REPORT BY THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE

The attention of Members is drawn to the following items which have been discussed by the Executive since the last ordinary meeting of the Council:

EXECUTIVE – 30th JANUARY, 2025

- **Holiday Activity and Food Programme**

We agreed that the 2025/ 26 Holiday Activity and Food Programme would be co-ordinated by Pendle Leisure Trust (PLT) going forwards, subject to continuation of the HAF grant; and gave delegated authority to the Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, for any financial decisions as part of the transition handover from Pendle Borough Council (PBC) to PLT.

- **UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Round 2 (Interim Year)**

We considered a report of the Head of Economic Growth which informed us of plans for a UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) interim year, April 2025 to March 2026.

- **Planning Reform Working Paper: Planning Committees**

We were informed by the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services of the proposed changes and we agreed a response to the consultation.

- **Mutual Aid Arrangements – Winter Maintenance.**

We were provided with an overview of the collaborative arrangement relating to the provision of localised highway winter maintenance services on footways and asked to confirm whether the Borough Council should continue to support the Highway Authority when requested. We resolved to confirm that PBC should continue to support the Highway Authority when requested; and that a cross-party Members/Officers meeting be arranged between Pendle Borough Council (PBC) and LCC to discuss mutual aid arrangements – winter maintenance moving forward

- **Overview and Scrutiny Review of Mechanical Street Cleansing (Compact Sweepers)**

We received a report which requested Executive's consideration of and response to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendations following a review of the mechanical street cleansing (compact sweepers) service. We noted the report and referred it to Full Council for consideration and for Full Council to provide a response to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's recommendations in respect of the mechanical street cleansing (compact sweepers) service.

SPECIAL BUDGET EXECUTIVE – 20th February, 2025

- **Performance Update report: Quarter 3 – 2024/25**

We reviewed and asked several questions on the update report and noted the information contained therein.

- **Quarter 3 positions on the Council's Revenue Budget and the Council's Capital Programme for 2024/25**

We noted the report and the information contained therein.

- **General Fund revenue and Capital Budgets 2025/26 and Medium-Term Financial Forecast (2025/26 to 2027/28)**

We noted the Medium-term Forecast position for 2025/26 to 2027/28 and the savings required over the period of the forecast and recommended to Council that Council consider and determine the matters contained in this report at the Special Council (Budget) meeting to be held on 27th February, 2025.

- **Council Tax Premiums for Empty Homes and Second Homes**

We resolved that the minimum period for the implementation of a 100% Council Tax premium for empty and substantially unfurnished dwellings be reduced from 2 years to 1 year from April 2025; and that a Council Tax premium of 100% on dwellings classed as second homes that are empty and substantially furnished from April 2026 be introduced.

- **Lancashire Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

We endorsed the pre-consultation draft LNRS that would form the basis of the formal public consultation.

- **Colne Market Hall – Proposals for Future Management and Operations and Development of the First Floor (Exempt report)**

We resolved to approve the procurement brief for the opportunity for a commercial operator to lease and operate Colne Market Hall be approved, and that delegated authority be given to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Leader of the Conservative Group and Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and to determine the appropriate management arrangement going forward; and the change of intended usage to the Colne Market Hall first floor area and to proceed with limited construction works be approved.

- **Marsden Park Golf Course Update (Exempt report)**

We considered this report and recommended that Full Council determine the way forward for the Marsden Park Golf Course at its meeting to be held on 27th February, 2025.

EXECUTIVE – 20th MARCH, 2025

This meeting will be held on Thursday 20th March, 2025 (the day after the Full Council agenda and reports are distributed). An update on the work of the Executive in relation the 20th March meeting will be submitted to a future Council meeting

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