



MEETING OF THE

COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER, 2022

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۔

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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 a meeting of the Full Council held on 4th August, 2022.

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 (if any)

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. Capital Programme Update

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

9. Planning Committee

(a) Working arrangements

At a meeting of the Planning Committee Working Group on 12th September, 2022 the Group considered the working arrangements for the Committee and the Group made the following recommendations:

- (i) That meetings be held normally monthly on the second or third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 pm, unless this clashes with another meeting.
- (ii) That Planning training be required for all Councillors who would be able to be on the Committee, including substitutes.
- (iii) That officers present applications to Committee at the start of each item.
- (iv) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager give consideration to providing guidance to each meeting, either on the agenda or in the planning report, on what can be taken into account when determining applications, to help the Committee with the formation of decisions and manage expectations from members of the public.
- (v) That Parish and Town Councils be invited to send a representative to attend Planning Committee meetings for applications being determine din their area and that they have a right to speak on those matters but not vote.

Also at that meeting the following recommendation was made:

“That Council request Management to make every effort to maintain the full staff establishment in the Planning Team consisting of 3.8 Planning Officers and 3 Support Staff, and if the Development Management system comes under pressure, that officers be appointed or brought in on a temporary basis as soon as possible, on a consultancy/agency basis if necessary, to avoid declining performance.”

(b) Scheme of Delegation

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

10. Community Safety Partnership

Enc. To consider the attached report from the Chief Executive.

Appendices 2, 3 and 4 can be found on the Council’s website www.pendle.gov.uk and by clicking on the following link: [Agendas, reports and minutes | Pendle Borough Council](#)

11. Disabled Facilities Grant

At a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 25th August, 2022 it was resolved “that Council be recommended to approve the Disabled Facilities Grant Policy.”

Enc. The report considered by the Committee is attached.

12. Appointment of Corporate Director – Resources

To consider a recommendation from the Senior Appointments Committee on the appointment of the Corporate Director – Resources. **TO FOLLOW**

13. Notices of Motion

(a) Energy

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

Council notes the tax payer funded Price Guarantee for energy supply companies announced by Government; the Prime Minister's commitment to "end the moratorium on extracting our huge reserves of shale"; and, her refusal to implement a windfall tax on energy producers.

Council further notes that domestic consumers still face a doubling of energy supply costs from last winter's level; the costs for business users are uncertain, with support limited to the short term; and there is a very real prospect of power cuts this winter.

Council resolves to request Pendle's MP Andrew Stephenson to oppose and campaign against a resumption of fracking, which would be environmentally disastrous in both the short and long term, and for him to press for a massive expansion in renewable energy supplies, together with a comprehensive programme of energy conservation with Government support for major improvements to insulation.

(b) Electric Vehicle Charging Points

To be moved by Councillor T. Whipp and seconded by Councillor C. Church –

Council notes the protracted discussions about providing electric vehicle charging points in council car parks; the tenders received for their provision; that only one supplier is offering to pay rent to locate chargers (for 120Kw at Wellhouse Road, Barnoldswick and Dockray Street, Colne); and that provision of such fast, destination, chargers is a boost for the host locations.

Accordingly, Council resolves to proceed with negotiations for these chargers in advance of the wider charger network.