



MEETING OF THE  
**COUNCIL**  
TO BE HELD ON  
**THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
AT 7.00 p.m.

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

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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 بتائیوں کریں۔

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## AGENDA

### PART I – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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 the Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

4. Councillor Aslam

The attached apology from Councillor Aslam is submitted for information.

5. Announcements from the Mayor and Leader of the Council (if any)

6. Questions on Notice from the Public to the Leader (if any)

7. 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)

8. Report by the Leader on the Work of the Executive

**Enc.** A report of the Leader on the work of the Executive since the last Council meeting is attached.

9. Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Domestic Insulation

At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 it was resolved "that Council be **recommended** to note that the members of this Task and Finish Group on Domestic Insulation are confident that Pendle has identified all funding streams presently available to its residents; is actively involved in promoting the uptake of the schemes; is working in successful partnership with Cosy Homes in Lancashire (ChiL); and will continue to play an active role in trying to secure as much external funding for the borough as possible."

10. Corporate Plan 2023/27

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Director of Resources.

11(a) Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2023/24 – Quarter 2

This item was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November where it was resolved:

- “(1) That the Quarter 2 position on the Council’s Revenue Budget for 2023/24 and the Council’s Capital Programme for 2023/24 be noted.
- (2) That Council be recommended to approve the requirement for a supplementary revenue estimate of £0.377 in respect of contract inflation, as set out in a separate report.”

**Enc.** The report considered by the Executive is attached.

11(b) Area Committee Budget 2023/24

At a meeting of the Executive on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 it was resolved “that a supplementary estimate of £119,070 be approved to reinstate Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee’s budget for 2023/24.”

The Monitoring Officer advises that this resolution becomes a **recommendation** to Council in accordance with Articles 4 and 14.03(a) of the Constitution.

12. Review of Polling District and Polling Places and Polling Stations

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

13. Hackney Carriage Demand Survey

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services.

The appendix can be found on the Council’s website [www.pendle.gov.uk](http://www.pendle.gov.uk) or by clicking on the following link: [Agendas, reports and minutes | Pendle Borough Council](#)

14. Carbon Emissions and Carbon Reduction Targets – Review

This item was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November where it was resolved:

“That Option 2 Keep it Carbon Neutral by 2030 funding option be agreed and recommended to Council to approve to enable effective delivery of an aligned carbon neutral target for the Council. This was subject to the outcome of the Leisure Review and funding being secured.”

**Enc.** The report considered by the Executive is attached.

15. Colne Neighbourhood Plan – Amendments to the Policies Map

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services.

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16. Appointment of Interim Director of Resources and S151 Officer

Subject to final due diligence, Council are recommended to approve the appointment of Damon Lawrenson as Interim Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer.

17. 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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Development Management Committee, Licensing Committee, Taxi Licensing Committee, the Accounts and Audit Committee, the Employment Appeals Committee and the Standards Hearing Committee.

**Enc.** Attached is a note on the review.

18. Representatives on Outside Bodies

To consider nominations from the Labour Group on the following:

Pendle Countryside Access Form (from the Labour Group – replacement for Councillor Y. Iqbal)

Pendle Leisure Trust Board (from the Labour Group – replacement for Councillor N. Ashraf).

19. Notices of Motion

**(a) HS2 and Colne/Skipton Rail-Route Reopening**

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

Council notes that the cancellation of HS2 hasn't led to funding for the reopening of the Colne to Skipton rail-route.

Council resolves to:

- (1) Reaffirm its support for reopening the Colne to Skipton line.
- (2) Request the Secretary of State for Transport to include the Colne/Skipton scheme within the Government's rail investment programme.
- (3) Ask Pendle MP Andrew Stephenson to support the Council's request to reopen the route.

**(b) Levelling Up Funding**

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

Council notes:

- The very uneven distribution of so called "Levelling Up" money, which has disadvantaged residents across the borough, especially taking into account the overall loss of Government funding over the past decade.

- The very low award for Pendle's round one approval of just £6.532m, compared to the average of over £16m in that round and £19m/£20m in succeeding rounds.
- The inequity of awarding funds to a single town in the borough when other communities and neighbourhoods have equivalent levels of deprivation.

Council believes that local communities across Pendle and the country should receive fair funding according to their needs.

Accordingly, Council resolves:

- (1) That the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Chancellor of the Exchequer be requested to ensure that Government funding is distributed by a fair funding formula providing sufficient resources for the provision of adequate local services.
- (2) That Andrew Stephenson MP is asked to support the council's request.

### **(c) County Deal**

To be moved by Councillor D. Whipp and seconded by Councillor M. Strickland –

Council notes that:

- The 'County Deal' announced last month won't lead to any significant devolution of powers or funding to Lancashire and will have no benefit for people living in Pendle.
- Pendle, and other district councils, will lose millions of pounds of funding.
- Local people won't have any say in decision-making by the new County Combined Authority, which will be run by a handful of people at County Hall, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool.

Council resolves not to support the County Deal.

## **20. Exclusion of Public and Press**

To consider excluding the public and press from the meeting during the next following items of business in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, in relation to exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

## **PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS**

### **21. Liberata Contract Review**

**Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Director of Resources.