

MEETING OF THE

COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 23rd MARCH, 2023

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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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) the Council meeting held on 8th December, 2022
- (b) the Special Budget Council meeting held on 23rd February, 2023
- 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. <u>Mayoralty</u>

Council are advised that the Deputy Mayor for 2023/24 is to be selected from the Conservative Group.

9. Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2023/24

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

10. Pay Policy Statement 2023

Enc. To consider the attached Pay Policy Statement for 2023.

11. Notices of Motion

(a) Policing

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

Council notes the widespread concern of Pendle residents about inadequate policing and the outcry following the Police and Crime Commissioner's maximum increase in Council Tax for policing.

Council resolves that the PCC be requested to make improvements to policing in the borough and to meet with an all-party group of Pendle Councillors to discuss this request.

(b) Pendle Wizz Bus Service

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

Council notes that Transdev is axing the fast Colne to Burnley double-decker service, the Pendle Wizz, which operates between Skipton and Burnley; passengers will suffer longer journey times; overcrowding will become worse; and that students at Burnley College will be particularly badly affected due to the loss of the route past the college.

Council resolves that Transdev is requested to retain the existing service.

(c) Energy Bill and Pre-Payment Meters

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

Council notes the huge windfall profits of energy companies and the bonuses being paid to energy company bosses. Council also notes the extreme difficulty many Pendle residents and businesses face due to current high energy costs, particularly where pre-payment meters are in use.

Council resolves that the Chief Executive write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer to request that consumers' energy bills are reduced by curbing windfall profits and bosses' bonuses; and that the Government legislate to outlaw the use of pre-payment meters.