

**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 20th OCTOBER, 2016**

PRESENT –

The Worship the Mayor (Councillor R. E. Carroll – in the Chair)

Councillors

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| <i>G. Adam</i> | <i>M. Horsfield</i> |
| <i>M. Adams</i> | <i>M. Iqbal</i> |
| <i>Nadeem Ahmed</i> | <i>Y. Iqbal</i> |
| <i>Nawaz Ahmed</i> | <i>D. E. Lord</i> |
| <i>M. Ammer</i> | <i>N. T. McCollum</i> |
| <i>E. Ansar</i> | <i>N. McEvoy</i> |
| <i>Musawar R. Arshad</i> | <i>A. Mahmood</i> |
| <i>N. H. Ashraf</i> | <i>B. N. Parker</i> |
| <i>W. Blackburn</i> | <i>J. Purcell</i> |
| <i>N. Butterworth</i> | <i>G. Roach</i> |
| <i>D. Clegg</i> | <i>M. Sakib</i> |
| <i>S. E. Cockburn-Price</i> | <i>C. Teall</i> |
| <i>J. Cooney</i> | <i>K. Turner</i> |
| <i>T. A. Cooney</i> | <i>C. Wakeford</i> |
| <i>L. Davy</i> | <i>G. Waugh</i> |
| <i>M. S. Foxley</i> | <i>D. Whalley</i> |
| <i>M. Goulthorp</i> | <i>D. M. Whipp</i> |
| <i>A. R. Greaves</i> | <i>P. White</i> |
| <i>K. Hartley</i> | <i>S. Wicks</i> |
| <i>J. M. P. Henderson</i> | <i>N. Younis</i> |

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mohammed Arshad, L. M. Crossley, B. Newman, J. Nixon, S. Petty, K. E. Shore and J. K. Starkie).

31.

MINUTE'S

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal seconded by Councillor J. Cooney and –

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th July, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

32.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the requirement to declare any pecuniary or substantial non-pecuniary items of business.

33.

MINUTES SILENCE

A minutes silence was observed following the recent death of former Councillor and Freeman of the Borough John David.

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34.

STEVEN BURKE

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor J. Cooney and –

RESOLVED

That the congratulations of the Council and the people of Pendle be extended to Steven Burke for his outstanding achievement in winning a second Olympic gold medal at the games in Rio de Janeiro.

35. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Worship the Mayor reported that the Canal and River Trust was celebrating its bicentenary this year and had awarded the Council with a certificate in recognition of the support it gives to the canal and rivers in the Borough.

Council were also informed of two events which had been organised to help raise funds for the Mayoress' chosen charities:-

Quiz Night on 4th November, 2016 at Rolls Royce Social Club

Race Night on 4th February, 2017 at Rolls Royce Social Club

36. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE LEADER

There were no questions from members of the public.

37. 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

Councillor Naeem Ashraf asked the Leader if he could confirm what progress had been made on **Northlight** and where the money had come from. The Leader said work had started on the Burnley Football Club in the Community and the Lancashire Adult Learn sections of the building. Funding had been secured from the following:

| | £ |
|---------------------------|--------|
| LEP | 4.2m |
| Lancashire County Council | 2.1m |
| Skills Capital | 0.650m |
| Pendle Borough Council | 1.5m |
| Nelson & Colne College | 0.100m |
| Trust Contributions | 1.650m |

Councillor Parker asked the Leader if he could promise that action would be taken to fine those who **parked illegally** in Nelson and Brierfield. His particular concern was the complete disregard of the Highway Code by drivers when doing the school run which he said was particularly bad at Pendle Vale College. Councillor Parker also made reference to the traffic wardens who, he felt, were totally focussed on patrolling the centre of Nelson desperate to issue a parking ticket to motorists who had done the right thing; parking where they should do using the disc controlled parking scheme but had gone slightly over the time allowed, whilst elsewhere some motorists parked wherever they liked and no action was taken against them.

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In response the Leader said he thought Councillor Parker was getting on street and off street parking mixed up. He said there was one Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) who worked on the short stay car parks in Nelson, Colne and Brierfield. Any other CEO's enforced on street parking (they could not enforce car parks and the Council's CEO could not enforce on street due to the County Council taking back the on street enforcement in 2009).

Councillor Joe Cooney asked the Leader to update the Council on progress of the **Governance Working Group**. The Leader advised that a meeting was planned for Friday 11th November, 2016. In response to a supplementary question from Councillor Cooney the Leader said that it had been difficult to arrange a meeting any sooner due to the commitments of Members of the Group.

Councillor White asked the Leader to update the Council on any **new initiatives** the Council had introduced in the last 6 months. In response the Leader informed Council of the following:

- Agreed a Business Support Programme for the next 3 years which would include:-
 - Working with the DWP to develop a new initiative to get the long term unemployed back into work.
 - The introduction of the Pendle Business Class Hub and support for the Careers Enterprise Advisor Network both of which will provide vital links between schools and businesses with the aim of raising the aspirations of Pendle's future workforce.
- Introduced a Brownfield Development Grant Scheme to help developers bring forward small sites for redevelopment.
- As part of the drive to improve online service provision, introduced e-Billing and digital access to Council Tax to make it easier for citizens to access their information, submit changes in their circumstances. Work was underway to extend this to Housing Benefits.
- Submitted a bid under the Townscape Heritage Initiative.
- Started the consultation on the Selective Licensing Scheme in parts of Colne
- Working with PEARL:-
 - The Clitheroe Road development in Brierfield and the Carry Lane site in Colne for residential development had begun.
 - Submitted a planning application for the redevelopment of the Oak Mill site in Colne.
 - Completed the sale of the High Bay Warehouse at Northlight to Burnley Football in the Community.
 - Completed the lease to the Lancashire Adult Learning College at Northlight.
- Agreed the disposal of the Corner Surgery in Colne and that redevelopment of the old Colne Health Centre should take place. A consultation on this was to start next week.
- Agreed the disposal of land at Red Lane, Colne which would see the development of high quality family housing in that area along with a substantial capital receipt to the Council.
- Agreed the disposal of land at Halifax Road, Brierfield.
- Submitted a bid to the Homes and Communities Agency under the Starter Homes Programme for which a response was awaited.
- Submitted various bids via the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership under the Growth Deal 3 Programme which was also awaiting a response.
- Agreed to reinstate the discount on Council Tax for empty properties under repair.
- A proposal was before Council to acquire its interest in the ACE Centre as a means of saving £100k each year.
- Refuge for 8 Syrian families had been provided as part of the Syrian Refugee Settlement Programme.
- In partnership with other Councils in Lancashire, a bid had been submitted to Government for the creation of the Lancashire Combined Authority.

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- Brierfield and Reedley Regeneration Strategy.
- Cycling Legacy Strategy.
- Programme of new PSPO's for parks, sports grounds, etc.

Councillor M. Ammer asked the Leader what additional funding the Council would receive as part of a **4 year settlement offer** from the Government. In response the Leader referred to the briefing session Members had been invited to prior to the meeting on the current position with the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and the Efficiency Plan. He said that overall, by 2019/20 the Council's revenue support grant would have fallen by nearly £1.9m or 62% from the current year. He also pointed out that currently there was no prospect of any additional funding from Government for Council's like Pendle.

38. REPORT BY THE LEADER ON THE EXECUTIVE WORK

The Leader submitted, for information, a report on the work of the Executive since the last meeting.

39. REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Management Team submitted a report on Overview and Scrutiny activity since the last meeting of the Council.

40. MEMBER CHAMPIONS

Council received updates from the following:-

- Councillor W. Blackburn – Member Champion for Disability and Mental Health
- Councillor D. E. Lord – Member Champion for Every Child Matters
- Councillor D. Whalley – Member Champion for Older People and Dementia
- Councillor L. Davy – Member Champion for Young People
- Councillor Nawaz Ahmed – Member Champion for Cycling

41. RECORDED VOTES

Members were reminded that in accordance with Rule 17 of the Procedure at Full Council votes on the following three items of business would be recorded, as they were budget issues

42. BUDGET SAVINGS 2017/18

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report on the proposed budget savings for 2017/18. The report had been considered by the Executive on 22nd September, 2016 where it was resolved:-

"(1) That Council be recommended to approve the following savings:

| | £ |
|--|------------|
| Transfer of Services – Income from Town and Parish Councils | 50,000.00 |
| Transfer of Services – Full Impact of transferring Colne Town Hall | 20,000.00 |
| Staffing – Primarily Management of Vacant Posts | 200,000.00 |
| Liberata – Software Rationalisation (IDOX) | 50,000.00 |
| Rationalisation of Telephones/Related IT | 10,000.00 |
| Property – Reduction in Reactive Maintenance (greater planned maintenance) | 30,000.00 |

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| Waste Management – Reduction in ‘Flyer’ Service | 25,580.00 |
| Waste Management – Vehicle Changes | 25,000.00 |
| Discover Pendle Visitor Centre | 40,000.00 |
| Total | 450,580.00 |

- (2) That the proposed saving in the reduction in mechanical sweeping be deferred and considered further during the budget making process along with other savings proposals.
- (3) That the transfer of Discover Pendle into the Boundary Mill store be approved subject to Boundary Mill making a contribution towards the costs of operating the instore facility.”

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor A. R. Greaves –

- (1) That the following savings be approved:

| | £ |
|--|-------------------|
| Transfer of Services – Income from Town and Parish Councils | 50,000.00 |
| Transfer of Services – Full Impact of transferring Colne Town Hall | 20,000.00 |
| Staffing – Primarily Management of Vacant Posts | 200,000.00 |
| Liberata – Software Rationalisation (IDOX) | 50,000.00 |
| Rationalisation of Telephones/Related IT | 10,000.00 |
| Property – Reduction in Reactive Maintenance (greater planned maintenance) | 30,000.00 |
| Waste Management – Reduction in ‘Flyer’ Service | 25,580.00 |
| Waste Management – Vehicle Changes | 25,000.00 |
| Discover Pendle Visitor Centre | 40,000.00 |
| Total | 450,580.00 |

- (2) That the proposed saving in the reduction in mechanical sweeping be deferred and considered further during the budget making process along with other savings proposals.
- (3) That the transfer of Discover Pendle into the Boundary Mill store be approved subject to Boundary Mill making a contribution towards the costs of operating the instore facility.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor J. Cooney, seconded by Councillor P. White –

That with regards to the Discover Pendle Visitor Centre this issue be referred back to the Budget Working Group to agree the exact location of the facility within Boundary Mill.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared **LOST**.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor J. Cooney, seconded by Councillor P. White –

That consideration of the savings for the Discover Pendle Visitor Centre be deferred.

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Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared **LOST**.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the following savings be approved:

| | £ |
|--|-------------------|
| Transfer of Services – Income from Town and Parish Councils | 50,000.00 |
| Transfer of Services – Full Impact of transferring Colne Town Hall | 20,000.00 |
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- (3) That the transfer of Discover Pendle into the Boundary Mill store be approved subject to Boundary Mill making a contribution towards the costs of operating the instore facility.

In accordance with minute 41 above a recorded vote was taken on this issue.

Those Members voting in favour of the motion were Councillors:

G. Adam, M. Adams, Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, M. Ammer, E. Ansar, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, D. Clegg, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, A. Mahmood, G. Roach, M. Sakib, C. Teall, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, S. Wicks and N. Younis.

Those Members voting against the motion were Councillors:

Musawar Arshad, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carroll, S. E. Cockburn-Price, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. Davy, M. S. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, M. Horsfield, N. T. McCollum, N. McEvoy, B. N. Parker, J. Purcell, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh and P. White.

43. INCOME REVIEW 2016 – NEW CHARGES

At the Executive meeting on 22nd September, 2016 Members considered the Income Review 2016 report. At that meeting it was resolved:-

“That a charge of £20 (excluding VAT) be agreed for the treatment of rats, mice and cockroaches in residential premises (as per paragraphs 17-19 in the report) and this be recommended to Council for approval.”

The relevant extract from the report was submitted to Council.

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It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor J. Cooney and

RESOLVED

That a charge of £20 (excluding VAT) be agreed for the treatment of rats, mice and cockroaches in residential premises (as per paragraphs 17-19 in the report) be agreed.

In accordance with minute 41 above a recorded vote was taken on this issue.

Those Members voting in favour of the motion were Councillors:

G. Adam, M. Adams, Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, M. Ammer, E. Ansar, Musawar Arshad, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carroll, D. Clegg, S. E. Cockburn-Price, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, M. S. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, N. T. McCollum, N. McEvoy, A. Mahmood, J. Purcell, G. Roach, M. Sakib, C. Teall, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, P. White, S. Wicks and N. Younis.

Only one Councillor voted against the motion and that was Councillor B. Parker.

44. ACQUISITION OF THE ACE CENTRE, NELSON

The Strategic Director submitted a report on the proposed acquisition of the ACE Centre in Nelson. The report had been considered by the Executive on 25th August, 2016 where it was resolved:-

- "(1) That the Council be recommended to approve a supplementary capital estimate of £2.20m for the acquisition of the Council's interest in the ACE Centre.
- (2) That subject to (1) above, that the proposal to borrow £2.20m from the Public Works Loan Board to fund the acquisition be noted."

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor D. M. Whipp and

RESOLVED

- (1) That a supplementary capital estimate of £2.20m be approved for the acquisition of the Council's interest in the ACE Centre.
- (2) That subject to (1) above, that the proposal to borrow £2.20m from the Public Works Loan Board to fund the acquisition be noted.

In accordance with minute 41 above a recorded vote was taken on this issue.

Those Members voting in favour of the motion were Councillors:

G. Adam, M. Adams, Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, M. Ammer, E. Ansar, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, D. Clegg, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, A. Mahmood, G. Roach, M. Sakib, C. Teall, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, S. Wicks and N. Younis.

Those Members voting against the motion were Councillors:

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Musawar Arshad, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carroll, S. E. Cockburn-Price, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, M. S. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, M. Horsfield, N. T. McCollum, N. McEvoy, B. N. Parker, J. Purcell, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh and P. White.

44. LICENCE FEES FOR VEHICLES, DRIVERS AND OPERATORS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on the proposed fee structure for private hire operators and drivers licences. The report had been considered by the Executive on 22nd September, 2016 where it was resolved:-

- “(1) That Council be recommended to approve the fees as set out in the report and that these fees be implemented from 1st November, 2016.
- (2) That it be agreed that private hire operators and drivers licences be issued for a lesser period if there are exceptional reasons for doing this.”

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor J. Cooney and

RESOLVED

- (1) That the fees as set out in the report be approved and that these fees be implemented from 1st November, 2016.
- (2) That it be agreed that private hire operators and drivers licences be issued for a lesser period if there are exceptional reasons for doing this.

45. CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE ACTION PLAN: PROGRESS REPORT

The Strategic Director submitted a progress report on the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan. It was reported that representatives of the original Peer Team were due to revisit Pendle on 25th November, 2016. During this visit they would review the action plan and any progress made in addressing their findings/recommendations.

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor J. Cooney and –

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That the progress reported in the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan, attached to the report at Appendix A, be noted.

46. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Corporate Director brought to Council's attention a number of amendments to the Officer Scheme of Delegation and Proper Officer functions:-

- ❖ As a consequence of the deletion of the post of Democratic and Legal Services Manager the substitution of Head of Legal Services and Head of Democratic Services as appropriate.
- ❖ In the case of the Environmental Services Manager to give authority to take action under the Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalties) Regulations 2016.
- ❖ In the case of the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager to exercise certain powers in relation to Homelessness and the Pendle Women's Refuge; to take action under

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the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015; and to regularise the delegation in relation to various pieces of food legislation.

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor A. Mahmood and –

RESOLVED

That the amendments to the Officer Scheme of Delegation and Proper Officer functions as submitted and as referred to above be approved.

47.

NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Fracking

It was moved by Councillor Yasser Iqbal, seconded by Councillor W. Blackburn:-

Council notes with disappointment the decision by the Communities Secretary to ignore local democracy and grant a fracking licence in Lancashire.

Council also notes the decision of the Conservative government to allow companies to apply for fracking in parts of Pendle, including Brierfield, Reedley and parts of Nelson and Colne.

Council resolves to:

- (1) Write to the Prime Minister and the Communities Secretary to not proceed any further with plans to grant licences which allow fracking in Pendle.
- (2) Write to Andrew Stephenson MP asking him to publicly speak against fracking.

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(b) Proposed Parliamentary Boundaries

It was moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves, seconded by Councillor J. Cooney:-

That Pendle Council –

- (1) Notes the draft proposal from the Boundary Commission for new parliamentary constituencies in Lancashire. It rejects the proposals for Pendle.
- (2) Believes that the best interests of people in Pendle would be met by keeping the whole of the Borough within one parliamentary constituency.
- (3) In particular believes that the proposed Clitheroe and Colne constituency should be rejected due to its long and narrow geographical shape, and lack of affinity and common interests of the communities at the opposite ends of the proposed area.

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- (4) Authorises the Corporate Director to make an evidence-based submission to the Boundary Commission on these lines, in consultation with the Leaders of the three parties on the Council.

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(c) North West Ambulance Service in Pendle

It was moved by Councillor K. Hartley, seconded by Councillor M. Adams:-

This Council recognises the exceptional standards of service and dedication to duty of front line paramedics and individual ambulance crews from the North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) operating within the Borough of Pendle.

The Council also recognises the positive contribution to a much needed reduction in emergency response times made by the successful trial within Pendle, and subsequent expansion across all NWAS sub regions, made by the introduction of Senior Community Paramedics as a part of the service provision.

It does, however, note with grave concern the continued and progressive deterioration in the performance of the NWAS response times for Red 1 emergency calls across the entire region of the NWAS service area, and specifically both within the Borough of Pendle as a whole and the West Craven Ward, in particular.

It also notes with concern that consequent upon internal restructuring, the post of Senior Community Paramedic for Pendle is not only vacant, but that it is also in serious jeopardy of not being replaced as a result of budget constraints within the service.

This Council therefore instructs the Strategic Director to communicate these concerns to the Chief Executive and the Director of Operations of the North West Ambulance Service, the Chair of the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group, the Chief Executive of NHS England, the local MP for Pendle Andrew Stephenson and the Secretary of State for Health.

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(d) Public Health Concerns within Pendle

It was moved by Councillor K. Hartley, seconded by Councillor C. Teal:-

Following the publication of Public Health England regional profiles on 6th September, 2016 this Council expresses its concern that within Pendle 12 of the 31 comparison categories are significantly worse than the England average and a further 7 categories are worse than average. Only 3 of the 31 categories are significantly better than average.

Comparison with our near neighbouring regions shows that Pendle is significantly worse than both Craven and Ribble Valley.

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Pendle is significantly worse than the England average on GCSE achievement, new mothers smoking at the time of delivery, under 18 conceptions, percentage of physically active adults, hospitalisation for alcohol related harm, onset of diabetes, incidence of tuberculosis, life expectancy for both males and females, infant mortality, smoking related deaths and under 75 cardio vascular premature deaths.

The Council therefore:

- (1) Calls upon the standing Health and Social Care Panel, as a matter of some urgency, to investigate and report to full council at a later date on the causes and issues raised by the Public Health Profile.
- (2) That the Strategic Director is requested to write to the chair of the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group and the chair of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Team advising them of our concerns and requesting their full co-operation in assisting investigations into the reasons for the Pendle poor performance.
- (3) That the Strategic Director communicate with his counterparts in Craven and Ribble Valley seeking their co-operation and assistance in this investigation, in order to help understand why there are differences and what do they do differently resulting in improved outcomes.
- (4) That the Corporate Director allocate resources from the Neighbourhood/Localities Team to assist in the development of an action plan to improve public health outcomes within Pendle.
- (5) That the Strategic Director seeks the assistance of the MP for Pendle in identifying and securing additional funding streams that can be made available to Public Health Commissioners to tackle and improve outcomes on behalf of the people of Pendle.

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(e) Parliamentary Boundary Review

It was moved by Councillor J. Cooney, seconded by Councillor Musawar Arshad –

Council notes the recent publication of the proposed new Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries issued by the Boundary Commission. While the Council supports the reduction of the number of constituencies from 650 to 600, to ensure more equal representation across the country, Council is concerned with the proposals for Pendle.

The Boundary Commission proposal would see Pendle abolished with the 20 wards being split between a Burnley Constituency and a new Clitheroe and Colne Constituency. The creation of a Clitheroe and Colne seat would see a constituency starting in Bamber Bridge and ending in West Craven taking in 3 different local authority areas that have no historical association is of particular concern.

Council therefore resolves to submit in writing to the Boundary Commission its support for a revised constituency that would see Pendle retain all 20 wards with the addition of 3 wards from Burnley, namely Briercliffe, Worsthorne and Cliviger and Lanehead. This proposal is a slight amendment to the Boundary Commission's final proposals from 2012 and would ensure historic ties are maintained

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within Pendle, while adding similar wards based on their semi- urban, semi-rural settings from Burnley.

With the consent of the Council, this motion was withdrawn.

(f) West Craven Sports Centre

It was moved by Councillor D. M. Whipp, seconded by Councillor D. E. Lord:-

Council notes the successful partnership approach which saw the construction of the West Craven Sports Centre and its operation since opening in 1997 under joint use arrangements with West Craven High School, and that the Sports Hall has been a vital facility for pupils at the school during the subsequent two decades.

Council notes with regret the future joint use of the sports centre being in jeopardy.

If the school no longer uses the centre it will result in pupils only having the school gym for indoor sports, which was considered to be wholly inadequate over 20 years ago.

Council therefore resolves that representations be made to the Academy for the schools continued use of the sports centre and that a senior level meeting be sought with the Academy and Pendle Leisure Trust to discuss this issue further.

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(g) Police and Communities

It was moved by Councillor B. Newman, seconded by Councillor M. Iqbal:-

Council notes the beneficial impact of the neighbourhood policing model used by Lancashire Constabulary in recent years and the strengthening of links between the police service and local communities.

Council also notes the impact of Government austerity cuts on police staffing levels and the reduction in the strength of neighbourhood policing teams and the consequent erosion of the links with local residents through initiatives such as Police and Communities Together.

Council therefore resolves to request Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, in the development of his new Police and Crime Plan, to put a high priority on the provision of local and accessible police officers together with an emphasis on strong partnership working with local communities and local representatives and that this be discussed at a meeting in Pendle.

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(h) Business Rate Revaluation

It was moved by Councillor D. Clegg, seconded by Councillor J. Cooney:-

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Council notes the outcome of business rate revaluation across the country and the continued concentration of wealth in a small number of London and South East authorities.

Council resolves that a report detailing the impact of the revaluation is presented to the Executive at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

The Worship the Mayor _____