



MEETING OF THE  
**COUNCIL**

TO BE HELD ON

**THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**

AT 7.00 p.m.

**The meeting is being held remotely and will be live  
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# A G E N D A

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 meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019; 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 and 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

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

**Enc.** A report by the Leader on the Work of the Policy and Resources Committee since the last Council meeting is attached. Attached as an appendix to the report is the Council's Business Recovery Plan in response to the Coronavirus emergency.

8. Vacancies in the Office of Councillor

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

9. Political Balance Review

**Enc.** In light of the above report a revised political balance is submitted for information.

10. Chief Financial Officer (s151 Officer)

The Corporate Director reports that in December, 2019 the Council appointed the Chief Executive as the s151 Officer with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020. Under the Regulations relating to statutory officer appointments it is possible to combine the roles of Head of Paid Services and s151 Officer.

With the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic and the additional work this placed on the Chief Executive it became necessary to re-engage Mr. Vince Green as Chief Financial Officer on a temporary basis. This and his designation as s151 Officer was approved by Group Leaders under the Exercise of Urgent Powers Protocol on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

The temporary appointment has now come to an end and the Council is in the process of recruiting a Chief Financial Officer on a permanent basis. In the meantime it is necessary to re-appoint the Chief Executive as s151 Officer.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That with immediate effect the Chief Executive be appointed s151 Officer.

### 11. Strategic Plan 2020-2023

This report was considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 where it was resolved “that Council be recommended to approve the Council’s Strategic plan for 2020-2023.”

**Enc.** The report considered by the Committee is attached.

### 12. Notices of Motion

#### **(a) COVID-19**

To be moved by Councillor D. Whipp and seconded by Councillor D. Lord –

This Council expresses its sincere condolences to the bereaved families throughout Pendle who have suffered the loss of loved ones as a consequence of the current epidemic.

This Council expresses its great thanks and gratitude to all the staff at every level of Pendle Council, the County Council, NHS and other health agencies, together with the emergency services, community groups and individual volunteers who are carrying out invaluable roles in the fight against Covid 19, often well beyond the call of duty.

Council also thanks all the citizens of Pendle who have shown such fortitude in the face of unprecedented peace time impacts on their daily lives.

Council declares its determination to stamp out the Covid 19 virus in Pendle working alongside all the other agencies at local and national level.

#### **(b) Job Losses**

To be moved by Councillor T. Whipp and seconded by Councillor D. Clegg –

Council notes with dismay the announcement by Rolls-Royce that the manufacture of the crown jewels of the company, wide-chord fan blades, is to be offshored to Singapore, with the loss of hundreds of skilled jobs and the knock-on consequences for the supply chain throughout Pendle and beyond.

Council also notes the announcements of thousands of other job losses across Pendle in recent weeks and the consequent grave impact on the local economy across all business sectors.

Council therefore resolves that:

- (1) HM Government is requested to urgently enact legislation prohibiting the offshoring of critically important strategic manufacturing processes such as wide-chord fan blade manufacture (known as the crown jewels of British manufacturing).
- (2) Government urgently provides support for people becoming redundant with a view to retaining people losing their jobs, providing opportunities for young people to gain employment and creating economic conditions leading to new job creation.
- (3) The Chief Executive writes to the MP for Pendle, other Lancashire MPs and other local authorities in the region seeking their support for the above measures.

**(c) Unitary Authority**

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

This Council notes the submission by Lancashire County Council of an outline business case to the Secretary of State for the creation of three Unitary Councils covering Greater Lancashire, following a decision by the Leader and Deputy Leader of the County Council without any consultation with residents of Lancashire, other local authorities or indeed the full membership of the County Council itself.

Council also notes that the proposal put forward also entails the imposition of an Elected Mayor for the whole of Greater Lancashire, with the consequent concentration of powers in the hands of a single person.

Council there resolves:

- (1) That the Secretary of State is informed that Pendle Council does not agree to the creation of Unitary Authorities in Lancashire, or the creation of an Elected Mayor for the wider county area (including Blackpool and Blackburn-with-Darwen).
- (2) That the elimination of Covid 19, responding to the fallout from the virus and the health and economic consequences of the epidemic should be the top priority for all tiers of Government, rather than wasting time and energy on such shuffling of deckchairs.
- (3) That other local authorities in Lancashire be informed of the terms of this resolution.

**(d) Climate Emergency**

To be moved by Councillor J. Mills and seconded by Councillor M. Adams –

This Council welcomes the publication of the Citizens Assembly Summary Report “The Path to Net Zero” published on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 and in principle broadly supports the recommendations to government contained therein. We also recognise that everyone from the private individual, through voluntary, commercial and industrial organisations and all levels of governance, from local councils to Central Government, have a role to play, if the recommendations are to be achieved.

Council notes the work of the Climate Emergency Working Group in Pendle and the initiatives being taken by the Group in spite of the difficulties caused by the current epidemic.

In particular, this Council –

- (1) Wishes to thank the individual members of the Citizens Assembly for their hard work and diligence in considering the difficult questions posed by the problem of climate change.
- (2) Stands willing to play our part in facilitating a solution and takes responsibility for our own actions which contribute to the problem itself.
- (3) Calls upon our Member of Parliament, along with the higher Civil Authorities, Lancashire County Council and Parliament to adopt with urgency the recommendations of the Assembly.
- (4) Calls upon the Prime Minister and his Cabinet, to expedite legislation and funding in order to implement the changes required.
- (5) Calls upon Central Government, without delay, to provide the necessary leadership and guidance to achieve the stated objective of net zero emissions by 2050 or earlier, if at all possible.

**(e) Test, Trace and Isolate**

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

Council notes with alarm that the chaos in the nation test, trace and isolate systems for Covid 19 is contributing to the disease accelerating across the country. Council further notes that the failures of the Government's systems has created a situation where they are locking us into lockdown in Pendle.

Furthermore, Council also notes that people in Pendle are suffering from one of the most restrictive regimes in the country, despite (at the time of writing) the level of infection being lower and holding steady, than other Lancashire districts, where infections are rising and are at a higher level.

Council believes that oppressive regulations are counter-productive to the fight against Covid 19 and are generating mental health issues and undermining social cohesion across the borough. Given the confusion created as a consequence of the different measures in place and the mixed messages, muddle and mismanagement coming from national agencies, Council calls for a fresh start in the fight against the virus.

Accordingly, Council requests the following:

- (1) That Government issue a simple set of principles setting out the steps individuals should take to reduce the rate of transmission of the virus and that this clear guidance underpins efforts to bring the disease under control.
- (2) That the emphasis is on supporting people to live their lives in accordance with the guidance, rather than a reliance on virtually unenforceable regulations and 'Covid Marshalls.'
- (3) That Government provide sufficient resources for Pendle Council and its partners to have an effective Test, Trace and Isolate programme involving population screening, targeted individual testing, a local end to end tracing programme and adequate support for individuals required to self-isolate, together with monitoring of such isolation to ensure its effectiveness.

- (4) That Government implement these changes as a matter of extreme urgency.
- (5) That the Chief Executive write to the Prime Minister, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Pendle's Member of Parliament requesting implementation of these proposals without delay.