



MEETING OF THE
ANNUAL COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 16th MAY, 2024

AT 6.00 p.m.

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

(For further information please contact **Jane Watson** jane.watson@pendle.gov.uk)

The meeting will also be live streamed and can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@pendlecouncil7565/streams>

**ROSE ROUSE,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیے۔

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AGENDA

1. Election of Mayor of the Borough

Mover : Conservative Councillor
Seconder : Liberal Democrat Councillor
Supported by : Councillor Asjad Mahmood

MOTION: That Councillor Mohammad Aslam be hereby elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

Councillor Mohammad Aslam to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by law.

Councillor Brian Newman to vacate the Chair in favour of the Mayor.

Speech by His Worship the Mayor.

2. Minutes

Mover :
Seconder :

MOTION:

Enc. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council meeting held on 21st March, 2024 copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

3. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

Mover : Liberal Democrat Councillor
Seconder : Conservative Councillor
Supported by : Councillor Asjad Mahmood

MOTION:

That the best thanks of the Council be hereby tendered to Councillor Brian Newman and his Mayoress Mrs Lynn Newman for their services as Mayor and Mayoress during their term of office.

His Worship the Mayor will present commemorative badges of office to Councillor Brian Newman and Mrs Lynn Newman.

Speech by the retiring Mayor.

4. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

Mover : Councillor Yvonne Tennant
Seconder : Liberal Democrat Councillor
Supported by : Conservative Councillor

MOTION:

That Councillor M. Ammer be hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

Councillor M. Ammer to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by law.

Speech by the Deputy Mayor.

5. **Mayor's Allowance**

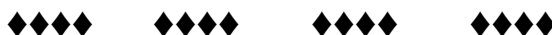
Mover : Councillor
Seconder : Councillor

MOTION:

That an allowance of £6,130 be paid to the Mayor for the purpose of enabling him to meet the expenses of the office and that such allowance be paid to the credit of the Mayor at the Council's Bankers and any credit balance remaining at the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council be re-appropriated to the Council's Account.

6. **Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain**

The Mayor to report that he has appointed Reverend Rick Ormrod, Father Gerard Kelly and Imam Qari Khalid Mehmood to the office of Mayor's Chaplain for the Municipal Year 2024/25 and to duly signify such appointment to the Council.



7. **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.

8. **Appointment of the Leader of the Council and the Executive**

(a) Appointment of Leader

Mover: Councillor
Seconder: Councillor

(b) Appointment of Deputy Leader

The Leader to report on the appointment of a Deputy Leader.

(c) Appointment of Executive

The Leader to report on the appointment of Members of the Executive for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

9. **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 and the Standards Hearing Committee. They do not apply to the Area Committees or the Executive.

Enc. Attached is a note on the review.

10. **Appointment to Committees**

To consider the appointment of Members to Committees for the Municipal Year 2024/25.

- (a) Accounts and Audit Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (b) Development Management Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 12 Members
- (c) Employment Appeals Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 3 Members
- (d) Licensing Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
- (e) Overview and Scrutiny Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
- (f) Senior Management Appointments Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (g) Standards Hearing Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (h) Taxi Licensing Committee** – a politically balanced Committee of 7 Members
- (i) Area Committees** – not politically balanced

11. **Appointment of Chairmen of Committees**

To appoint Chairs of the following Committees:

- (a) Accounts and Audit Committee
- (b) Development Management Committee
- (c) Licensing Committee
- (d) Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- (e) Senior Management Appointments Committee
- (f) Taxi Licensing Committee

12. **Appointment to Working Groups**

To consider the appointment of Members to the following Working Groups for the Municipal Year 2024/25. The list reflects the numbers currently on them:

(a) Climate Emergency Working Group – 7 Members

(b) Governance Working Group – 5 Members

13. **Dates and Times of Council Meetings for 2024/25**

Mover : His Worship the Mayor
Seconder : The Deputy Mayor

MOTION:

That meetings of the Full Council be held on the following dates:

- 18th July 2024
- 26th September 2024
- 19th December 2024
- 27th February 2025 (Special Budget)
- 27th March 2025
- 15th May 2025 (Annual Council)

Enc.(2) That the dates of other meetings set out on the attached schedule be approved.

14. **Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

(a) Appointment to Organisations/Associations

Mover : Councillor
Seconder : Councillor

MOTION:

That the persons set out in the schedule, previously circulated to members, be appointed or nominated as this Council's representatives on the bodies specified to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on 15th May, 2025 or such other dates as are indicated.

N.B. The appointment of representatives to those outside bodies which are required to be made by the Area Committees are not included in this list.

(b) Member Champions 2024/25

To consider nominations for the following:

Member Champion

Armed Forces
Dementia, Disability and Mental Health
Health and Wellbeing
Older People
Young People including Every Child Matters
Sustainable Travel

Current Member Champions

Councillor N. Butterworth and Councillor K. Salter
Vacancy
Councillor M. Ammer
Councillor N. Butterworth
Councillor D. Lord
Councillor T. Whipp

15. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Electoral Abuse

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

Council congratulates all those dedicated members of staff who ensured a smooth election process.

Council notes that Section 4 Elections Act 2022 makes it an offence for candidates or campaigners to handle postal ballot papers.

Council notes with concern the unusual high number of postal vote returns in Bradley ward 48 hours before polling day.

Council notes this is the second year running where over 1000 postal votes are returned 2-3 days before polling day in Bardley ward.

Council resolves to:

- (1) Ask the Returning Officer to write to the Electoral Commission asking for an independent investigation by all authorities concerned to ensure no irregularities have occurred.
- (2) Write to HM Government to introduce legislation giving Returning Officers the power to reject postal votes where suspicious harvesting/storage of postal votes is taking place in a particular area.

(b) Highway Maintenance

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

Council notes the refusal of Lancashire County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways to our recent request for him to visit Pendle and meet with councillors to discuss the appalling condition of roads and pavements in Pendle, where he says, "a meeting would not add a further understanding or value to the current situation."

Council therefore reaffirms its previous resolution and repeats the request for the Cabinet Member to visit Pendle and see for himself the delapidated surfaces and inadequate repairs being carried out.

(c) Taxi Licensing

To be moved by Councillor F. Ahmed and seconded by Councillor S. Ahmed –

Council notes the current taxi licensing policy (section 5.4) which prevents a licence application being submitted within 12 months of a refusal.

Council resolves to remove section 4.5 from the taxi licensing policy.