



# MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2019

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۔

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# 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.

3. Minutes of Council

**Enc.** To approve as a correct record, or otherwise, the Minutes of the Annual Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

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 Work of the Policy and Resources Committee

A report of the Leader on the work of the Policy and Resources Committee since the last Council meeting is attached.

**TO FOLLOW**

8. Strategic Plan 2018-2020 – Refresh 2019-20

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Chief Executive.

This report was considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 where it was resolved “that the Strategic Plan 2018-20 (incorporating the Annual Refresh 2019-2020) be noted and referred to Council for consideration.”

9. Countryside Access Strategy 2019-23 and Revised Public Rights of Way Enforcement Policy

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

This report was considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 where it was resolved “that the Countryside Access Strategy 2019-2023 and the Revised Public Rights of Way Enforcement Policy be recommended to Council for adoption.”

10. Council Housing Scrutiny Task Group

**Enc.** Following consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup>

May, 2019 the attached minutes of the Council Housing Scrutiny Task Group held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 are submitted for information.

11. Notices of Motion

**(a) Antisemitism and Islamophobia**

To be moved by Councillor Y. Iqbal and seconded by Councillor ...

That this Council adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism and the definition of Islamophobia defined by the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Islamophobia.

**(b) Islamophobia**

To be moved by Councillor N. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor C. Wakeford –

Council notes the work the Government has done in tackling Islamophobia through multiple initiatives.

Council therefore resolves the following:

- (1) That this Council welcomes, endorses and adopts the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on British Muslims' definition of Islamophobia as an interim with the definition as follows:

“Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.”

- (2) That Council agrees to work closely with Lancashire Police and request the Constabulary to co-ordinate further actions in line with this definition of Islamophobia for all Muslims.
- (3) That Council condemns all bigotry and any discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, religion, denomination or any characteristic protected by the Equality Act 2010.
- (4) That in addition to the above Council agree to adopt the IHRA definition of anti-semitism with immediate effect.
- (5) That Council notes that should a more comprehensive definition be agreed by the Government then Council will review and make the relevant changes.

**(c) Housing Scheme**

To be moved by Councillor N. Butterworth and seconded by Councillor G. Waugh –

This Council votes to thank the Armed Forces' Veterans both within Pendle, and across the nation, for their unparalleled bravery and exemplary service to this Country.

Pendle Council also recognises the struggle some Veterans have readjusting to civilian life when they leave the Armed Forces, some of which leads to homelessness.

This Council resolves to end homelessness amongst veterans in Pendle, and create a safe haven for veterans across Lancashire, by working with Together Housing and Private

Landlords across Pendle to Create a Veterans' Housing Scheme - ensuring our brave veterans always have a roof over their heads.

**(d) Land at Bailey Street, Earby**

To be moved by Councillor M. Goulthorp and seconded by Councillor C. Carter –

Council notes the unrest felt by residents upon the recent decision to reaffirm the decision to sell the land at Bailey Street Earby for development.

Council therefore resolves to:

- (1) Withdraw from the sale of the land.
- (2) Remove the site from the list of land deemed surplus to requirement.

**(e) Nike Blasphemy**

To be moved by Councillor N. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor M. Aslam –

Council notes the recent news of a pair of Nike trainers being purchased locally with the Islamic name of God “Allah” being subtly ingrained in the sole. Council further notes the hurt and upset that this has caused in the local Muslim community.

Council therefore resolves to:

- (1) Condemn Nike’s action in disrespecting the Islamic name of God “Allah” ingrained in their products sole.
- (2) Write to the UK Chief Executive for Nike, Bert Hoyt, expressing the hurt that this product has caused the Muslim community and requesting that Nike cease production and sale of these trainers with immediate effect.

**(f) Brownfield Sites Fund**

To be moved by Councillor S. Cockburn-Price and seconded by Councillor...

Council reaffirms its support for Brownfield development to protect the Borough’s greenfield sites from housing and commercial development that could be situated in a number of brownfield sites within the Borough.

Council resolves to maintain the brownfield sites fund and prevent any reallocation of funding for schemes that fail to bring either further housing units or jobs into the Borough.

The mover and seconder of the following motion have been advised that the motion would amount to rescinding a decision made by the Council within the last six months, namely the decision at the Annual Council meeting in May 2019 to appoint a politically balanced Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee of nine Members (a Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee).

**They have also been advised that for the Council to consider it, it would be necessary under Rule of Procedure 23.1 to suspend Rule of Procedure 16.1.**

## **(g) Taxi Licensing**

To be moved by Councillor C. Wakeford and seconded by Councillor...

Council notes the concern felt by the public following the previous decision to bring Taxi Licensing back under political control.

Council understands that as opposed to “shades of grey” in terms of decision making with Councillors, that Council Officers deal with a fair but definite response in line with the rules and guidelines of the Council.

Council therefore resolves to abolish the Taxi Licensing Committee and to delegate decision making powers back to officers.

## **(h) The Climate Emergency**

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

Pendle Borough Council recognises that the world is in the midst of a climate and environmental emergency and that action is required at all levels of Government – local, national and international – in order to protect our planet for future generations of life in all its forms and for human society as we know it.

This Council notes that:

- on 8th October 2018, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published a report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emissions;
- the report warned that the risk of catastrophic climate change including extreme heat, drought, flooding and climate-related poverty would significantly increase unless global warming could be kept to a maximum of 1.5°C;
- the report authors found that global warming is likely to reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052 if it continues to increase at the current rate and say that urgent and unprecedented action is required to meet the target.

Council further notes that many Councils throughout the United Kingdom are declaring a climate emergency and resolving to take action to help to tackle this existential crisis.

It therefore resolves:

- (1) to declare a climate emergency in the Borough of Pendle;
- (2) to set up an all-party member and officer working group to research what actions other Councils are taking; to take evidence from local and wider sources on what action it can usefully take and what actions can be promoted in other ways in Pendle; to seek to work with other Lancashire Councils including Town and Parish Councils in Pendle and Lancashire County Council; to make recommendations to the Policy and Resources Committee on what short-term action could be taken; and to present an Action Plan to the Council within six months with the aim of taking the lead and making Pendle Council and its arms-length bodies carbon-neutral by 2030, and for working for Pendle as a whole to be carbon neutral by 2030 or as soon as possible thereafter;

- (3) to audit and review the local development plan as part of this process, and to include a climate emergency audit and statement as part of all significant new Council policies and plans;
- (4) to seek to work with local schools, Nelson and Colne College and other education bodies, together with community groups of all kinds and local media, to increase understanding of the climate emergency and to develop ways of tackling it in ways which promote freedom, fairness and equality, and community strengths;
- (5) to promote such short-term action as may be possible during the course of the current Council year;
- (6) to present a full report and action plan to the Policy and Resources Committee and thereby to the Council meeting in March 2020.

**(i) Northern Forest**

To be moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves and seconded by Councillor B. Newman –

Pendle Council notes:

- (1) Minute 68(a) on the Northern Forest which was agreed at the Council meeting on 22 February 2018, as set out as an appendix to this motion.
- (2) That the actions set out in that resolution have not been carried out and in particular that no meeting of interested parties was convened.

Council therefore resolves that:

- (1) a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee setting out the latest position in relation to the Northern Forest.
- (2) that subject to consideration of that report those actions set out in the resolution of 22 February 2018 be carried out.

**(j) LCC Public Health Cuts**

To be moved by Councillor T. Whipp and seconded by ...

Council notes the cuts being implemented to Public Health budgets by Lancashire County Council to the Lancashire Wellbeing Service, the Health Improvement Service and Integrated Home Improvement Services.

Council is alarmed at the impact of these cuts on residents of Pendle and greatly regrets that the County Council is pressing ahead with these reductions despite the overwhelming evidence that supports their continuation.

Therefore, Council resolves to request the Pendle Health and Wellbeing Board to urgently consider how these cuts can be mitigated in order to safeguard the wellbeing of local residents.