



MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2025

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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AGENDA

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 they have 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.

Members' attention is also drawn to the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct relating to the disclosure of Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests.

3. Presentation of Petitions – Petition to save the feature on the Floor of the Pendle Rise Shopping Centre – to be presented by Mr Mark Cook

Presentations of Petitions – 72 signature Petition to be presented to Council by Mr Mark Cook – Re: Petition to save the feature on the Floor of the Pendle Rise Shopping Centre. In accordance with Part 4 of the Constitution, Paragraph 10 – Presentation of Petitions, a member of the public may present a petition on any matter relevant to the Borough on giving notice to the Chief Executive at least seven clear days before the meeting. The presentation of the meeting shall take place as soon as practicable at the start of the meeting. The person presenting the petition may speak for up to five minutes in support of the petition.

4. Minutes of Council

Enc. To approve as correct record, or otherwise, the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July, 2025.

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. Report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee + Annual Report

Enc. A report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on recent overview and scrutiny activity is attached, along with a copy of the Annual Scrutiny report.

The Annual Scrutiny report can be found on the Council's website by clicking on the following link: [Agendas, reports and minutes | Pendle Borough Council](#)

10. Review of the Council Constitution

Enc. To consider the attached report of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolution in this matter, together with details of the proposed changes to the Constitution can be found on the Council's website by clicking on the following link: [Agendas, reports and minutes | Pendle Borough Council](#)

11. Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Recommendations for Consideration – Review of Bulky Household Waste Collection and Replacement Waste Containers

At the meeting of the Executive held on 21st August, 2025, it was: **Recommended that Council:**

(1) agree Option 2 as presented in the report with regard to bulky household waste collection, by which residents can receive eight free bulky waste collections per year. Residents can continue to arrange for a maximum of nine items to be collected each time;

(Officers recommend that Members additionally approve the introduction of a stepped charging mechanism for bulky household waste collections following eight free collections totalling a possible maximum of 72 items being exceeded. The Charging mechanism being as set out within option 1 and 3 of the Overview and Scrutiny report to Executive in August 2025. Officers further recommend that the Council's website is refreshed to provide residents with sufficient information on alternative routes of re-homing, re-using and recycling of materials through the County Council's Household waste recycling centres or shops linked to charitable organisations).

Reason. To promote re-use, rehoming, and recycling over disposal.

(2) agree Option 3 with regard to waste containers, subject to the words 'exchanges' and 'exchanged' being amended to 'replacements' and 'replaced', agreeing for residents to receive a maximum of three waste container replacements per year for free, allowing one bin per scheme to be replaced, excluding subscribed schemes.

Enc. To consider the attached report of the Assistant Director, Operational Services.

The appendix can be found on the Council's website by clicking on the following link:

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12. Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Recommendation to Full Council – Equality and Diversity Policy Report 2025/28

At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 26th June, 2025, it was:
Recommended that Council:

- (1) That subject to appropriate amendments, as discussed, Council be recommended to approve Pendle Borough Council's Equality Policy 2025-2028.
- (2) That the implementation of the Policy's objectives is supported through relevant service planning and partnership working

The Equality and Diversity Policy, now incorporating the appropriate amendments, is submitted for Council's consideration and approval.

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

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13. Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Recommendation to Full Council – Street Naming and Numbering Policy

At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24th July, 2025, it was:
Recommended:

That Council be recommended to – agree the Street Naming and Numbering Policy, along with the introduction of fees as now submitted, subject to amending the charge amount for naming a new road from £200 to a fee of £300.

Enc. To consider the attached report of the Director of Place

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14. Revised Taxi Licensing Policy – Taxi Safety

Enc. To consider the attached report of the Director of Place.

The consultation responses can be found on the Council's website by clicking on the following link: [Agendas, reports and minutes | Pendle Borough Council](#)

15. Notices of Motion

(a) Bin Collections

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

Council notes that Lancashire County Council is asking for changes to household bin collection frequencies in Pendle and other districts in addition to the introduction of weekly food waste collections next year.

Council also notes that LCC is pressing ahead with waste transfer arrangements which will add an estimated minimum of £560,000 to Pendle Council's costs.

In view of pending Local Government Reorganisation, Council believes that this is the wrong time to be making significant changes in waste collection and transfer arrangements.

Therefore, Council resolves to reiterate its requests for the county council to review the decision to push waste transfer costs onto the borough council, and that any discussion of bin collection changes cease pending the outcome of Local Government Reorganisation.

(b) Fracking, Fossil Fuels and the Climate Emergency

To be moved by Councillor A. Bell, and seconded by Councillor D. Lord –

Council notes recent statements from national political parties about a) Fracking and b) extraction of Fossil Fuels from the North Sea.

Council believes both the immediate and long-term consequences of Fracking are extremely polluting, and that the commitment to extract every drop of fossil fuels would contribute to catastrophic consequences for our climate.

Council reaffirms its previous resolutions on Fracking and the Climate Emergency and calls upon Government to accelerate investment in renewable energy generation.

(c) Sewage Discharges

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

Council notes with great concern the spilling of untreated raw sewage into Stock Beck and the river Ribble from Barnoldswick's main sewer in recent weeks but notes that storm overflows regularly see untreated sewage discharged into local water courses throughout Pendle.

Across England, a total of 3.6 million hours of sewage discharging took place into natural areas last year. This is the highest number on record, and over 8000 hours more than the previous year.

Council believes the sewage crisis continues to be a national scandal. Successive Conservative and Labour Governments have failed to take any meaningful action to stop it and have allowed it to get worse.

Council believes it is unacceptable that Water Companies continue to pay their executives millions of pounds in pay, pensions and bonuses while pollution continues. Council further

believes that local residents should not bear the cost of Water Companies reducing sewage discharges through increased water bills.

Council notes the Government's commitment for the water regulator OFWAT to be scrapped with a new regulator established to oversee all aspects of water quality.

Council resolves to:

- Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of the State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to make clear the position of this council, to demand that all Water Company executive bonuses are paused and to demand that the new regulatory regime set binding targets and revoke licenses if pollution continues.
- Invite the Chief Executives of United Utilities and Yorkshire Water to meet with councillors and members of the public and to establish urgent commitments and timescales to improve their infrastructure and reduce sewage discharges in Pendle.
- Instruct the Chief Executive to write to environmental charities The Rivers Trust and River Action to demonstrate the council's commitments and support to work with partners to improve water quality in the Ribble and Aire catchments.

(d) Trans Rights

To be moved by Councillor L. Whipp and seconded by Councillor S. Land –

Council notes that:

- A. The Supreme Court, in the case of *For Women Scotland v the Scottish Ministers*, ruled that the terms “man”, “woman” and “sex” in the Equality Act 2010 refer to ‘biological sex’, and that the Scottish Government’s effort to increase women’s representation on public boards therefore did not entail representation by trans women with a Gender Recognition Certificate as it had intended.
- B. Interim guidance published by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has suggested that trans women should not be permitted to use women’s facilities, and trans men should not be permitted to use men’s facilities, in workplaces and services open to the public.
- C. The Supreme Court judgement, and following interim guidance from the EHRC, has caused great anxiety, uncertainty, and fear for the trans community.
- D. Law requiring respect for trans rights has not changed, for instance the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 on protected characteristics and associated case law, and the Supreme Court reaffirmed that trans people’s rights must be respected under the law.
- E. A recent Galop survey found that two-thirds of LGBT+ respondents had experienced anti-LGBT+ violence or abuse, and abuse is particularly severe for trans people.
- F. The LGBT+ community are more likely to experience disproportionately poor health outcomes, workplace conflict, homeless, and difficulties accessing public services

Council believes:

- I. Trans women are women, trans men are men, and non-binary people are non-binary.
- II. Everyone should be safe and free to be themselves, without fear of hostility or violence, and the erosion of trans rights threatens everyone’s rights.
- III. Nobody’s life chances should be limited or determined because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- IV. The trans community deserve clarity and reassurance on how their rights will be protected.

V.Parliament must act to clarify how Gender Recognition Certificates interact with the Equality Act 2010, ensuring that Gender Recognition Certificates recognise trans people's gender identities for all purposes under the law.

Council resolves to:

1. Affirm our support for trans, non-binary, and gender-diverse residents and our commitment to defending their rights and dignity.
2. Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Women and Equalities to make clear the position of this council and to ask:
 - For guidance on how existing legislation will protect the rights of trans people;
 - What new legislation is envisaged, and;
 - Seek legal advice before altering guidance for staff or the provision of services in light of the Supreme Court judgement
3. Where it is appropriate and practical to do so, provide gender-neutral bathrooms and changing room facilities, separate to and including similar facilities for disabled people.
4. Commit to ensuring that Pendle is welcoming and inclusive to the LGBT+ community, embracing difference and ensuring action to ensure the safety of all residents.

(e) Council Tax Exemption for the Terminally Ill

To be moved by Councillor Y. Iqbal and seconded by Councillor TBC

1. The Council notes the research conducted by one of the UK's leading end of life charity group, Marie Curie, highlighting the financial impact of the cost of living on individuals with a terminal illness.
2. The Council believes that those suffering from a terminal illness and nearing the end of their life should have the financial freedom to concentrate on themselves and their family. Due to the cost-of-living crisis many people in this situation experience hardship and stress caused as a result of financial problems.
3. The Council also believes that we should try and alleviate any financial pressure on the individual or family by adopting a council tax exemption scheme.
4. **The Council therefore resolves to:**
 - a) Support Marie Curie's campaign calling for a Council Tax Exemption for those who are terminally ill.
 - b) Commend Manchester City Council for being the first local authority to introduce such a scheme for its residents.
 - c) Request that the Executive develop and present proposals to implement a council tax exemption under the council tax reduction scheme for individuals diagnosed with a terminal illness—or their partners or household members—who have been given a prognosis of 12 months or less to live.