

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MANAGEMENT TEAM
HELD ON 1st MARCH, 2022
VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS**

PRESENT: R. Rouse, P. Mousdale, N. Watson, J. Whittaker, D. Walker, H. Culshaw, J. Watson, R. Gibson, J. McDonnell and S. Miller

135. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Management Team (MT) meeting held on 15th February, 2022 were submitted.

AGREED

That the Minutes be approved.

All Management Team

136. TIMETABLE OF REPORTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The timetable for future meetings was submitted for consideration in conjunction with the Policy and Resources Work Programme and updated.

AGREED

That any further additions to the timetable be forwarded to Jane Watson.

**All Management Team/
Jane Watson**

137. COVID UPDATE

The Chief Executive said that the Lancashire Resilience Fund's position was still to be cautious. Public Health representatives were concerned that there was a possibility of re-infection, particularly over the Easter period.

It was likely that the testing stations at the ACE Centre and the car parks in Colne and Barnoldswick would close at the end of the month. This was in line with the Government's recent decision to lift all restrictions.

A message to all staff was being prepared and would be circulated shortly.

138. RESOURCES AND WASTE STRATEGY (RAWS)

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which provided an update on the DEFRA Resources and Waste Strategy and the Environment Act 2021.

The report provided details of the current position. Feedback on a couple of RAWS consultations but these were expected in the next few months. This would help

steer what policies were being taken forward. Such as if free garden waste collections were to be introduced and which materials would be confirmed as part of the core materials that would need to be collected for recycling.

The Environment Act 2021 had been enacted in November 2021 and a second consultation on the secondary legislation was expected during 2022.

A further consultation on Statutory Guidance on Minimum Service Standards was expected later this year. The outcome of this consultation would shape how and what materials for recycling the Council would collect in the future, whether any materials could be co-mingled and how often residual waste could be collected. All this would feed into any proposed service changes.

AGREED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That further updates be submitted as appropriate.
- (3) That the 'frequently asked questions' be circulated to Management Team for information.

David Walker

139. EMERGENCY PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS

Management Team were asked to consider encouraging more people to act as volunteers as part of the emergency planning arrangements.

Recently there had been three events which have brought into play the Council's emergency plan.

Therefore it was proposed that additional help was needed, particularly overseeing the 'frontline' volunteers and maybe representing the Council at multi-agency meetings.

AGREED

That an advert for the role be prepared and circulated.

David Walker/
Jane McDonnell

140. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Management Team considered the agenda and reports for the Policy and Resources Committee scheduled for 17th March, 2022.

A number of amendments were suggested.

AGREED

That the agenda and reports scheduled for the Policy and Resources Committee on 17th March, 2022 be agreed, as amended.

Jane Watson

141. COMMUNICATIONS

That press releases be prepared on the following:

**Alice Barnett/
Sarah Lee**

- Battery Recycling Scheme
- Joint Venture with Brookhouse Group
- Contaminated Land
- Climate Emergency Declaration Update
- Bankhouse Road Site, Nelson
- Hodge House Playing Fields, Nelson