



MEETING OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY, 2020
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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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. 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 Budget Estimates 2020/21 and Adequacy of Reserves

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

6. Capital Programme 2020/23

Enc. To consider the attached report from Management Team.

7. General Fund Revenue Budget 2020/21

Enc. To consider the attached report from Management Team.

8. Council Tax Resolution

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

9. Localisation of Support for Council Tax Scheme for 2020/21

At a meeting of the Special Budget Policy and Resources Committee on 13th February, 2020 it was resolved 'That Council be recommended to approve the Council Tax Support Scheme, attached to the report at Appendix B, for implementation from 1st April, 2020'.

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

Appendix B can be found on the Council's website www.pendle.gov.uk and by accessing the following link: <https://www.pendle.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2744/council>

10. Pendle Arts and Culture Strategy

At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 16th January, 2020 it was resolved 'That Council be recommended to support the Pendle Arts and Culture Strategy and the partnership approach to its development and implementation'.

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

11. Notices of Motion

(a) Flooding

To be moved by Councillor D. M. Whipp and seconded by Councillor D. Lord -

Council thanks all the volunteers, council staff and emergency services for their work in protecting people, homes and businesses during recent storms, together with their help with recovery work.

Council also thanks those engaged with carrying out flood alleviation projects, such as at Ghyll Meadows, Barnoldswick, for their work in reducing the risk of flooding.

Council notes that despite the combined effort of these teams, many homes and businesses in Pendle suffered flooding with sometimes devastating repeat damage to the properties concerned.

Accordingly, Council resolves to put on record its thanks to those involved with fighting flooding and its sympathy for people affected by flooding.

Council also resolves to urgently request Pendle MP Andrew Stephenson to support measures that would provide automatic financial support from Government to people whose homes and businesses are flooded, whenever such flooding occurs. And, that the MP is also requested to secure flood alleviation funding for areas in Pendle that are repeatedly at risk from flooding.

(b) PEARL

To be moved by Councillor D. Clegg and seconded by Councillor B. Newman -

This Council notes the success of the joint venture Pendle Enterprise And Regeneration Ltd (PEARL) since its establishment just over 10 years ago following an open tendering procurement.

In a decade that has seen the axing of Government regeneration programmes and cuts of over two thirds in Government funding, the PEARL initiative (with all party support) has seen:

- * 252 homes built or refurbished (mainly on brownfield land);
- * over 16,000 square metres of new or refurbished business floor space;
- * provided over 1,000 construction jobs, with nearly three quarters (over 73%) being Pendle based;
- * £83,000,000 invested in Pendle through PEARL projects.

Council further notes that, as of March 2019, the investment from Pendle Council into the company was £2,243,000, giving a 37 fold return for the people of Pendle.

Pendle Council resolves to continue to provide support to the PEARL joint ventures and looks forward to further investment in jobs, homes and business space in future years.

(c) Littering

To be moved by Councillor A. Mann and seconded by Councillor J. Mills –

Council notes the decision of Policy and Resources Committee to have a further contract with District Enforcement for litter enforcement which is to be extended to include further issues such as serving Fixed Penalty Notices for dogs without leads.

Council believes that the most effective way of reducing the level of littering is to win the 'hearts and minds' of people so that everyone takes personal responsibility for their actions, and that the council can help to create a positive litter-free culture through a sustained anti-litter campaign and providing appropriate receptacles for frequently littered items.

Accordingly, Council resolves that income from litter FPNs is invested in a litter reduction campaign including the provision of 'stub it out' equipment, such as cigarette butt pouches, stub out boards and bins, gum disposal facilities and further dog waste bins linked to a wider initiative to reduce the amount of litter.

Council also resolves to request retailers, fast food outlets, venues and other businesses to participate in such a litter reduction campaign involving further investment in education and 'nudge' initiatives to positively reinforce anti-littering through indirect suggestions as ways to influence the behaviour and decision making of groups or individuals prone to littering.

Council resolves to establish a member led task group in order to take this initiative forward.

(d) Tree Planting

To be moved by Councillor T. Whipp and seconded by Councillor A. R. Greaves -

Council notes the launch of the Ribble Rivers Trust campaign 'Woodland Connect', which is a 10 year programme to plant huge numbers of trees in the river catchments of the county.

Council also notes the emerging recommendations of the Climate Emergency Working Group of this authority calling for a massive tree planting initiative in Pendle.

Pendle Council resolves to make land available for extensive tree planting projects; requests town and parish councils in Pendle to do likewise; requests other public sector and private sector landowners to support the programme; and, work closely with the Ribble Rivers Trust on the implementation of their tree planting campaign.

Council also resolves that designation of land for tree planting and the inclusion of tree planting within developments is given high priority when land use allocations are considered as part of the next stage of the Local Plan process.

(e) Rail Minister

To be moved by Councillor A. R. Greaves and seconded by Councillor M. Adams -

Pendle Council congratulates Andrew Stephenson, MP for Pendle, on his appointment as a Minister of State in the Department for Transport with responsibility for railways. It also notes that the Department for Transport is terminating the contract of Arriva Rail North Ltd and taking

direct responsibility from 1st March for the operation of the north of England rail services badged as Northern Trains.

It urges Mr Stephenson to use all his influence to improve the existing service on the Preston to Colne line; and to move the project to re-open the Colne to Skipton line, providing a modern rail service between East Lancashire and Leeds and Bradford, to the next planning stage.

It requests Mr Stephenson to meet an all-party delegation from Pendle Council to discuss public transport services in Pendle.

(f) M65

To be moved by Councillor B. Newman and seconded by Councillor T. Whipp -

Council welcomes drainage work being carried out on the M65 and hopes that this will result in no more flooding on the motorway.

Council reiterates its concern that this urban motorway remains unlit and considers that this is a contributory factor in several recent crashes.

Council also notes that the central concrete barrier was, according to the county council, installed because modern regulations required end of life metal barriers to be replaced with concrete. Council also notes that the Highway England stretch of the M65 is having new metal barriers installed along the central reservation beyond Burnley.

Therefore, Pendle Council resolves to ask Lancashire County Council to reinstate lighting on the M65 between Colne and Burnley and that Highway England be requested to switch the lights back on along the rest of the motorway.

(g) Legislative arrangements post Brexit

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

Pendle Council notes that while the United Kingdom has now formally left the European Union, there is still a great deal of uncertainty about its future relationships with both EU countries and the rest of the world, and that legislation is still required to replace most EU-based United Kingdom laws and regulations. It further notes that the transition or implementation period for developing the future relationship with the European Union is due to come to an end at the end of this year.

Council believes that it is in interests of Pendle and its residents for the United Kingdom to achieve the best possible deals with the United Kingdom and with the rest of the world, and for the maintenance of the highest possible standards.

Council therefore calls on the Government:

- (1) to work to maintain tariff and friction-free trading relationships with the EU for manufactured goods.
- (2) to ensure that farming in Pendle is able to survive and be successful, and that environmental and livestock protection standards on farms are at the least no lower than currently.
- (3) to ensure that food hygiene and processing standards are at the least no lower than currently.

- (4) to ensure that environmental standards in this country are at the least no lower than currently.
- (5) to ensure that workplace standards in this country are at the least no lower than currently.
- (6) to do everything possible to ensure that British citizens resident in EU countries (including those who are from Pendle) are not disadvantaged by Brexit.
- (7) to do everything possible to make sure that EU citizens resident in Pendle are able to benefit from the terms set out in the Withdrawal Agreement.