

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 19th JUNE, 2025**

PRESENT –

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor M. Ammer – in the Chair)

Councillors

*M. Adnan
F Ahmad
N. Ahmed
S. Ahmed
M. Atkinson
A. Bell
D. Gallear
M. Hanif
M. Iqbal
Y. Iqbal*

*D. Lord
S. Land
A. Mahmood
B. Newman
M. Stone
M. Strickland
A. Sutcliffe
Y. Tennant
D. Whipp
L. Whipp*

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Z. Ali, M. Aslam, R. Anwar, N. Ashraf, C. Church and D. Hartley.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

There were no declarations of interest.

20. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

Cllr D. Whipp, Leader of the Council advised that following the departure of Rose Rouse, Pendle BC's former Chief Executive in March 2025 a recruitment exercise for a replacement permanent Chief Executive had been undertaken and that process had now concluded. The Interviewing Panel of the shortlisted candidates (Senior Management Appointments Committee) has offered the position to Dean Langton (subject to confirmation by the Full Council) and he has accepted. He added that Mr Langton brought a wealth of experience to the role as a former employee of the Council before taking up a role with a Unitary Authority and that his experience would be helpful for Pendle BC with the current Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) proposals for Lancashire.

Cllr A. Mahmood, leader of the Independent Group and also a member of the Senior Management Appointments Committee endorsed the Leader's comments.

Cllr M. Stone, who had been a member the Senior Management Appointments Committee had been involved in the recruitment process but along with Cllr D Cockburn-Price had been unable to

attend the final interview added he knew Dean in his capacity as a governor at Craven College and felt his skills would be an attribute to the Council through this appointment.

Under the law and the Council's constitution the appointment of the Head of Paid Service is subject to confirmation by the Full Council.

Subject to Full Council's approval of the appointment, Dean Langton would take up the position of Chief Executive on 6th October, 2025

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of Dean Langton as Chief Executive of Pendle Borough Council including designation as Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer be confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor _____