



MEETING OF THE
ANNUAL COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 20th MAY, 2021
AT 6.00 p.m.
AT NELSON AND COLNE COLLEGE

(For further information please contact **Jane Watson** on telephone 661648)

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CORPORATE DIRECTOR

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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیوں کریں۔

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AGENDA

1. Election of Mayor of the Borough

Mover : Councillor S. Cockburn-Price
Seconder : Councillor D. Lord
Supported by : Councillor M. Hanif

MOTION: That Councillor Neil Butterworth be hereby elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

Councillor Neil Butterworth to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by law.

Councillor Ken Hartley to vacate the Chair in favour of the Mayor.

Speech by His Worship the Mayor.

2. Minutes

Mover : Councillor
Seconder : His Worship the Mayor

MOTION:

Enc. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council meeting held on 25th March, 2021 copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

3. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

Mover : Councillor D. Whipp
Seconder : Councillor M. Iqbal
Supported by : Councillor M. Goulthorp

MOTION:

That the best thanks of the Council be hereby tendered to Councillor Ken Hartley and Councillor Jayne Mills for their services as Mayor and Mayoress during their term of office.

His Worship the Mayor will present commemorative badges of office to Councillor Ken Hartley and Councillor Jayne Mills.

Speech by the retiring Mayor.

4. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Mover : Councillor A. Mahmood
Seconder : Councillor N. Ahmed
Supported by : Councillor T. Whipp

MOTION:

That Councillor Mohammad Sakib be hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

Councillor Mohammad Sakib to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by law.

Speech by the Deputy Mayor.

5. **Mayor's Allowance**

Mover : Councillor
Seconder : Councillor

MOTION:

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-appropriated to the Council's Account.



7. **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.

8. **Membership of the Council**

Enc. Attached, for information, is a list of the current Members on the Council following the elections on 6th May, 2021.

9. **Appointment of Leader and Deputy Leader**

Under the new Constitution Council will appoint a Leader and Deputy Leader, both until the next Annual Council meeting in 2022.

10. **Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 – Political Balance Rules**

Whenever the allocation of seats on Committees is reviewed the Council is required to apply the statutory political balance rules.

The rules apply to the Policy and Resources Committee, Licensing Committee, the Accounts and Audit Committee, Employment Appeals Committee and Standards Hearing Committee. They do not apply to the Area Committees.

Enc. Attached is a note on the review.

11. **Appointment to Committees**

To consider the appointment of Members to Committees for the Municipal Year 2021/22. The list is a reflection of the Committees the Council current appoints, together with numbers currently on them:

- (a) **Policy and Resources Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 13 Members
- (b) **Accounts and Audit Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (c) **Licensing Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 11 Members
- (d) **Employment Appeals Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 3 Members
- (e) **Standards Hearing Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (f) **Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
- (g) **Area Committees** – not politically balanced

12. **Appointment of Chairmen of Committees**

To appoint Chairmen of the following Committees:

- (a) Policy and Resources Committee
- (b) Accounts and Audit Committee
- (c) Licensing Committee
- (d) Taxi Licensing Committee
- (e) Senior Management Appointments Committee
- (f) Employment Appeals Committee
- (g) Standards Hearing Committee
- (h) Restructuring Committee

13. **Appointment to Working Groups**

To consider the appointment of Members to the following Working Groups for the Municipal Year 2021/22. The list is a reflection of the numbers currently on them:

- (a) **Climate Emergency Working Group** – not politically balanced - 9 Members
- (b) **Governance Working Group** – not politically balanced – 6 Members

14. **Dates and Times of Council Meetings for 2021/22**

Mover : His Worship the Mayor
Seconder : The Deputy Mayor

MOTION:

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

22nd July, 2021
23rd September, 2021

9th December, 2021
24th February, 2022 (Special Budget)
24th March, 2022
19th May, 2022 (Annual Council)

Enc.(2) That the dates of other meetings set out on the attached schedule be approved.

15. **Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

(a) Appointment to Organisations/Associations

Mover : Councillor
Seconder : Councillor

MOTION:

That the persons set out in the schedule, previously circulated to members, be appointed or nominated as this Council's representatives on the bodies specified to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on 19th May, 2022 or such other dates as are indicated.

N.B. The appointment of representatives to those outside bodies which are required to be made by the Area Committees are not included in this list.

(b) Member Champions

To consider nominations for the following:

Member Champion	2020/21 Member Champion
Armed Forces	Councillor Neil Butterworth
Dementia, Disability and Mental Health	Mr. Wayne Blackburn
Every Child Matters	Councillor Dorothy Lord
Older People	Councillor Mohammad Hanif
Young People	Councillor Zafar Ali

Council are also asked to nominate a Health and Wellbeing Champion.

16. **Post of Chief Financial Officer (s151 Officer)**

At the meeting on 25th March the Council appointed Fiona Greenway as Chief Finance Officer and statutory s151 Officer.

Unfortunately she has had to resign from the post for personal reasons. Pending recruitment to the post the Council is **RECOMMENDED** to appoint the Chief Executive as statutory s151 Officer.

17. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(a) Require a License to Order Nitrous Oxide Canisters

To be moved by Councillor M. Hanif and seconded by Councillor Zafar Ali -

Council notes:

Many areas in Pendle are covered with small nitrous oxide canisters/balloons from where people have been using these and subsequently leaving the discarded rubbish. This is not only a blight on the local environment, it is a highly dangerous drug that can have serious impact.

Council resolves:

- (1) To ask that Government looks into regulation and licensing for the purchases of these canisters for intended use for cooking and use in a commercial kitchen environment.
- (2) To write to HM Government to highlight the use of nitrous oxide for recreational purposes. It is highly dangerous and is incredibly cheap and widely accessible.

(b) Human Rights in Palestine

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

Council notes with great concern the blatant disregard from human rights by Israeli forces in the occupied Palestinian lands with aerial/ground attacks against innocent civilians.

Council notes the state sanctioned forced evictions of Palestinians from their homes.

Council notes the silence from HM Government in speaking out against the illegal Government sponsored attacks against civilians.

Council resolves to:

- (1) Show solidarity with the people of Palestine during their struggle for freedom.
- (2) Write to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary demanding immediate condemnation by HM Government against the actions of Israeli forces.
- (3) Ask HM Government to raise this at the United Nations Security Council and seek sanctions against the Government of Israel.

(c) Lancashire Wildlife Trust Seasonal Surveys of Gib Hill

To be moved by Councillor D. Harrison and seconded by Councillor K. Howarth –

Council resolves to:

Accept the kind offer from the Lancashire Wildlife Trust to carry out a series of seasonal surveys of Gib Hill, covering spring, summer and autumn 2021, so that a full ecological understanding can be developed.