



MEETING OF THE

COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 29th JULY, 2021

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 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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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیے کہ

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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 Annual Council meeting held on 17th May, 2021.

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

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.

8. Statutory Officers

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

9. Strategic Plan 2020/23 – Annual Refresh 2021/22

To consider the attached report from the Chief Executive.

This report was considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 15th July, 2021 where it was resolved “that Council be recommended to approve the Strategic plan 2020/23 – Annual Refresh 2021/22.”

Enc. A copy of the report considered by the Policy and Resources Committee is attached.

10. Parliamentary Constituencies

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

11. Appointment of Chairman of Committees

To appoint a Chairman of the Taxi Licensing Committee.

12. Notices of Motion

(a) COVID 19

To be moved by Councillor D. Whipp and seconded by Councillor M. Adams –

Council notes:

- The ‘Big Bang’ approach being pursued by the Government in response to the continuing pandemic;
- Persistently high rates of COVID 19 infection in Pendle;
- Relaxing face-covering requirements will add to the spread of the virus. In many occupations, people have no choice about being close to other people and for many there aren’t any other protections in place;
- There’s no requirement or support for better ventilation in schools and workplaces, or more support for those in isolation.

Council further notes that:

- Over one in five people are under the age of eighteen and haven’t generally been offered a vaccination. Some young people will be seriously affected by COVID, including around one in ten who’ll suffer from Long COVID;
- Vaccination rates for younger age groups reduced sharply when Government messages said infections for younger people didn’t matter;
- Vaccinations are ineffective, or even impossible to administer, for people whose immune systems are compromised, leaving some people without any protection;
- For those with protection from vaccination, a risk from a large reservoir of infections is that natural selection of the virus could lead to the emergence of a strain that gets round vaccine defences;
- More people will get sick, some of them very sick;
- Levels of hospitalisation will continue to increase and an exhausted NHS, struggling to catch up with a backlog of treatments, is likely to become stressed by COVID 19 cases.

Accordingly, Council resolves that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Health and Pendle MP Andrew Stephenson to request that:

- Full vaccination is encouraged and enabled through easily accessible vaccination centres across Pendle;
- Requirements for mandatory face coverings are reintroduced;
- Improvements in COVID secure arrangements, such as ventilation, are required and supported in workplaces, including schools;
- And, the Government review its ‘hands-off’ approach and provide greater clarity about the measures required to reduce the transmission and impact of COVID 19.

(b) Planning Reforms

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

Council notes:

The significant concerns over the Conservative Government's Planning Reforms.

Local resident concerns about their reduced ability to object to building works under Permitted Development Rights and Planning in Principle which have been extended under this Government.

Widespread concerns and condemnation of the Planning White Paper proposals across Local Government, The Planning and Architecture Sector and organisations concerned with protecting green spaces and heritage.

Council is concerned that:

Government proposals to deregulate planning will remove the rights of residents to influence or object to inappropriate development where they live.

The Government's proposals will decimate the character of our borough and give carte blanche to developers to build what they please across large 'zones' without needing planning permission.

Council believes that:

Residents have the right to a say over development that will change the area they live in.

Local councils, in consultation with their businesses and residents are best placed to understand the issues in their area and respond with a spatial strategy tailored to that area.

Council calls for the Government to:

Scrap its Planning White Paper and instead –

- Undertake a wholesale review of Permitted Development Rights and Planning in Principle.
- Make the Bristol-based Planning Inspectorate more accountable to local people.
- Implement stronger controls to ensure Ministers making decisions on planning applications are not connected either financially or personally with the developers or related parties to the application.

(c) Changes in Planning Laws

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

Council notes with concern the Government intended change to planning laws which will tilt the planning system in favour of the developer.

Council believes planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver any new homes.

Council therefore resolves to:

Call on HM Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications.