



# MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 2018  
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](http://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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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیے۔

# AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Council

**Enc.** To approve as a correct record, or otherwise, the Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 and the Special Budget Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018.

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. Mayoralty

(a) To consider the Mayoralty for 2018/19.

(b) To consider the Deputy Mayoralty for 2018/19.

6. Questions on Notice from the Public to the Leader (if any)

7. 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)

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Member Champions

. To receive updates from the following Member Champions:

Armed Forces Champion	Councillor N. Butterworth
Cycling Champion	Councillor A. R. Greaves
<b>Enc.</b> Dementia Champion	Councillor D. Whalley
Disability and Mental Health Champion	Councillor W. Blackburn
Every Child Matters Champion	Councillor D. E. Lord

**Enc.** Older People's Champion  
Young People's Champion

Councillor P. A. McCormick  
Councillor Y. Iqbal

11. Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2018/19

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Financial Services Manager.

This report is to be considered by the Executive on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 – their decision will be reported at the meeting.

12. Notices of Motion

**(a) Planning Reforms**

To be moved by Councillor Mohammed Iqbal, seconded by Councillor –

This Council notes the recent announcement by the Housing Secretary, Sajid Javid MP to overhaul planning laws. This Council also notes with great concern that the government is threatening local authorities of “breathing down your neck every day and night” to ensure home-building targets are met.

This Council is concerned that local authorities will be stripped of the right to decide on planning decisions if housing targets are not met.

This Council supports and welcomes the building of affordable and quality houses. However, this Council considers that planning applications should be determined by local authorities and not independent inspectors as proposed under the new plans.

This Council therefore resolves to respond to the consultation arguing against the change to planning laws. The Council also resolves to write to Andrew Stephenson MP and ask him to use his influence in government to campaign against these plans.

**(b) Volunteers**

To be moved by Councillor B. Newman, seconded by Councillor D. E Lord –

That this Council notes with appreciation the efforts of volunteers, together with staff of Lancashire County and Pendle Borough Councils and other agencies during the recent harsh winter conditions.

This Council places on record its thanks to all such volunteers, emergency workers, farmers, contractors and staff for helping to maintain vital services, helping vulnerable people in need and helping to keep Pendle moving.

**(c) Road Warden Schemes**

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

Council notes the success of volunteer based Road Warden schemes, such as Devon County Council's, which allows local people to organise and carry out work on the highway.

Council also notes the very poor condition of local highways this winter and the risks that this has posed to road and pavement users.

Therefore, Council resolves to request Lancashire County Council to adopt and promote a volunteer Road Warden scheme in order to help deal with problems and carry out improvements on our highways.

**(d) Blue Light Services**

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

Council reaffirms its resolution on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 regarding ‘blue light’ services.

Council notes the continued reductions in local policing evidenced by the loss of more opening hours of police station front counters, the loss of county council funded PCSO’s and abstraction of local officers to police fracking sites etc.,

Council also notes the recent HMIC inspection report which is critical of Lancashire Constabulary and other agencies with regard to child protection issues and the continued increases in crime rates.

Council once again resolves to request the Member of Parliament for Pendle to take effective action within government to secure sufficient funding for police and community safety services to adequately protect residents in the borough.

**(e) Women’s Refuges**

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

Council notes possible changes to the welfare system which would jeopardise the future of women’s refuges and other short-term supported housing accommodation.

Council believes this would put vulnerable people at risk and accordingly resolves that Pendle’s MP is requested to use his influence in government to ensure that such services retain adequate funding for them to continue to provide sanctuary in future.