuring the United Kingdom leaves the European Union.

### **(b) Greenfield Sites**

To be moved by Councillor T. Cooney, seconded by Councillor M. Goulthorp:

This council recognises the need for further housing development with Pendle, however this development must be done sympathetically and within the keeping of Pendle's unique identity.

Pendle Borough Council owns several Greenfield sites across the borough, most of which play an important part in local communities as open space. In recent months we have seen some of these areas come under threat from potential sell offs to developers.

This council is particularly concerned about the sites at Gib Hill, Nelson, and the parcels of land off Aspen Grove, Red Lion Street and Bailey Street in Earby. These sites have particular attributes that are more beneficial to the local community as open spaces than as potential development sites.

Therefore, this council proposes to introduce a moratorium on the sale of these specific areas of land for a minimum of 10 years and definitely no sooner than 2026.