



MEETING OF THE
ANNUAL COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 18th MAY, 2017

AT 7.00 p.m.

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT NELSON
TOWN HALL**

(For further information please contact **Jane Watson** on telephone 661648)

**PHILIP MOUSDALE
CORPORATE DIRECTOR**

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A G E N D A

1. Election of Mayor of the Borough

Mover : Councillor Wayne Blackburn
Seconder : Councillor David Clegg
Supported by : Councillor Joe Cooney

MOTION: That Councillor David Whalley be hereby elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

Councillor David Whalley to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by law.

Councillor Rosemary Carroll to vacate the Chair in favour of the Mayor.

Speech by His Worship the Mayor.

2. Minutes

Mover : Councillor
Seconder : His Worship the Mayor

Enc. MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council meeting held on 23rd March, 2017 copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

3. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

Mover : Councillor Mike Goulthorp
Seconder : Councillor Asjad Mahmood
Supported by : Councillor Tony Greaves

MOTION: That the best thanks of the Council be hereby tendered to Councillor Rosemary Carroll and Mrs. Carol Belshaw-Goulthorp for their services as Mayor and Mayoresses during their term of office.

His Worship the Mayor will present commemorative badges of office to Councillor Rosemary Carroll and Mrs. Carol Belshaw-Goulthorp.

Speech by the retiring Mayor.

4. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Mover : Councillor Paul White
Seconder : Councillor Dorothy Lord
Supported by : Councillor Mohammed Iqbal

MOTION: That Councillor James Starkie be hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

Councillor James Starkie to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by law.

Speech by the Deputy Mayor.

5. **Mayor's Allowance**

Mover : Leader of the Council
Seconder : Deputy Leader of the Council

MOTION: That an allowance of £5,130 be paid to the Mayor for the purpose of enabling him to meet the expenses of the office and that such allowance be paid to the credit of the Mayor at the Council's Bankers and any credit balance remaining at the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council be re-appropriated to the Council's Account.

6. **Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain**

The Mayor to report that he has appointed Father Brian Murphy to the office of Mayor's Chaplain for the Municipal Year 2017/18 and to duly signify such appointment to the Council.



7. **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.

8. **Vote of No Confidence**

To be moved by Councillor Joe Cooney, seconded by Councillor Paul White:

- (a) This Council has no confidence in the way the Leader, Councillor Mohammed Iqbal, is leading the Council;
- (b) As a result the Leader, Councillor Mohammed Iqbal, be removed from office with immediate effect.

9. **Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 – Political Balance Rules**

Whenever the allocation of seats on Committees is reviewed the Council is required to apply the statutory political balance rules.

The rules apply to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Development Management

Committee, Licensing Committee, Taxi and Other Licensing Committee and the Accounts and Audit Committee. They do not apply to the Area Committees or the Executive.

Enc. Attached is a note on the review.

10. **Appointment to Committees**

To consider the appointment of Members to Committees for the Municipal Year 2017/18. The current committees are as follows:

(a) Area Committees

(N.B. Further co-options can be made by Area Committees under Article 10 of the Council's Constitution).

Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee

The Members of the Council for the Borough Wards of:

Barrowford
Blacko and Higherford
Higham and Pendleside
Old Laund Booth

Co-opted – The Chairman (or named substitute) of:

Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council
Barrowford Parish Council
Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council
Old Laund Booth Parish Council
Roughlee Booth Parish Council

Brierfield and Reedley Committee

The Members of the Council for the Borough Wards of:

Brierfield
Reedley

Co-opted – The Chairman (or named substitute) of:

Brierfield Town Council
Reedley Hallows Parish Council

Colne and District Committee

The Members of the Council for the Borough Wards of:

Boulsworth
Foulridge
Horsfield
Vivary Bridge
Waterside

Co-opted – The Chairman (or named substitute) of:

Colne Town Centre Forum
Colne Town Council
Foulridge Parish Council
Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council
Trawden Forest Parish Council

Nelson Committee

The Members of the Council for the Borough Wards of:

Bradley
Clover Hill
Marsden

Co-opted – The Chairman (or named substitute) of:

Nelson Town Centre Partnership
Nelson Town Council

Southfield
Walverden
Whitefield

West Craven Committee

The Members of the Council for the Borough Wards of:

Coates
Craven
Earby

Co-opted – The Chairman (or named substitute) of:

Barnoldswick Town Council
Bracewell and Brogden Parish Meeting
Barnoldswick Chamber of Trade
Earby Town Council
Kelbrook and Sough Parish Council
Salterforth Parish Council

(a) Accounts and Audit Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members

(b) Development Management Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 11 Members

Following a Council resolution in July 2016 all planning applications for 60 or more houses have been submitted to the appropriate Area Committees for comment and then submitted to the Development Management Committee for decision. To date only one application has triggered this process.

(c) Licensing Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 15 Members

(d) Scrutiny Management Team – a politically balanced Committee of 11 Members

Scrutiny Management Team will appoint Task and Finish Panels as necessary.

Such Panels need not be politically balanced and will appoint Chairmen from their number. The Scrutiny Management Team will oversee this process, inviting Scrutiny Members to indicate their preferences as to which panels they would like to be on.

(e) Taxi and Other Licensing Committee - a politically balanced Committee of 8 Members

11. Appointment of Chairmen of Committees

To appoint Chairmen of the following Committees:

- (a) Accounts and Audit Committee
- (b) Development Management Committee
- (c) Licensing Committee
- (d) Scrutiny Management Team
- (e) Taxi and Other Licensing Committee

12. Dates and Times of Council Meetings for 2017/18

Mover : His Worship the Mayor
Seconder : The Deputy Mayor

MOTION: (1) That meetings of the Full Council be held on the following dates:

20th July, 2017
26th October, 2017
21st December, 2017
22nd February, 2018 (Special Budget Council)
22nd March, 2018
17th May, 2018 (Annual Council)

Enc. (2) That the dates of other meetings set out on the attached schedule be approved.

13. **Overview and Scrutiny**

(a) Annual Report for 2017/18

Mover : Councillor
Seconded : Councillor

The Annual Report can be accessed on the Council's website www.pendle.gov.uk and by clicking on the following link: <http://www.pendle.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2328/council>

MOTION: That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2017/18 be received.

(b) Work Programme for 2017/18

Mover : Councillor
Seconded : Councillor

Enc. MOTION: That the attached Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2017/18 be approved.

14. **Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

(a) Appointment to Organisations/Associations

Mover : Councillor
Seconded : Councillor

Enc. MOTION: That the persons set out in the schedule, previously circulated to members, be appointed or nominated as this Council's representatives on the bodies specified to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on 17th May, 2018 or such other dates as are indicated.

N.B. The appointment of representatives to those outside bodies which are required to be made by the Area Committees are not included in this list.

(b) Member Champions

To consider nominations for the following:

Member Champion

Armed Forces
Cycling

2016/17 Member Champion

Councillor Ken Hartley
Councillor Nawaz Ahmed

Disability and mental Health Champion
Every Child Matters
Older People and Dementia
Young People

Councillor Wayne Blackburn
Councillor Dorothy Lord
Councillor David Whalley
Councillor Lyle Davy

15. **Council Governance Arrangements**

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

16. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(a) Lancashire County Council Services

To be moved by Councillor Tony Greaves, seconded by Councillor David Whipp –

- (1) Pendle Council considers:
 - (a) That local services are best provided at the most local level that is reasonably practical.
 - (b) Notes that this Council is devolving appropriate services to Town and Parish Councils in the Borough.
 - (c) That Pendle Council has a proven history of providing local services that are democratically controlled at a local level, accessible, efficiently delivered, and good value for money, in particular in relation to Lancashire County Council which by its nature is less local and less accessible and which has in many cases not proved to be more efficient in delivery or better value for money.
 - (d) That the history of the local highways service is a good illustration of this.
- (2) Pendle Council believes that it could provide some of the local services that are now delivered centrally by Lancashire County Council and do a better job with more value for money.
- (3) It resolves to ask the Management Team to draw up a list of services which could have their funding and management devolved to Pendle Council (to include local highways, library and countryside services among others) with a view to the Executive and Council agreeing a proposal to put forward to Lancashire County Council.

(b) Lancashire County Council Services

To be moved by Councillor David Whipp, seconded by Councillor –

Pendle Council notes:

- (1) That the Conservative group now has a majority at Lancashire County Council and will form the new administration.
- (2) That Conservative candidates in Pendle made a number of specific promises during the election campaign which involve spending more money and improving services in Pendle, and that these specifically included –
 - (i) to re-open all libraries that are currently closed (ie Earby and Barrowford);

- (ii) to provide extra support for community libraries such as that proposed for Trawden;
 - (iii) over £5m to reduce congestion on roads in Lancashire;
 - (iv) to maintain all existing subsidised bus services and fund extra services;
 - (v) £1m extra funding for road safety schemes;
 - (vi) an extra £5m for highways maintenance this year and a further £5m in 2018/19;
 - (vii) £25m extra funding for adult care services;
 - (viii) £600,000 for extra grass verge cutting and tree maintenance;
 - (ix) “extra funds” to clean gullies more often and to address problems in areas of flood risk;
 - (x) “more support for schools” ...”ensuring schools in our area are getting the support they need”;
- (3) That the County Council be requested to confirm that these commitments will now be put in place and where appropriate provide the timetable for doing so; to provide the Council with an estimate of the amount in each case that will be committed to being spent in Pendle; and to provide details when available of how that money is to be spent in Pendle.
- (4) That all Pendle Councillors are requested to contribute within one month to a register of existing pot-holes and other urgent carriageway and pavement repairs in their areas to be compiled and sent to the County Council for action.