



MEETING OF THE

**COUNCIL**

TO BE HELD ON

**THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021**

**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. Minutes of Council

**Enc.** To approve as a correct record, or otherwise, the Minutes of the Council meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021.

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

5. Questions on Notice from the Public to the Leader

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

8. Appointment of Chief Finance Officer and s151 Officer

At the Council meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August members approved the appointment of Graham Cadle as Interim Chief Finance Officer and s151 Officer. Interviews have now been held for a permanent appointment and the Interviewing Panel has offered the position to Richard Gibson and he has accepted.

It is anticipated that he will take up the position on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the appointment of Richard Gibson as Chief Finance Officer and s151 Officer be confirmed with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November.

9. Notices of Motion

**(a) Live Streaming of Meetings**

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

That this council continues to live-stream full council meetings; that principal committee meetings also be live-streamed to the council's YouTube channel; and that a report is presented to the Policy and Resources Committee on the implementation of this extended policy.

**(b) Openreach**

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

Council welcomes the announcement that Openreach has agreed to roll out gigabit speed fibre to the premises (FTTP) broadband to further areas of Pendle following the Council resolution and subsequent meeting between the company and the then Chief Executive and Deputy Leader of the Council earlier this year and that residential and business properties served by the Earby and Nelson exchanges will be enabled for FTTP in the coming months.

Council notes that Openreach has yet to include properties served by the Colne exchange in the FTTP upgrade, leaving Trawden, Laneshaw Bridge, Foulridge and other rural residents around Colne on the wrong side of the digital divide.

Accordingly, Council resolves that the Chief Executive requests Openreach to include residents and businesses served by the Colne exchange in their Fibre to the Premises Programme at the earliest opportunity.

**(c) Drivers**

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

Council notes the impact of a shortage of lorry drivers on Council services, especially street cleaning and refuse collection. Council resolves that a report on the issues is presented to the next Policy and Resources Committee.

**(d) Flooding in Barnoldswick**

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

Council notes the significant flooding in Barnoldswick during the intense rainfall on the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> September which affected many properties throughout the town.

Council thanks the manager and staff of the Environmental Services Team for quickly responding and delivering sandbags for affected residents and businesses.

Given the magnitude of the flooding event, with water pouring into scores of homes and businesses across the town, Council believes grants for property level protection should be available for those affected.

Council resolves;

- (1) That the Secretary of State is requested to make such grants available and that the Member of Parliament, Andrew Stephenson, be asked to help secure such assistance.
- (2) That, following consideration by the West Craven Committee, the Policy and Resources Committee consider a report on the flooding with a view to identifying any action that can be taken to reduce the risk of further flooding in future.

**(e) Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Renewable Energy**

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

That Pendle Council:

- (i) acknowledges the efforts that this Council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (ii) further recognises that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so, that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies, community groups and councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, if they wished, and that revenues received by such local companies, community groups or councils that chose to become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;
- (iii) notes that the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change inquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this;
- (iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill currently supported by a cross-party group of 264 MPs and which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company, and
- (v) further resolves to inform the local media of this decision, write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill and write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill expressing its support.

**(f) Curry on the Street**

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

Council congratulates James Foy and Curry on the Street on receiving the award in the Volunteer Category in the Radio Lancashire Make a Difference Awards.

Council recognises the importance of Curry on the Street in supporting homeless people and people with mental health problems in the Borough.

Council resolves that the Policy and Resources Committee consider a report on how this Council can assist Curry on the Street and other like-minded organisations in their work.