

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL  
ON 20<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2017**

*PRESENT –*

*His Worship the Mayor (Councillor David Whalley – in the Chair)*

G. Adam  
M. Adams  
Nadeem Ahmed  
M. Ammer  
E. Ansar  
Mohammed Arshad  
W. Blackburn  
N. Butterworth  
R. E. Carroll  
D. Clegg  
S. E. Cockburn-Price  
J. Cooney  
T. A. Cooney  
L. M. Crossley  
L. Davy  
M. S. Foxley  
M Goulthorp  
A. R. Greaves  
K. Hartley  
J. M. P. Henderson

M. Horsfield  
M. Iqbal  
Y. Iqbal  
D. E. Lord  
N. McEvoy  
A. Mahmood  
B. Newman  
J. A. Nixon  
B. N. Parker  
G. Roach  
M. Sakib  
K. E. Shore  
J. Starkie  
K. Turner  
C. Wakeford  
G. Waugh  
D. M. Whipp  
P. White  
S. Wicks  
N. Younis

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nawaz Ahmed, Musawar Arshad, P. A. McCormick and S. Petty).*

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**17. MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor David Whalley, seconded by Councillor James Starkie and –

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

**19. RECORDED VOTES**

Members were reminded that in accordance with Rule 17 of the Procedure at Full Council all votes on budget issues would be recorded. This was in reference to minute number 26 (Extension to Lomeshaye Industrial Estate) and included all motions and amendments.

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

On behalf of the Council the Leader expressed his sorrow and condolences to all those affected in the recent fire at Grenfell Tower in London. He advised that all council buildings and those of the Council's partners, such as Together Housing, had been inspected and were found to be sound. As a result the Council was reviewing its Emergency Plan.

Following recent security alerts all staff had been asked to wear their ID badges and the Leader urged all Councillors to do the same. Security around the Council buildings was considered to be slightly weak.

The Leader announced that a further 10 Syrian refugee families had arrived in Pendle with a formal welcome planned for 21<sup>st</sup> July. On behalf of the Council he congratulated the staff involved for all their hard work in ensuring the families were resettled, and in particular Wayne Forrest.

On behalf of the Council the Leader passed on his congratulations to Nelson and Colne College who, according to the latest data, had been placed as the top college in Lancashire.

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

**22. 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 from Members to the Leader, a Committee Chairman or a representative on an outside body on matters not otherwise on the agenda.

**23. 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.

**24. 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.

**25. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2017/20**

The Financial Services Manager submitted a report on the Capital Strategy for 2017/20 which also contained the proposed strategy for the flexible use of capital receipts in 2017/18. This report had been considered by the Executive on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and Council were recommended as follows:

"That the Corporate Capital Strategy (Appendix A attached to the report) (including the flexible use of capital receipts strategy) be endorsed and it be recommended to Council for approval."

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

## **RESOLVED**

That the Corporate Capital Strategy (Appendix A attached to the report) (including the flexible use of capital receipts strategy) be approved.

### **26. LOMESHAYE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE EXTENSION**

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report on funding which had been secured, or was being sought, towards land acquisition, infrastructure and environmental enhancements to facilitate the extension to Lomeshaye Industrial Estate.

The report had been considered by the Executive on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017 and Council were recommended as follows:

“That Council be recommended to approve a supplementary capital estimate of £1.9m to be funded from capital receipts to act as match funding.”

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

## **RESOLVED**

That a supplementary capital estimate of £1.9m to be funded from capital receipts to act as match funding be approved.

*In accordance with minute 19 above a recorded vote was taken on this issue.*

*Those Members voting in favour of the Motion were Councillors:*

*G. Adam, M. Adams, Nadeem Ahemd, M. Ammer, E. Ansar, Mohammed Arshad, W. Blackburn, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carroll, D. Clegg, S. E. Cockburn-Price, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, L. Davy, M. S. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Horsfield, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, N. McEvoy, B. Newman, J. Nixon, B. N. Parker, G. Roach, M. Sakib, K. E. shore, J. K. Starkie, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, P. White, S. Wicks and N. Younis.*

*40 in favour no one against.*

### **27. NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **(a) In Bloom and Best Kept Volunteers**

It was moved by Councillor K. Hartley, seconded by Councillor D. E. Lord –

This Council notes that as we progress through the summer months our towns and villages are alive with busy volunteers. Armed with a variety of hand tools, spades, rakes, trowels, brushes and litter pickers, hundreds of eager volunteers are busy planting, weeding, cleaning and sprucing up our Borough.

Driven by a desire to do well in the Royal Horticultural Society inspired “In Bloom” and the locally organised “Best Kept” competitions, pride in and love for our living environment

motivates a growing number of individuals and businesses in Pendle to give generously of their time, effort and expertise, in order to beautify and colourfully enhance our towns, villages, road sides, parks and open spaces.

This Council would therefore like to recognise the contribution to social inclusion, civic pride and environmental responsibilities made by all the individuals, Bloom, Best Kept and Friends Groups across the Borough and agree that arrangements be made to acknowledge this by way of a civic reception.

It would also like to express its heartfelt gratitude for these valuable contributions to enhancing life in Pendle and to wish all of them success and good luck in whatever competitions or initiatives they are engaged.

## **RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

### **(b) Closure of Front Counters at Police Stations**

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

Council notes with great concern:

- The closure to the public of police stations in Pendle.
- Increases in recorded crime figures in the Borough.
- Continuing difficulties with timely answering of calls to the police 101 number.
- The greatly reduced level of neighbourhood policing throughout Pendle, and
- The continuation of government cuts on police funding.

Council resolves that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the new Chief Constable be informed of the Council's concern and, in particular, opposition to police station closures; and that the Commissioner and Chief Constable be invited to attend a meeting to discuss these issues as a matter of urgency.

## **RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

### **(c) Lancashire County Council**

It was moved by Councillor D. Clegg, seconded by Councillor A. R. Greaves –

Council notes the first decisions of the new County Council administration which priorities projects to the West of Lancashire rather than the East, e.g., highway repair funding from the Highway Incentive Fund and highway improvement funding from the National Productivity Investment Fund.

Council also notes that the County Council's new property strategy leaves question marks about the future of several Pendle facilities.

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Therefore, Council resolves to reconvene the Pendle Council/Lancashire County Council Working Group to consider these issues; and, to invite the Leader of the County Council to discuss these matters with Councillors.

**RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

His Worship the Mayor \_\_\_\_\_