



MEETING OF THE
ANNUAL COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 19th MAY, 2022

AT 6.00 p.m.

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

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

**PHILIP MOUSDALE
CORPORATE DIRECTOR**

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AGENDA

1. Election of Mayor of the Borough

Mover : Councillor Mohammad Hanif
Seconder : Councillor Mohammad Aslam
Supported by : Councillor Tom Whipp

MOTION: That Councillor Yasser Iqbal be hereby elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

Councillor Yasser Iqbal to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by law.

Councillor Neil Butterworth to vacate the Chair in favour of the Mayor.

Speech by His Worship the Mayor.

2. Minutes

Mover : Councillor Nadeem Ahmed
Seconder : His Worship the Mayor

MOTION:

Enc. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council meeting held on 24th March, 2022 copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

3. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

Mover : Conservative
Seconder : Councillor Zafar Ali
Supported by : Councillor Brian Newman

MOTION:

That the best thanks of the Council be hereby tendered to Councillor Neil Butterworth and his Mayoress Victoria Fletcher for their services as Mayor and Mayoress during their term of office.

His Worship the Mayor will present commemorative badges of office to Councillor Neil Butterworth and Victoria Fletcher.

Speech by the retiring Mayor.

4. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Mover : Councillor David Whipp
Seconder : Councillor Asjad Mahmood
Supported by : Councillor Nadeem Ahmed

MOTION:

That Councillor Brian Newman be hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

Councillor Brian Newman 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.

6. **Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain**

The Mayor to report that he has appointed Imam Afaq Khan and Father Gerard Kelly to the office of Mayor's Chaplains for the Municipal Year 2022/23 and to duly signify such appointment to the Council.



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. **Appointment of Leader and Deputy Leader**

Under the Constitution Council will appoint a Leader and Deputy Leader, both until the next Annual Council meeting in 2023.

9. **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.

10. **Appointment to Committees**

- (a) To consider the appointment of Members to Committees for the Municipal Year 2022/23. The list is a reflection of the Committees the Council currently appoints, together with numbers currently on them:
- (i) **Policy and Resources Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
 - (ii) **Accounts and Audit Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
 - (iii) **Licensing Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
 - (iv) **Employment Appeals Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 3 Members
 - (v) **Standards Hearing Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
 - (vi) **Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
 - (vii) **Area Committees** – not politically balanced
- (b) That with effect from 1st September Area Committees no longer be responsible for planning matters and that a Planning Committee be established to take on this function and that the Corporate Director be requested to report to the next meeting on this and consequential changes to the terms of reference and operations of Area Committees.
- (c) That the Corporate Director be requested to submit a report to the next meeting on possible improvements to the call in procedure for decisions of the Policy and Resources Committee.
- (d) That the Corporate Director be requested to submit a report to the next meeting on the rules of procedure at Council and Committee meetings in relation to members speaking and points of order and personal explanation.

11. **Appointment of Chairmen of Committees**

- (a) To appoint Chairmen of the following Committees:
- (i) Policy and Resources Committee
 - (ii) Accounts and Audit Committee
 - (iii) Licensing Committee
 - (iv) Taxi Licensing Committee
 - (v) Employment Appeals Committee
 - (vi) Standards Hearing Committee
- (b) Chairmen of Area Committees

The Rules of Procedure at Committee Meetings allows Area Committees to appoint their Chairmen. Difficulty has arisen with this at the West Craven Committee last year and this year as the Conservative and Liberal Groups both have three Members and this has led to deadlock.

This is an unsatisfactory situation and it is **RECOMMENDED** that Rule 5.2 of the Rules of Procedure at Committee Meetings be amended by the addition of the following:

“Where, for whatever reason, an Area Committee is unable to appoint a Chairman the Council shall make the appointment.”

If this recommendation is approved the Council can then proceed to make an appointment.

12. **Appointment to Working Groups**

To consider the appointment of Members to the following Working Groups for the Municipal Year 2022/23. The list is a reflection of the numbers currently on them:

(a) Climate Emergency Working Group – 7 Members

(b) Governance Working Group – 5 Members

13. **Dates and Times of Council Meetings for 2022/23**

Mover : His Worship the Mayor

Seconder : The Deputy Mayor

MOTION:

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

28th July, 2022

29th September, 2022

8th December, 2022

23rd February, 2023 (Special Budget)

23rd March, 2023

18th May, 2023 (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 18th May, 2023 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 2022/23

To consider nominations for the following:

Member Champion	Current Member Champions
Armed Forces	Councillor N. Butterworth
Dementia, Disability and Mental Health	Councillor M. Aslam
Health and Wellbeing	Councillor K. Howarth
Older People	Councillor N. Butterworth
Young People including Every Child Matters	Councillor M. Adnan

16. Council Governance Arrangements

At the request of the Leader of the Council a report of the Corporate Director is attached on a change in the Council's governance arrangements from a Committee System to an Executive from May, 2023. **TO FOLLOW**

17. Contaminated Land Strategy 2022/2027

At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 17th March, 2022 it was resolved:

“That Council be recommended to approve and adopt the Contaminated Land Strategy 2022-2027 as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report.”

Enc. A copy of the report is attached.

The appendix can be found by clicking on this link:

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18. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(a) VAT Reduction and Windfall Tax

To be moved by Councillor David Whipp and seconded by Councillor Tom Whipp –

Council notes the drastic impact of the cost-of-living crisis on Pendle residents and resolves to request the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reduce VAT to 17.5% as an emergency measure and to introduce a windfall tax on the profits of energy companies.

(b) Local A&E and Ambulance Response Times

To be moved by Councillor Dorothy Lord and seconded by Councillor David Whipp –

Council notes the huge pressure on hospital Accident and Emergency departments and the knock-on effect on ambulance services and their response times.

Council resolves that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to request urgent action to address waiting times at local A&E's together with ambulance response times.

(c) Local Elections

To be moved by Councillor Tom Whipp and seconded by Councillor David Whipp –

Council notes the dismal turn-out at the recent local elections in many wards, as well as the many seats that were filled with less than 50% of the vote going to the winning candidate.

Council therefore resolves:

- (1) To write to HM Government and the MP for Pendle, expressing this Council's concern for voter apathy and disenfranchisement and the effects this has on local and national democracy.
- (2) To ask HM Government to introduce measures to increase voter turnout, such as a national holiday on polling day, or a small council tax rebate for each member of a household going to the polls.
- (3) To demand that HM Government end First Past the Post voting in England and hold a referendum on which type of voting system should be implemented instead.
- (4) To announce support for the Make Votes Matter campaign.
- (5) To express dismay at the Government's Act implementing voter suppression through use of photo ID for voting.