

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 27th JULY, 2023**

PRESENT –

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor B. Newman – in the Chair)

Councillors

<i>M. Adnan</i>	<i>M. Hanif</i>
<i>F. Ahmad</i>	<i>M. Iqbal</i>
<i>N. Ahmed</i>	<i>Y. Iqbal</i>
<i>S. Ahmed</i>	<i>M. Kaleem</i>
<i>Z. Ali</i>	<i>S. Land</i>
<i>M. Ammer</i>	<i>D. Lord</i>
<i>R. Anwar</i>	<i>A. Mahmood</i>
<i>N. Ashraf</i>	<i>K. Salter</i>
<i>M. Aslam</i>	<i>M. Strickland</i>
<i>N. Butterworth</i>	<i>M. Stone</i>
<i>R. Carroll</i>	<i>A. Sutcliffe</i>
<i>D. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>Y. Tennant</i>
<i>S. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>D. Whipp</i>
<i>D. Gallear</i>	<i>T Whipp</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Albin, C. Church, K. McGladdery and T. Ormerod).



18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

19. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed, seconded by Councillor N. Butterworth and –

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 19th May, 2023 be agreed as a correct record and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

His Worship the Mayor said he had recently attended two events, one at Elisha House and the other was a disco for adults with learning and physical disabilities held at Colne Town Hall. He was impressed with how both events had been run and attributed this to the volunteers who helped organise them.

21. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE LEADER

There were no questions from members of the public.

22. 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

There were no questions from Members.

23. REPORT BY THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Leader of the Council submitted a report on the work of the Executive.

There were discussions around the Local Plan consultation, Infrastructure Levy consultation, Masterplan consultation, District Enforcement, Colne Levelling Up projects, the new Cemetery Site and Colne Neighbourhood Plan.

24. CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

At a meeting of the Executive held on 20th July, 2023 it was resolved “that Council be recommended to approve the revised Capital Programme for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix C attached to the report.

It was moved by Councillor D. Whipp, seconded by Councillor A. Mahmood and –

RESOLVED

That the revised Capital Programme for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix C attached to the report, be approved.

25. DEVOLUTION IN LANCASHIRE

The Chief Executive submitted, for information, an update on proposals for a County Deal for the Lancashire area.

Council was advised that the three upper tier local authorities Lancashire County Council, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and Blackpool Council had received a letter from the Government’s Levelling Up Minister Dehenna Davison signalling her ‘in principle’ support for the county to pursue a Level 2 Combined County Authority (CCA) deal.

These local authorities would now work together to prepare a Final Business Case to present to Government for approval. District Councils had urged the upper tier authorities to engage them as much as possible in this process and it was hoped there would be a meeting with district leaders and Chief Executives in the coming weeks. Subject to further changes to the Bill, any final deal would require local consent with the full agreement of at least the three constituent councils as well as Parliamentary approval.

It was moved by Councillor D. Whipp and seconded by Councillor A. Mahmood –

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council notes the House of Lord's amendment to the Bill currently going through Parliament that would require District Councils to have voting rights in County Combined Authorities.
- (2) Consequently, Council resolves to request that Pendle MP Andrew Stephenson supports retention of the district clause when the legislation passes through the Commons.

**26. REGISTRATION OF SKIN PIERCING ACTIVITIES
THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF BYELAWS**

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health submitted a report proposing that amendments made under Section 120 of the Local Government Act 2003 to Section 15 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to include registration of activities of body piercing and semi permeant skin colouring be adopted.

It was moved by Councillor A. Mahmood, seconded by Councillor M. Iqbal and –

RESOLVED

- (1) That Sections 14-17 of Part VIII of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by the Local Government Act 2003 be adopted within the administrative area of the Council to regulate persons carrying out skin piercing activities and that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to take all the necessary steps to bring this into force.
- (2) That the byelaws attached to the report at Appendix A be made and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to take all the necessary steps to make the byelaws and submit the same to the Secretary of State for Confirmation.

26. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Resources

It was moved by Councillor D. Whipp and seconded by Councillor Y. Iqbal –

Council notes:

1. the chronic underfunding from Government for residents in areas like Pendle, with a 70% reduction in Government grants since 2010;
2. the failure of Government to introduce a fair funding regime for local councils such as Pendle, leading to a continuation of the financial disadvantages in funding the provision of local services;
3. the abject failure of so-called levelling-up to address the deep-seated inequalities suffered by many local people in Pendle, including poor health, poor housing, poor attainment, and poor job prospects.

Council therefore resolves:

- (1) That the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State and Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting that fair funding for councils such as Pendle be introduced as a matter of urgency in order that additional resources are available to provide adequate services for residents.
- (2) That Pendle's MP Andrew Stephenson is requested to support this request for fair funding.
- (3) That other councils in similar circumstances are contacted with a view to making a collective approach to Government on fair funding.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(b) Waste Collection Costs

It was moved by Councillor T. Whipp and seconded by Councillor D. Lord –

Council notes the intention of Lancashire County Council to require Pendle Council's waste and recycling collection vehicles to travel to Leyland to be emptied and the consequential huge increase in the cost of plant, labour and CO2 emissions for this to be carried out. Council further notes the decision of the Executive in this respect.

Council resolves that the strongest representation possible be made to the County Council which is the waste disposal authority, to seek a continuance of waste transfer facilities here in Pendle, and that a meeting be sought with the Leadership of the County Council with the Leader and Deputy Leader, together with the Leaders and Deputies of similarly affected authorities in East Lancashire.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(c) Masterplans

It was moved by Councillor S. Land and seconded by Councillor M. Strickland –

Council notes the continuing work on masterplans for Barnodlswick, Colne and Earby town centres with workshops recently held in West Craven and due to be held in Colne. Council further notes the understandable confusion with workshops being held about the Local Plan and requests the Executive to ensure that any further rounds of consultation in refining the masterplans be held at suitable times for residents to attend, with adequate publicity given of these events.

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Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

His Worship the Mayor _____