



# MEETING OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018  
AT 7.00 p.m.

## IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT NELSON TOWN HALL

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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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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیے۔

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies 2014, people attending open meetings can film, audio record, take photographs or use social media. Oral commentary is not allowed during meetings as it would be disruptive. If you are attending a meeting you need to be aware that you may be filmed by others attending. This is not within our control.



# AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. 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.

**Members are advised that when the Council adopted the present Code of Conduct it granted a general dispensation to all members of the Council to speak and vote when considering the setting of the Council Tax under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**

3. Recorded Votes

Members are reminded that in accordance with Rule 17 of the Procedure at Full Council all votes on budget issues will be recorded. This includes all motions and amendments.

4. Standing Orders

In accordance with normal practice the Council is invited to suspend Standing Order 14.3 to allow Group Leaders to speak on items 6 and 7 for longer than 5 minutes.

5. Robustness of Estimates and Adequacy of Financial Reserves

**Enc.** The Financial Services Manager submits the attached report which the Council is asked to consider and have regard to when making decisions in respect of the proposed Budget for 2018/19 and associated Council Tax calculations.

6. Capital Programme 2018-2021

**Enc.** To approve the Capital Programme for 2018-2019, note the indicative programmes for 2019/20 and 2020/21, and approve the corporate capital strategy including the flexible use of capital receipts strategy for 2018/19.

The Financial Services Manager submits the attached report on behalf of Management Team.

7. General Fund Revenue Budget and Setting of the Council Tax 2018/19

**Enc.** To set the General Fund Budget Requirement and Council Tax for the Borough for 2018/19.

The Financial Services Manager submits the attached report on behalf of Management Team.

8. Digital Strategy

A report from the Corporate Director was considered by the Executive on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 where it was resolved: "That the Digital Strategy be approved and recommended to Council for adoption."

**Enc.** A copy of the report is attached.

9. Pay Policy 2018

In accordance with Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 the Council must prepare an annual pay policy statement by 31<sup>st</sup> March for the following financial year and the full Council must approve it.

The Council is therefore **RECOMMENDED** to approve the attached policy statement for the 2018/19 financial year. **REPORT TO FOLLOW**

10. Members' Allowances

**Enc.** To consider the attached report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances. (Members are also referred to the budget savings proposals at item 7.)

11. Notices of Motion

**(a) Northern Forest**

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

Pendle Council notes the proposal for a new Northern Forest from the Woodland Trust and Community Forests Trust, which is included in "A Green Future" – the Government's 25-year Plan to Improve the Environment. It further notes that, as set out at present, the boundaries of the proposed Northern Forest area which extends "along the M65 from Hull to Liverpool" includes most local authority areas in historic Yorkshire and Lancashire but do not include the county of Lancashire.

Pendle Council supports the concept of a new Northern Forest, extending from coast to coast, and including appropriate land in both urban and rural areas. It would like to see the Northern Forest extending to include Lancashire, and in particular the Borough of Pendle and adjoining parts of Pennine Lancashire.

It resolves:

- (1) To seek the support of Lancashire County Council and other local authorities (unitary and district) in Lancashire, together with the Lancashire Association of Local Councils.
- (2) To promote the idea within Pendle and to seek the support of the MP for Pendle, Town and Parish Councils, the Forest of Bowland AONB, the Ribble River Trust and other appropriate local bodies.
- (3) To bring this resolution to the attention of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and rural Affairs and to ask for his support.

- (4) To bring this resolution to the attention of neighbouring local authorities in Yorkshire which have been included within the boundary of the Northern Forest.

**(b) Organ Donor Register**

To be moved by Councillor W. Blackburn, seconded by

This Council notes that around 6,500 people across the UK are waiting for an organ transplant, with three people a day dying in need of a transplant due to the shortage of people being willing to donate organs. This Council supports and praises the role the NHS Blood Transplant Service play in helping families of those who are waiting for a donation, and those of the deceased who may be potential donors, to have the difficult conversations and make those important decisions to donate.

This Council resolves to encourage all Members to sign up to the NHS Organ Donation Register by going to [www.organdonation.nhs.uk](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk) and sign up to be a donor.

**(c) Consultation on Leisure and Sports Facilities in the Borough**

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

Pendle Council notes with approval the decision of the Executive to reject the proposed changes at Pendle Leisure Centre and the request for funding from the Public Works Loans Board.

It notes the decision of the Council in October 2017 on the future provision of leisure centres and swimming pools in Pendle, and on a consultation with people and organisations in Pendle on the future provision of sports and leisure facilities, and requests the Executive to proceed with this work as a priority.

**(d) Repairs to the Road Network in the Borough**

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

Council notes the decision of Lancashire County Council to include the installation of traffic lights on the eastern roundabout of the M65 Junction 13 (Scotland Road) at an estimated cost of £1.7 million.

This Council considers that people in Pendle would much rather see such funding invested in proper road repairs in the Pendle Council area.

Council also notes that the countywide allocation of £3 million road repair funding by LCC resulted in only .39% (£11,676.90) being allocated to a single resurfacing scheme in Pendle.

Council also notes that numerous permanent road repair schemes planned for Pendle in January 2018 were cancelled without explanation by Lancashire County Council.

Council resolves to request that the County Council allocate a fair share of funding to repair local roads and that the County Council addresses the severe deterioration on Pendle's highways.

**(e) Road and Rail Links**

To be moved by Councillor D. E. Lord, seconded by Councillor K. Hartley –

Council notes the consideration being given through the Strategic Transport Plan of improved road and rail links across the watershed from Pendle into Yorkshire with the announcement of a study into reopening the Colne to Skipton rail route and the opportunity to get road improvements on the A56 corridor through to the A59 as part of the current review of the major road network.

Council resolves to reaffirm its support for a bypass from Colne and A56 communities and the reopening of the Colne to Skipton rail line.

#### **(f) Establishing Support for a Unitary Authority**

To be moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor G. Waugh –

This Council recognises that the people of Pendle would be better served by one Unitary Authority, rather than the two-tier County Council and Borough Council we have at present. This would cut bureaucracy, cut the number of Councillors, provide a more joined up approach and ensure that services currently commissioned in Preston would be delivered locally. There would be particular benefits in services such as Highways being delivered on a more local level where there is greater knowledge.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Refer the matter to the Governance Working Group so that this Council can consider its preferred options for Unitary status.
- Write to the Secretary of State requesting that we be considered for Unitary status.
- Contact other local councils in East Lancashire and North Yorkshire to see what appetite there would be to work together for such a move.

#### **(g) Creating a more Transparent Council**

To be moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor J. Cooney –

Many Councils now provide video live streams of Council meetings in the interest of a more open and transparent democracy. The cost of doing this has now reduced significantly and this Council therefore resolves to:

- Provide a live stream of full Council meetings.
- Ask the Governance Working Group to establish how other Committee meetings of the Council may be streamed for the public.

#### **(h) Colne to Skipton Rail Line and Colne and Villages Bypass**

To be moved by Councillor J. Cooney, seconded by

Pendle Borough Council welcomes the announcement made by the Secretary of State for Transport, Rt. Hon. Chris Grayling that the Department for Transport and Transport for the North are funding a feasibility study into the reopening of the Colne to Skipton railway line. The study, which will report by Summer 2018, will take into account the viability and business case for reopening the line.

Council recognises the huge benefit the reopening of the line could have for Pendle both economically and connectivity but Council also recognises there are further opportunities to improve connectivity East to West and will continue to contribute towards a deliverable plan for

a Colne and villages bypass that would not only ease congestion but also provide a huge economic boost.

Council therefore resolves to:

- (1) Welcome the study into the reopening of the Colne to Skipton railway line.
- (2) Reaffirm its support for the line to be reopened.
- (3) Contribute and support, as necessary, the Department for Transport and Transport for the North throughout the study.
- (4) Pay tribute to SELRAP for all their work and campaign to have the line reopened.
- (5) Thank Andrew Stephenson MP and Julian Smith MP who both played pivotal roles in securing the funding for the study from the Department of Transport.
- (6) Continue to explore all options for a Colne and villages bypass.