



MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER, 2017

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 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



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اگر آپ یہ معلومات کسی ایسی شکل میں چاہتے ہیں، جو کہ 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 26th October, 2017.

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.

9. Recorded Votes

Members are reminded that in accordance with Rule 17 of the Procedure at Full Council all votes on budgets are to be recorded. This will include all motions and amendments on the next following items 10 and 11.

10. General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19

A report from the Financial Services Manager is to be considered by the Executive on 14th December, 2017.

The Executive's decision will be reported at the meeting.

11. Waste Collection, Recycling and Street Cleansing

A report from the Financial Services Manager is to be considered by the Executive on 14th December, 2017.

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12. Local Scheme of Council Tax Support 2017/18

A report from the Financial Services Manager is to be considered by the Executive on 14th December, 2017.

The Executive's decision will be reported at the meeting.

13. Pendle Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 and Pendle Homelessness Temporary Accommodation Policy 2017

At a meeting of the Executive on 19th October, 2017 it was resolved "that Council be recommended to approve the Pendle Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 and the Pendle Homelessness Temporary Accommodation Policy 2017.

Enc. A copy of the report from the Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager is attached. All appendices can be accessed via the Council's website www.pendle.gov.uk and by clicking on the following link: <https://www.pendle.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2428/council>

14. Appointment of Chief Finance Officer

Members will be aware of the impending resignation of the Financial Services Manager, Vince Green. The post carries the statutory Chief Finance Officer responsibility. The Council's Staff Employment Procedure Rules require that a Committee of the Council including at least one member of the Executive must make the appointment.

Annual Council last May did not appoint such a Committee. In advance of this Council meeting Group Leaders agreed that the Committee should be established with a composition of 2:2:2 so that the post could be advertised and interviews held without delay.

RECOMMENDATION

That the action taken in consultation with Group Leaders of establishing an Appointment Committee with a composition of 2 Conservative: 2 Labour: 2 Liberal Democrat councillors be ratified.

15. Notices of Motion

(a) Blue-Light Services

To be moved by Councillor K. Hartley, seconded by Councillor B. Newman –

This council notes with great concern the extreme strain under which 'blue-light' police, ambulance and health services are currently operating under, with our police and national health services at breaking point.

Council notes the actions of police officers conveying casualties to hospital as a last resort; the increasing burden of the police having to deal with mental health issues; the rise in recorded

crime in Pendle and increase in 999 and other calls to the emergency services, leading to them, too, being at breaking point.

Council notes the continuing inadequate resources for these services as a result of so called 'austerity cuts' and the failure of the government to address these issues in the recent budget. Council also notes the impact that these demands are making on policing and ambulance response times etc.

Therefore, council resolves to request an urgent all party meeting with the Member of Parliament for Pendle to discuss these very serious issues and ask him to use his influence in government to seek to reverse the cuts and ensure adequate resources for these vital services to Pendle residents.

(b) Flooding on M65

To be moved by Councillor D. Clegg, seconded by Councillor –

Council notes the extremely hazardous travelling conditions on local roads - and especially on the M65 - through surface water standing on carriageways and flooding roads.

This council requests an urgent meeting with Lancashire County Council to consider what action will be taken to prevent this highway flooding and reduce the risk of people being injured because of the flooding.

(c) Winter Gritting Service

To be moved by Councillor D. M. Whipp, seconded by Councillor D. E. Lord –

Council notes the recent persistent freezing weather and the hazardous conditions caused on roads and pavements in Pendle.

Council thanks the workers from Lancashire County Council and Pendle Borough Council together with private contractors, volunteers and residents who gritted roads and pavements during the icy spell.

However, Council notes with concern that the highway authority was slow to organise gritting of secondary routes and call in additional resources to treat treacherous icy surfaces, with the consequence that vulnerable residents and other road users risked injury for a prolonged period of time.

Council also notes that the period of freezing weather highlighted shortcomings in the provision of grit bins which allow residents to carry out gritting themselves on streets in their neighbourhoods.

Council therefore resolves that Lancashire County Council representatives meet with borough councillors at the earliest opportunity to discuss how the winter gritting service can be improved for the benefit of Pendle residents.

(d) Health, Care and Wellbeing in Pennine Lancashire

To be moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves, seconded by Councillor –

This Council notes the Draft Pennine Plan - "Our Proposals for Improving Health, Care and Wellbeing in Pennine Lancashire.