

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL  
ON 17<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2018**

**PRESENT –**

*His Worship the Mayor (Councillor David Whalley – 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>P. A. McCormick</i>
<i>E. Ansar</i>	<i>N. McEvoy</i>
<i>Mohammed Arshad</i>	<i>N. McGowan</i>
<i>Musawar R. Arshad</i>	<i>A. Mahmood</i>
<i>N. H. Ashraf</i>	<i>B. Newman</i>
<i>W. Blackburn</i>	<i>S. Petty</i>
<i>N. Butterworth</i>	<i>J. Purcell</i>
<i>R. E. Carroll</i>	<i>G. Roach</i>
<i>J. Cooney</i>	<i>M. Sakib</i>
<i>T. A. Cooney</i>	<i>K. E. Shore</i>
<i>L. M. Crossley</i>	<i>J. K. Starkie</i>
<i>V. A. Fletcher</i>	<i>K. Turner</i>
<i>M. S. Foxley</i>	<i>C. Wakeford</i>
<i>P. J. Foxley</i>	<i>G. Waugh</i>
<i>M. Goulthorp</i>	<i>D. M. Whipp</i>
<i>A. R. Greaves</i>	<i>T. 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 of absence were received from Councillors J. A. Nixon and C. Teall).*



**1. ELECTION OF MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH**

It was moved by Councillor M. Foxley, seconded by Councillor A. Mahmood and supported by Councillor D. E. Lord and –

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor J. K. Starkie be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

*His Worship the Mayor (Councillor J. K. Starkie – in the Chair)*

**2. MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor D. Whalley, seconded by Councillor J. K. Starkie and –

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**3. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor W. Blackburn, seconded by Councillor A. R. Greaves and supported by Councillor P. White and –

**RESOLVED**

That the best thanks of the Council be hereby tendered to Councillor David Whalley and Mrs. Barbara Whalley for their services as Mayor and Mayoresses during their term of office.

**4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor D. M. Whipp, seconded by Councillor M. Goulthorp and supported by Councillor Mohammed Iqbal and –

**RESOLVED**

That Councillor K. Hartley be hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

**5. MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE**

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

**RESOLVED**

That an allowance of £5,130 be paid to the Mayor for the purpose of enabling him to meet the expenses of the office and that such allowance be paid to the credit of the Mayor at the Council's Bankers and any credit balance remaining at the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council be re-appointed to the Council's account.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor announced that he had appointed Reverend John Hallows to the office of Mayor's Chaplain for the Municipal Year 2018/19 and duly signed such appointment to the Council.



*The time having reached 7.45 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting closed and there was a short break for to allow the Mayors guests to leave the Chamber. The meeting reconvened at 8.05 p.m.*



## 7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 8. MOVE TO A COMMITTEE SYSTEM – APPROVAL OF NEW CONSTITUTION

The Corporate Director submitted a report on the revised constitution to provide the framework for the governance of the Council under the new Committee System.

Parts 1, 2 and 3 were appended to the report. There had been no substantive changes to the other Parts but they had been updated to take account of legislation and guidance, new titles of committees, officers and other bodies etc.

Council were asked to agree increases to the following threshold in the Financial Procedure Rules:

- (i) Where the Council is acting as an accountable body, from £20,000 to £40,000 the amount which the Corporate Director and Chief Finance Officer can approve.
- (ii) Individual virements by Service Managers on their budgets in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer from £10,000 to £15,000.
- (iii) Budget slippage approvals by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer from £10,000 to £15,000.
- (iv) Approvals of supplementary capital and revenue estimates by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer from £10,000 to £15,000 (subject to an unchanged overall cap of £50,000).

It was moved by Councillor J. K. Starkie, seconded by Councillor M Iqbal –

That the revised Constitution be adopted, including the revised thresholds in Financial Procedure Rules (paragraph 4 of the report).

### AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed –

That under the Call In Procedure, paragraph 1 and any reference to the referral of decisions back to Full Council be removed.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was **CARRIED**.

*At the request of two Members and in accordance with Rule 17 of the Council's Constitution, a recorded vote was taken on this issue.*

*Those Members voting in favour of the amendment:*

*Councillors Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, Musawar Arshad, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carroll, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, M. Horsfield, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, N. McGowan, S. Petty, J. Purcell, J. K. Starkie, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh and P. White.*

*Those Members voting against the amendment:*

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*Councillors G. Adam, M. Adams, M. Ammer, E. Ansar, Mohammed Arshad, N. H. Ashraf, W. Blackburn, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, G. Roach, M. Sakib, K. E. Shore, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp, S. Wicks and N. Younis.*

### **AMENDMENT**

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

That with regard to Area Committees and Planning matters, page 23, paragraph 2 be amended to read:

“To consider all enforcement and other action, including legal proceedings, under the Town and Country Planning Acts.”

And

On page 24 the paragraph relating to planning applications referred to the Policy and Resources Committee it be amended to read:

“... and the Head of Legal Services (having also consulted with the Chairman (or in his or her absence the Vice Chairman) of the relevant Committee) has confirmed in writing...”

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared **LOST**.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the revised Constitution be adopted, including the revised thresholds in Financial Procedure Rules (paragraph 4 of the report).
- (2) That under the Call In Procedure, paragraph 1 and any reference to the referral of decisions back to Full Council be removed.

## **9. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER**

It was moved by Councillor J. Cooney and seconded by Councillor M. S. Foxley –

That Councillor P. White be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2018/19 and that Councillor Nadeem Ahmed be appointed Deputy Leader for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

### **RESOLVED**

That Councillor P. White be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2018/19 and that Councillor Nadeem Ahmed be appointed Deputy Leader for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

*At the request of two Members and in accordance with Rule 17 of the Council’s Constitution, a recorded vote was taken on this issue.*

*Those Members voting in favour of the motion:*

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*Councillors Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, Musawar Arshad, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carroll, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, M. Horsfield, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, N. McGowan, S. Petty, J. Purcell, J. K. Starkie, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh and P. White.*

*Those Members voting against the motion:*

*Councillors G. Adam, M. Adams, M. Ammer, E. Ansar, Mohammed Arshad, W. Blackburn, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, Y. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, G. Roach, M. Sakib, K. E. Shore, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, S. Wicks and N. Younis.*

**10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Council considered the appointment of Members to Committees for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

- (a) Policy and Resources Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 17 Members.
- (b) Accounts and Audit Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members.
- (c) Licensing Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 15 Members.
- (d) Taxi and Other Licensing Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 9 Members.
- (e) Senior Management Appointments Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members.
- (f) Employment Appeals Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 3 Members.
- (g) Standards Hearing Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members and an Independent Person.
- (h) Restructuring Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members.
- (i) Five Area Committees – along with the usual co-optees.

**AMENDMENT**

It was moved by Councillor P. White and seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed –

That the **Policy and Resources Committee** be a politically balanced Committee of 13 Members.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was **CARRIED**.

**AMENDMENT**

It was moved by Councillor D. M. Whipp and seconded by Councillor A. R. Greaves –

That the **Policy and Resources Committee** be a politically balanced Committee of 17 Members.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was **LOST**.



*The time having reached 9.10 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting be adjourned to allow Members to observe Ramadhan and the breaking of the fast. The meeting reconvened at 9.25 p.m.*



## **AMENDMENT**

It was moved by Councillor P. White and seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed –

That the **Licensing Committee** be a politically balanced Committee of 11 Members.

Upon being put to the vote this amendment was **CARRIED**.

## **AMENDMENT**

It was moved by Councillor P. White and seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed –

That the **Taxi and Other Licensing Committee** be a politically balanced Committee of 7 Members.

Upon being put to the vote this amendment was **CARRIED**.

## **RESOLVED**

That the appointment and Membership of the Council's Committees be agreed as follows:

- (a) Policy and Resources Committee (13)
- (b) Accounts and Audit Committee (5)
- (c) Licensing Committee (11)
- (d) Taxi and Other Licensing Committee (7)
- (e) Senior Management Appointments (5)
- (f) Employment Appeals Committee (3) (1:1:1)
- (g) Standards Hearing Committee (5 + an Independent Person)
- (h) Restructuring Committee (5)
- (i) 5 Area Committees – Barrowford and Western Parishes; Brierfield and Reedley; Colne and District; Nelson and West Craven

## **11. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

### **MOTION**

It was moved by Councillor P. White and seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed –

That the Chairmen of the following Committees be agreed as:

- (a) Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor P. White
- (b) Accounts and Audit Committee – Councillor T. Cooney
- (c) Licensing Committee – Councillor K. Turner
- (d) Taxi and Other Licensing Committee – Councillor Nawaz Ahmed
- (e) Senior Management Appointments Committee – Councillor P. White
- (f) Employment Appeals Committee – Councillor M. S. Foxley
- (g) Standards Hearing Committee – Independent Person
- (h) Restructuring Committee – Councillor P. White

## **AMENDMENT**

It was moved by Councillor by Councillor D. M. Whipp and seconded by Councillor G. Roach –  
That the Chairman of the Taxi and Other Licensing Committee be Councillor B. Newman.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was **LOST**.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Chairmen of the following Committees be agreed as:

- (a) Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor P. White
- (b) Accounts and Audit Committee – Councillor T. Cooney
- (c) Licensing Committee – Councillor K. Turner
- (d) Taxi and Other Licensing Committee – Councillor Nawaz Ahmed
- (e) Senior Management Appointments Committee – Councillor P. White
- (f) Employment Appeals Committee – Councillor M. S. Foxley
- (g) Standards Hearing Committee – Independent Person
- (h) Restructuring Committee – Councillor P. White

*At the request of two Members and in accordance with Rule 17 of the Council's Constitution, a recorded vote was taken on this issue.*

*Those Members voting in favour of the amendment were:*

*Councillors M. Adams, M. Ammer, Mohammed Arshad, W. Blackburn, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, G. Roach, M. Sakib, K. E. Shore, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp and S. Wicks.*

*Those Members voting against the amendment were:*

*Councillors Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, Musawar Arshad, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carroll, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, M. Horsfield, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, N. McGowan, S. Petty, J. Purcell, J. K. Starkie, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh and P. White.*

## **12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 – POLITICAL BALANCE RULES**

It was reported that, whenever the allocation of seats on Committees was reviewed, the Council was required to apply the statutory political balance rules. The rules applied to the Policy and Resources Committee, the Accounts and Audit Committee, Senior Management Appointments Committee, Employment Appeals Committee, Standards Hearing Committee and the Restructuring Committee. They did not apply to the Area Committees.

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and

## **RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

### 13. DATES AND TIMES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

It was moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor M. Iqbal –

(1) That meetings of the Full Council be held on the following dates:

28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018  
27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
29<sup>th</sup> November, 2018  
21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019 (Special Budget)  
28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019  
16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 (Annual Council)

(2) That the dates of other meetings set out on the timetable submitted be approved.

#### AMENDMENT

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed –

That meetings of the Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee be held on the following dates:

	<b>Date</b> <i>(Thursday)</i>	<b>Amended Date</b> <i>(Tuesday)</i>
<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> May, 2018	No change
	21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2018	26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018
	19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
	23 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2018	28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018
	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018
	18 <sup>th</sup> October, 2018	23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2018
	22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2018	27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018
	13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018	18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018
	24 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	22 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2019
	6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019
	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2019	19 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019
<b>Council</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018 (Wed)
	27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018	25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018
	29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018	5 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018 (Wed)
	21 <sup>st</sup> February, 2019	26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019
	28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019	26 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019
	16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019	No change

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was **CARRIED**.

#### RESOLVED

(1) That meetings of the Full Council and Policy and Resources Committee be held on the following dates:

	<b>Date</b> <i>(Thursday)</i>	<b>Amended Date</b> <i>(Tuesday)</i>
<b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> May, 2018	No change
	21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2018	26 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018
	19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018	24 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018
	23 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2018	28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018
	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018
	18 <sup>th</sup> October, 2018	23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2018
	22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2018	27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018
	13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018	18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018
	24 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	22 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2019
	6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019
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<b>Council</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> July, 2018 (Wed)
	27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018	25 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018
	29 <sup>th</sup> November, 2018	5 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018 (Wed)
	21 <sup>st</sup> February, 2019	26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019
	28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019	26 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019
	16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019	No change

(2) That the dates of other meetings set out on the timetable submitted be approved.

#### 14. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

##### (a) Appointment to Organisations/Associations

It was moved by Councillor P. White, Seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed –

That the following amendments to the schedule be agreed:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Airedale General Hospital Foundation Trust	Councillor P. Foxley
Burnley and Pendle Citizens' Advice Bureau	Councillor Nawaz Ahmed
ITHAAD Advisory Services Sub-Committee	Councillor Nadeem Ahmed
Joint Venture Company (PEARL Board, PEARL Brierfield Mill and PEARL Together)	Councillor P. Foxley
Lancashire Police and Crime Commission	Councillor M. E. Foxley
Lancashire Waste Partnership	Councillor P. White
Pendle Community Safety Partnership Steering Group	Councillor N. McGowan
Pendle Countryside Access Forum	Councillor J. Nixon
Pendle Heritage Trust Board	Councillor L. Crossley
Pendle Leisure Trust Board	Councillor P. McCormick
Pendle Public/Private Partnership Board	Councillor P. White
Pendle Twinning Association	Councillor P. A. McCormick

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### **AMENDMENT**

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

That Councillor K. Hartley be appointed the Council's representative on the Airedale General Hospital Foundation Trust.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was **LOST**.

### **AMENDMENT**

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

That Councillor D. M. Whipp be appointed the Council's representative on the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was **LOST**.

### **AMENDMENT**

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

That Councillor B. Newman be appointed the Council's representative on the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Board.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was **LOST**.

### **RESOLVED**

That the following amendments to the schedule (attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes) be agreed:

#### **Organisation**

Airedale General Hospital Foundation Trust  
Burnley and Pendle Citizens' Advice Bureau  
ITHAAD Advisory Services Sub-Committee  
Joint Venture Company (PEARL Board, PEARL Brierfield Mill and PEARL Together)  
Lancashire Police and Crime Commission  
Lancashire Waste Partnership  
Pendle Community Safety Partnership Steering Group  
Pendle Countryside Access Forum  
Pendle Heritage Trust Board  
Pendle Leisure Trust Board  
Pendle Public/Private Partnership Board  
Pendle Twinning Association

#### **Representative**

Councillor P. Foxley  
Councillor Nawaz Ahmed  
Councillor Nadeem Ahmed  
Councillor P. Foxley  
  
Councillor M. E. Foxley  
Councillor P. White  
Councillor N. McGowan  
Councillor J. Nixon  
Councillor L. Crossley  
Councillor P. McCormick  
Councillor P. White  
Councillor P. A. McCormick

#### **(b) Member Champions**

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and –

**RESOLVED**

That the following Councillors be appointed as Member Champions for 2018/19 Municipal Year:

Armed Forces Champion	Councillor Neil Butterworth
Cycling Champion	Councillor Nawaz Ahmed
Dementia Champion	Councillor David Whalley
Disability and Mental Health Champions	Councillor Wayne Blackburn
Every Child Matters	Councillor Dorothy Lord
Loneliness Champion	Councillor Paul White
Older People's Champion	Councillor Pauline McCormick
Young People Champion	Councillor Nathan McCollum

**15. STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2020**

The Chief Executive submitted the Council's Strategic Plan for 2018/19 for consideration.

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor Nadeem Ahmed and –

**RESOLVED**

That this report be deferred and submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee in June for consideration before coming back to the Full Council meeting in July.

**16. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT FUNERALS POLICY**

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report on the Council's Public Health Act Funerals Policy. The Policy had been considered by the Executive at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 where it was resolved:

"That Council be recommended to approve the Public Health Act Funerals Policy as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report."

It was moved by Councillor A. Mahmood, seconded by Councillor P. White and –

**RESOLVED**

That the Public Health Act Funerals Policy be approved.

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(a) Barnoldswick Health Centre**

It was moved by Councillor T. Whipp, seconded by Councillor K. Hartley –

Council notes that the NHS East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has failed to carry out a feasibility study into providing a health centre in Barnoldswick due to the local medical practice preferring to remain in their existing premises.

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Council believes existing accommodation in Barnoldswick to be inadequate due to it being too small, old and inaccessible.

This Council therefore resolves to strongly request the CCG to take forward plans for a new health centre in Barnoldswick as a priority.

### **RESOLVED**

Accordingly.

#### **(b) Unitary Authority**

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

Pendle Council notes the decision of the Governance Working Group to seek an all-party meeting with other East Lancashire Councils in order to sound out their interest in moving towards a Unitary Authority system.

It declares that it will not support a new system which involves closing down Pendle Council and incorporating all Pendle functions into an East Lancashire wide Unitary Authority.

### **AMENDMENT**

It was moved by Councillor P. White, seconded by Councillor M. Foxley –

Pendle Council notes the decision of the Governance Working Group to seek an all-party meeting with other East Lancashire Councils in order to sound out their interest in moving towards a Unitary Authority system.

Council recognises the need to ensure effective local government structures are in place to best serve the residents of Pendle and East Lancashire. Council believes the creation of a Unitary Authority or authority in East Lancashire should be fully explored with our neighbouring authorities.

Council therefore instructs the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to engage in such discussions and report their progress to a future meeting of Full Council.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was **CARRIED**.

### **RESOLVED**

Pendle Council notes the decision of the Governance Working Group to seek an all-party meeting with other East Lancashire Councils in order to sound out their interest in moving towards a Unitary Authority system.

Council recognises the need to ensure effective local government structures are in place to best serve the residents of Pendle and East Lancashire. Council believes the creation of a Unitary Authority or authority in East Lancashire should be fully explored with our neighbouring authorities.

Council therefore instructs the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to engage in such discussions and report their progress to a future meeting of Full Council.

**(c) Staffing Changes in Local Libraries**

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

Pendle Council expresses its concern at the proposed staffing changes in local libraries, notably at Colne and Nelson and the reduction in opening hours at Barnoldswick and Nelson. It calls on Lancashire County Council to reconsider their proposals and requests an urgent meeting with the Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services and the Head of Libraries, Museums, Culture and Registrars to discuss these changes.

**AMENDMENT**

It was moved by Councillor J. Cooney, seconded by Councillor C. Wakeford –

Pendle Council expresses its concern at the proposed staffing changes in local libraries. Council resolves to write to Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services to highlight its concerns but also to thank the Cabinet Member for the reopening of library services in Barrowford and Earby which were closed by the previous administration.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was **CARRIED**.

**RESOLVED**

Pendle Council expresses its concern at the proposed staffing changes in local libraries. Council resolves to write to Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services to highlight its concerns but also to thank the Cabinet Member for the reopening of library services in Barrowford and Earby which were closed by the previous administration.

*At the request of two Members and in accordance with Rule 17 of the Council's Constitution, a recorded vote was taken on this issue.*

*Those Members voting in favour of the amendment were:*

*Councillors Nadeem Ahmed, Nawaz Ahmed, Musawar Arshad, N. Butterworth, R. E. Carroll, J. Cooney, T. A. Cooney, L. M. Crossley, V. A. Fletcher, M. S. Foxley, P. J. Foxley, M. Goulthorp, M. Horsfield, N. T. McCollum, P. A. McCormick, N. McEvoy, N. McGowan, J. Purcell, J. K. Starkie, K. Turner, C. Wakeford, G. Waugh and P. White.*

*Those members voting against the amendment were:*

*Councillors M. Adams, M. Ammer, W. Blackburn, A. R. Greaves, K. Hartley, J. M. P. Henderson, M. Iqbal, D. E. Lord, A. Mahmood, B. Newman, M. Sakib, K. E. Shore, D. Whalley, D. M. Whipp, T. Whipp and S. Wicks.*

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