



MEETING OF THE

**COUNCIL**

TO BE HELD ON

**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 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](http://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۔

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies 2014, people attending open meetings can film, audio record, take photographs or use social media. Oral commentary is not allowed during meetings as it would be disruptive. If you are attending a meeting you need to be aware that you may be filmed by others attending. This is not within our control.



## 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. Minutes of Council

**Enc.** To approve as a correct record, or otherwise, the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

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

6. Questions on Notice from the Public to the Leader (if any)

7. 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)

8. 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.

9. 2022/2023 Budget Setting and Medium Term Financial Plan – Initial Efficiency/Savings Options and Income Review

At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 it was resolved:

“(1) That Council be **recommended** to approve the proposed new charges and savings relating to:

- Cemetery fees – 50% premium for non-residents
- Increased Garden Waste charge based on an increase of £2 annually for both 2022/23 and 2023/24
- Reduction in mechanical street sweeping
- Reduction in manual street sweeping
- Revised verge maintenance arrangements

(2) That Council be **recommended** to support the proposal to support further critical transformation activity to the sum of £250k, utilising allocated reserves in principle, subject to the submission of a further report providing information on the invest to save plan.

#### 10. Pendle Local Plan Part 2 – Site Allocations and Development Policies

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager.

This report was considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 where it was resolved:

“That Council be recommended to agree a housing number of 142 for the Pendle Local Plan Part 2.”

Appendices to the Plan can be found on the Council’s website [www.pendle.gov.uk](http://www.pendle.gov.uk) or by clicking on the following link: [Agendas, reports and minutes | Pendle Borough Council](#)

#### 11. Draft Final Nelson Masterplan

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager.

This report was considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 where it was resolved:

“That Council be recommended to agree to adopt the Nelson Masterplan subject to:

- Investigations into the possible compulsory purchase of Pendle Rise;
- The removal of land at Halifax Road, Nelson as an “opportunity site” for housing within the Masterplan;
- More emphasis and a targeted approach with regards to diversity issues and on-line marketing with this being led by a Senior Executive Officer.
- To note the comments received from the Nelson Town Deal Board as set out in the report.”

#### 12. Changes to the Constitution

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

#### 13. Community Governance Review

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

14. Updated Risk Management Strategy and Policy Statement

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Chief Finance Officer.

At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 it was resolved:

“That the updated Risk Management Strategy and Policy Statement be endorsed and recommended to Council for adoption.”

15. Adopting and Implementing the Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager.

At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 it was resolved:

- “(1) That Council be recommended to adopt and implement the regulations in order to allow the Council to carry out its statutory function in relation to electrical safety standards in the private rented sector and that the Environmental Health Enforcement Policy be updated to incorporate the regulations.
- (2) That the same process of issuing and determining levels of civil penalties for the offences in the regulations be agreed and adopted in line with the Civil Penalty Policy adopted by the Council on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.
- (3) That delegated authority be granted to the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager all powers to issue, use and enforce the Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020.
- (4) That the money received from civil penalties returns to the Environmental Health Residential revenue budget to fund further enforcement activity.”

16. Appointment of External Auditor from 2023/24

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Chief Finance Officer.

17. Notices of Motion

**(a) Integrated Rail Plan**

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

Council notes the watering down of infrastructure plans for the North of England with the publication of the Integrated Rail Plan and the consequential negative impacts for residents in Pendle and the wider region.

Accordingly, Council resolves that the strongest possible protest about the short-changing of residents of this area with regard to rail infrastructure is made to the Prime Minister, Secretary of State for Transport and Pendle MP Andrew Stephenson.

**(b) Openness and Transparency**

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

Council notes the continuing failure of Pendle Council to live-stream its meetings of Council and principle committees.

Council also notes the erosion of rights for local representatives to raise issues of concern to residents at area committees by the imposition of unnecessary hurdles to get items on agendas; and the draconian actions of the chair of the West Craven Committee in curtailing debate and unlawfully excluding members of the public when matters of concern were due to be discussed.

Council therefore resolves that the principles of open and transparent governance, which have served this area well for many years, be reasserted and that live-streaming be resumed; and that the highest standards be observed in committee and council.