

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL  
ON 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2017**

*PRESENT –*

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

**Councillors**

<i>G. Adam</i>	<i>M. Iqbal</i>
<i>M. Adams</i>	<i>Y. Iqbal</i>
<i>Nadeem Ahmed</i>	<i>D. E. Lord</i>
<i>Nawaz Ahmed</i>	<i>N. T. McCollum</i>
<i>M. Ammer</i>	<i>N. McEvoy</i>
<i>E. Ansar</i>	<i>A. Mahmood</i>
<i>Mohammed Arshad</i>	<i>B. Newman</i>
<i>Musawar Arshad</i>	<i>J.A. Nixon</i>
<i>N. 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>K. E. Shore(Mrs)</i>
<i>J. Cooney</i>	<i>C. Teall</i>
<i>L. M. Crossley</i>	<i>K. Turner</i>
<i>L. Davy</i>	<i>G. Waugh</i>
<i>M. Goulthorp</i>	<i>D. Whalley</i>
<i>A. R. Greaves</i>	<i>D. M. Whipp</i>
<i>K. Hartley</i>	<i>P. White</i>
<i>J.M.P. Henderson</i>	<i>S. Wicks</i>
<i>M. Horsfield</i>	<i>N. Younis</i>

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T. A. Cooney, M. S. Foxley, S. Petty, G. Roach, J. K. Starkie, and C. Wakeford.)*



**71. MINUTE'S SILENCE**

A minute's silence was observed for those killed following the recent terrorist attack in London.

**72. MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 and the Special Budget Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**74. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader gave an update to Council on a meeting he attended on 20<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the Lancashire Combined Authority (LCA). The proposals for a LCA were submitted to the Secretary of State in October 2016. At this stage Wyre was the only Lancashire council that said it would not join. In the interim period, a shadow LCA was formed. Unfortunately Fylde had now pulled out of the shadow LCA and Government had said that it would need a revised bid reflecting this change. A full report would come to the next meeting but it was expected that there would be limited options going forward.

He was pleased to announce that Lancashire County Council had decided to transfer its ownership of the Whitehough Outdoor Education Centre in Barley to Burnley FC in the Community. This had saved the Centre from possible closure. More details would be available in the next few days.

**75. MAYORALTY**

**(a) To consider the Mayoralty for 2017/18**

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

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

That Councillor D. Whalley be invited to be Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

**(b) To consider the Deputy Mayoralty for 2017/18**

It was moved by Councillor L. M. Crossley, seconded by Councillor K. Turner and

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

That Councillor J. K. Starkie be invited to be Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

**76. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE LEADER**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**77. 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**

There were no questions under this item.

**78. REPORT BY THE LEADER ON THE EXECUTIVE'S WORK**

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

**79. 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.

**80. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN THE COMMUNITY, CARE HOMES AND MENTAL HEALTH WARDS**

The scrutiny review of Mental Health Care in the Community, Care Homes and Mental Health Wards was presented to Council with a number of recommendations.

It was moved by Councillor W. Blackburn, seconded by Councillor K. Turner and

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Care Quality Commission be asked to report back on action taken with regard to the three care homes rated as 'Requires Improvement'.
- (2) That the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel keeps a watching brief on the development of the Healthier Lancashire transformation programme and, if necessary looks at it again in the future.
- (3) That the Pennine Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Partnership be asked to keep the Panel informed of any significant changes relating to the delivery of mental health services.
- (4) That this Council continues to be actively involved in the Local Authorities mental health Challenge and makes links with other Champions.

**81. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROVISION**

The scrutiny review of Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Provision was presented to Council with a number of recommendations. The Leader was pleased to report that since the report was written, agreement had been reached on Inspire returning to Nelson, and working at the Grassroots Family Centre at St Philip's.

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor K. Hartley and

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Council notes and accept the contents of the report.
- (2) Recognising the degree of change within the health and social care provision resulting from the development of the Pennine Lancashire Sustainability and Transformation Plan, it be agreed that this topic be taken back to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel for light touch review at a future date, when those plans become reality.
- (3) That the Council's contact centre and other relevant staff continue to assist in signposting the options available to those who require drug and alcohol treatment.
- (4) That the lack of facilities for those suffering the effects of substance abuse, based within the borough itself, be noted and in doing so a formal request be made to County Council to ensure satisfactory access for Pendle residents to treatment and support facilities.

## **82. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**

The scrutiny review of Youth Engagement was presented to Council with a number of recommendations.

It was moved by Councillor K. Turner, seconded by Councillor L. Davy and

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Council endorses the conclusions of this review and agrees the following actions –
  - (a) That a Pendle Borough Council Youth Council be formed;
  - (b) That subject to agreement of (a) above, a Working Group be established to determine the details of the Pendle Borough Council Youth Council, taking into account the findings and conclusions of this Panel, in particular issues around safeguarding.
- (2) That a brief information sheet on the role of a local councillor be developed for distribution to local high schools and Nelson and Colne College, for display alongside the poster of Pendle Councillors.
- (3) That, in light of the success of the 2016 Facebook advertising campaign to encourage young people to vote, this be carried out on an annual basis as appropriate.
- (4) That consideration be given to adding a standing item on 'youth issues' to the area committee agendas or alternatively asking town and parish councils to consider this as a regular agenda item.
- (5) That progress on these actions be reported back to Scrutiny Management Team in six months' time.

## **83. MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

### **(a) Updates**

The following Member Champions gave an update to Council on the activities they had been involved in since being appointed Member Champions at the Annual Council on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2016:

Councillor Wayne Blackburn – Disability and Mental Health Member Champion

Councillor Dorothy Lord – Every Child Matters Member Champion

Councillor David Whalley – Older People and Dementia Member Champion

Councillor Lyle Davey – Young People Member Champion

Councillor Nawaz Ahmed – Cycling Champion

It was moved by Councillor W. Blackburn, seconded by D. E. Lord and

### **RESOLVED**

That Councillors W. Blackburn, L. Davy and D. E. Lord meet to discuss the damaging impact of debt on the mental health of children in low income families as set out in the Children's Society Debt Trap report, with a view to taking the issue forward to Scrutiny.

**(b) Armed Forces Member Champion**

Due to the resignation of the Armed Forces Member Champion, Janice Taylor, nominations for her replacement were invited.

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

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That Councillor K. Hartley be appointed Armed Forces Member Champion for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2016/17.
- (2) That the Mayor write to Janice Taylor thanking her for her work as Armed Forces Member Champion.

**84. PAY POLICY 2017**

In accordance with Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 the annual pay policy statement for 2016 was submitted for approval.

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

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

That the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 financial year be approved and that it be published on the Council's website.

**85. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2017/18**

The Financial Services Manager submitted for consideration the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2017/18.

The Strategy set out how the investment and borrowing operations of the Council were to be managed within the framework established by the Treasury Management Policy Statement.

The Strategy had been considered by the Executive at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 with a recommendation that it be approved.

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor E. Ansar and

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2017/18 (attached at Appendix A to the report) be approved and in particular:

- The Prudential Indicators and limits referred to in Sections 2 and 3 of the Strategy document;
- The statement by the Financial Services Manager (paragraph 9 in the report) indicating compliance with the requirement to keep borrowing below the Council's Capital Financing requirement over the medium-term;

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- The policy on the Minimum Revenue Provision (Section 2.3 of the Strategy) and in particular the circumstances in which MRP may not be required.

**86. STRATEGIC PLAN 2017/18**

The Strategic Director submitted for consideration the Council's Strategic Plan 2015-2018 which incorporated the Annual Refresh for 2017/18.

The Plan set out the Council's objectives for the future whilst individual service plans identified in more detail how the Council intended to achieve those objectives year-on-year.

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor E. Ansar and

**RESOLVED**

That the Strategic Plan 2015-2018 (incorporating the Annual Refresh 2017-2018) be approved subject to the reference to the Selective Licensing Scheme on page 21 being removed.

**87. SELECTIVE LICENSING FOR COLNE – FEES**

This item was withdrawn. The Executive at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 had resolved that a Selective Licensing Area in Colne not be introduced.

**88. VOTER ID**

A motion on this issue was withdrawn at the Special Budget Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017 with a view to discussions being held between the political groups. This issue was discussed by the Governance Working Group on 20<sup>th</sup> March where they were advised that the Cabinet Office had now issued a prospectus inviting expressions of interest from councils to run electoral pilots at local government elections in May 2018 to test the use of ID in polling stations. Submissions of interest needed to be submitted by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March (the day after Annual Council).

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

**RESOLVED**

That the Returning Officer inform the Cabinet Office that the Council at this stage did not want to submit an expression of interest in a Voter ID pilot, but that if the Government were minded to consider pilots related to postal voting then it would be very keen to take part.

**89. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(a) M65 Extension**

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

Council notes the resolutions of several councils on both sides of the Pennines, including Lancashire County Council, calling for a 'strategic motorway route' linking East Lancashire with West Yorkshire, with such a route often described as 'an extension of the M65.

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Council notes that when such a proposal was previously tabled, it led to a quarter of a century of motorway blight in the Colne area and consequent decay, dereliction and demolition of properties along the route proposed at that time.

Council therefore resolves:

- (1) To oppose proposals for such a strategic motorway route through or around Colne.
- (2) To reaffirm support for local bypasses of Colne and communities along the A56 to relieve congestion within the foreseeable future; and
- (3) The re-opening of a twin track rail route connecting Colne with Skipton.

**RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

The Worship the Mayor \_\_\_\_\_