



# MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 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.

For further information please contact **Jane Watson on telephone 661648.**

**PHILIP MOUSDALE, CORPORATE DIRECTOR**

If you would like this information in a way which is better for you, please telephone us.



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اگر آپ معلومات کی کسی شکل میں چاہتے ہیں، اگر

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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 Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

4. 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 in relation to agenda item numbers 10, 11 and 12.

5. Announcements from the Mayor and Leader of the Council (if any)

6. Questions on Notice from the Public to the Leader

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

8. Report by the Leader on the Work of the Policy and Resources Committee

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

9. Member Champions

There is currently a vacancy and Council are invited to put forward nominations for the Older Person's Champion.

10. Budget Savings Options 2020/21

A report from the Chief Executive which provides an update on the Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/23 and Budget Savings Options 2020/21 is to be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Any recommendations will be reported at the meeting.

11. Income Review (2020/21 Budget Setting and Medium Term Financial Plan)

A report from the Chief Financial Officer reviewing and proposing new fees and charges is to be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Any recommendations will be reported at the meeting.

12. Charging for Support and Advice to Food Businesses

At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 it was resolved “that Council be recommended to:-

- (1) Agree to the Housing, Health and Engineering Service charging for bespoke food safety advice for new and existing food businesses.
- (2) Agree a fee of £60 per hour plus VAT from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2019”

**Enc.** The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submits the attached report for consideration.

13. Electoral Review

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Corporate Director.

14. Voter ID Pilot May 2019

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Corporate Director.

Appendices 1 and 2 can be found on the Council’s website [www.pendle.gov.uk](http://www.pendle.gov.uk) or by clicking on the following link: <https://www.pendle.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2685/council>

15. Property Investment Strategy – The Property Investment Fund

At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019 it was resolved “that Council be recommended to:-

- (1) Approve the Property Investment Strategy at Appendix A to the report.
- (2) Establish the Property Investment Fund with an initial allocation of £10m (5m for 2019/20 and £5m for 2020/21).
- (3) Approve a supplementary capital scheme for 2020/21 of £5m which would be funded by way of an equivalent amount of borrowing, such borrowing to be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer, used in accordance with the Property Investment Strategy and taken in compliance with the Council’s annually agreed Treasury Management Strategy.
- (4) Approve the revised Capital Strategy 2019/22 provided at Appendix B to the report.
- (5) Approve the updated Treasury Management Strategy for 2019/20 provided at Appendix C to the report.

**Enc.** The Chief Executive submits the attached report for consideration.

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16. Housing Renewal Policy – Means Testing of Disabled Facilities Grants

This report is to be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Any recommendations will be reported at the meeting.

**Enc.** The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submits the attached report for consideration.

16. Notices of Motion

**(a) Kashmir**

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

Council acknowledges the large number of Pendle residents who hail from the disputed Kashmir region and shares their concern at the decision of the Indian Government to unilaterally revoke articles 370 and 35a from their constitution which gives the state power to define permanent residents and their privileges.

Council notes the real risk of war breaking out between both India and Pakistan and appeals to both governments to seek a resolution through dialogue with the interest of the Kashmiri people first and foremost.

Council resolves to write to Andrew Stephenson MP, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary to ask that HM Government act and demand a stop to the human right abuses in Kashmir being carried out by agents of the Indian government.

Council resolves to ask HM Government to seek international sanctions against the Indian government until the blockade against the Kashmiri people is lifted and international agencies are permitted to enter Indian occupied Kashmir.

**(b) Unitary Authority**

To be moved by Councillor D. Whipp and seconded by Councillor A. R. Greaves –

Council notes changes to the criteria for the creation of Unitary Authorities used by the Department of Communities and Local Government which means proposals for new ones no longer need the support of all the Councils affected.

Council also notes the strong indications that a unilateral proposal for an authority is likely to be submitted covering the Pennine area of Lancashire and that the Member of Parliament for Pendle supports such a body.

This Council believes abolishing existing local councils and imposing a Unitary Authority centred on Blackburn will lead to the loss of any true local control on local matters by local residents and their representatives.

Therefore, Council resolves to oppose proposals for such a Pennine Lancashire Unitary Authority.