

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 25th SEPTEMBER, 2025**

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

*M. Adnan
N. Ahmed
S. Ahmed
M. Aslam
Z. Ali
R. Anwar
A. Bell
C. Church
M. Hanif
M. Iqbal
Y. Iqbal*

*S. Land
D. Lord
A. Mahmood
B. Newman
R. O'Connor
K. Salter
A. Sutcliffe
Y. Tennant
D. Whipp
L. Whipp*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F. Ahmad, N. Ashraf, M. Atkinson, N. Butterworth, D. Cockburn-Price, S. Cockburn-Price, D. Gallear, D. Hartley, M. Kaleem, M. Stone and M. Strickland).



38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests and other registrable interests.

Councillor M. Adnan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in minute number 50 as he held a taxi driver's licence and left the meeting whilst the matter was considered.

Councillor D. Whipp declared an Other Registrable Interests (ORI) in minute number 39 Presentation of Petitions as a member on the Penbrook Board and in minute 51 (a) – Bin Collections, as he was an elected member on Lancashire County Council.

39. PRESENTATION OF PETITION

In accordance with Part 4 of the Constitution, Paragraph 10 – Presentation of Petitions, a member of the public could 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. Such notice had been given by Mr Mark Cook.

Mr Mark Cook, the petition organiser, addressed Council and presented a 72-signature petition to Council re: Saving the feature on the floor of the Pendle Rise Shopping Centre.

The Leader of the Council and other Members thanked Mr Cook for bringing this matter to Council's attention, The Leader of the Council added that the Council would make every effort to relocate and preserve this feature from the current Pendle Rise Shopping Centre.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Mr Cook be thanked for presenting his petition to Council;
- (2) the petition be received; and
- (3) the petition be referred to the Director of Resources and the Head of Property and Engineering, Pendle Borough Council (PBC).

40. MINUTES

It was moved by Cllr D Whipp and seconded by Cllr A. Mahmood that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th July, 2025 be agreed as a correct record and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the of the Council meeting held on 10th July, 2025 be agreed as a correct record and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

41. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

His Worship the Mayor had circulated his Mayoral update since the Annual Council meeting (reproduced below for information purposes) by e-mail to all Members of the Council prior to this meeting.

“Colleagues

As I said in July, we should be judged by the results we deliver. Over the last couple of months, I've worked to represent this Council and our Borough as best I can.

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of opening the Nelson Food and Drink Festival. It was wonderful to welcome stall holders and sample the amazing food, drink, crafts and creativity on display.

My thanks go to the organisers, Nelson Town Council, and local businesses like Sugden Processing Equipment for making the event such a success.

I was delighted to officially open the new Specsavers in Nelson town centre. Their move into a previously closed building brings fresh life to the high street. Supporting local businesses and making good use of empty premises is so important for Nelson's future.

On Good Growth, it was also a privilege to open the expanded Filtrox plant in Barnoldswick with the Council Leader. This investment has created around 40 new jobs and shows real confidence in Pendle.

I was pleased too to support Daisy Communications at their charity football tournament for Pendleside Hospice, which combined fundraising with community spirit.

The Mayoress and I have now visited both of our chosen charities

Derian House Children's Hospice and the Samaritans here in Nelson.

I'd encourage everyone to support them including by joining us at the Mayor's Charity Ball on 27th March 2026 at Fence Gate.

I've also been inspired by young people taking part in the King's Trust programme with Lancashire Fire & Rescue and by groups like Team Rise in Brierfield, who provide brilliant opportunities for adults with additional needs and those who are socially isolated.

And finally, it was an honour to take part in events marking the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day, both here in Pendle and with the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire.

This is only a snapshot, but I continue to be proud of the people, businesses, and organisations making such a positive difference across our Borough".

Councillor David Whipp, Leader of the Council, also referenced his attendance at the opening of expanded Filtrox plant in Barnoldswick with the mayor and highlighted the following matters referenced in his Leader's report on the work of the Executive (Minute xx below). Specifically, he also commented on the important work of the Council's Cost Sharing and Asset Transfer Working Party and a letter he recently had circulated to Town and Parish Council's in Pendle on localisation of assets.

He also informed Council that this was the last Council meeting, Lawrence Conway, the Interim Chief Executive would attend before he left the Council on 7th October. Mr Conway was thanked for his service with the Council and wished well for the future. Councillors A Mahmood, Leader of the Independent Group and N. Ahmed, Deputy Mayor added their thanks and supported by other Members endorsed the Leader's best wishes to Mr Conway.

42. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE LEADER

There were no questions from members of the public.

43. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS TO THE LEADER, A COMMITTEE CHAIR OR A REPRESENTATIVE ON AN OUTSIDE BODY ON MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

There were no questions from Members of the Council.

44. REPORT BY THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Leader of the Council submitted a report on the work of the Executive.

The Leader of the Council commented on his report and decisions made by Executive since the last ordinary meeting of Council. He also drew Council's attention to and placed on record thanks and appreciation to Stephanie de Looze, Digital Customer Journey Lead, Policy and Commissioning, PBC for her work and efforts in progressing the Council's JADU upgrade and

renewal in renewing the Council's contract with JADU for the Council's existing digital services and upgrading the Council's website.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

45. REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Chris Church, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee submitted a report on the work of the Committee along with the Annual Scrutiny report for 2024/25.

RESOLVED

That the reports be noted.

46. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which asked Council to consider the findings of a constitutional review carried out by Officers, led by the Head of Democratic Services (the Council's monitoring Officer).

As a background to the report, Council was informed that on 11th September 2025, Overview & Scrutiny Committee had considered the undermentioned recommendations (with the exception of (h.) below) and resolved to endorse all the recommendations except that in relation to recommendation (d). below it resolved to survey all Members on that issue and in relation to (f.) non-Executive members may speak but only once on each agenda item.

For the reasons set out in this report, Council was recommended to:

- a. Extend the definition of the Policy Framework
- b. End the practice of Executive member substitutions
- c. Endorse the need for mandatory training for councillors who make decisions in relation to licensing and planning matters
- d. Change the starting time of meetings to 6.30pm and the finishing time to 10pm.
- e. Amend the rules relating to the Process for Developing the Budget and Policy Framework
- f. Clarify that the chairman retains the discretion to determine whether and at what point, non-Executive councillors may be permitted to address the Executive.
- g. Note the amendments to the Financial Procedure Rules and the Contract Procedure Rules.
- h. Delegate to the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services the power to make and confirm Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) under the provisions of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 2012

The Head of Democratic Services reported that in relation to recommendation (d) above – proposed change to the start of meeting times, that 18 Councillors had responded to the survey and 83% were in favour of the proposed start and finishing times.

Councillor D. Whipp had moved, seconded by Cllr A. Sutcliffe that recommendation (b) above be approved. In respect of this recommendation, Councillor A. Mahmood, the Leader of the Independent Group informed Council his Group did not support this change and moved an amendment, seconded by Cllr Z. Ali that Executive Member substitutions continue to be allowed. Upon being put to the vote the amendment was lost 11 votes to 10. The original motion moved by Cllr D Whipp and seconded by Cllr A. Sutcliffe, which became the substantive motion to end the practice of Executive Member substitutions was voted on and carried by 12 votes to 10.

In response to several Members comments stressing that such discretion must not be used unreasonably, the Leader of the Council commented on and clarified his position regarding his approach to Chairing Executive meetings and non-Executive speakers and provided verbal reassurances regarding the proposal at recommendation (f) above.

The Head of Democratic Services added that in respect of recommendation (h) above, the delegation of TPO's power had not previously appeared in the scheme of delegation.

RESOLVED: That Council

- (a) Extend the definition of the Policy Framework.
- (b) End the practice of Executive Member substitutions.
- (c) Endorse the need for mandatory training for Councillors who make decisions in relation to licensing and planning matters.
- (d) Change the starting time of meetings to 6.30pm and the finishing time to 10pm (effective from Thursday 16th October, 2025).
- (e) Amend the rules relating to the Process for Developing the Budget and Policy Framework
- (f) Clarified that the chairman retains the discretion to determine whether and at what point, non-Executive councillors may be permitted to address the Executive.
- (g) Note the amendments to the Financial Procedure Rules and the Contract Procedure Rules.
- (h) Delegate to the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services the power to make and confirm Tree Preservation Orders under the provisions of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 2012.

47. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION – REVIEW OF BULKY HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION AND REPLACEMENT WASTE CONTAINERS

As a background to this report, Council was reminded at its July, 2025 meeting, it referred this matter back to the August 2025 Executive meeting for further consideration and for Executive to make comments thereon and the report, with Executive's recommendations to then be considered by Full Council at its September 2025 meeting.

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 bulky free waste collections per year. Residents can continue to arrange for a maximum of nine items to be collected each time.
- (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.

In respect of recommendation (1) above, Officers also recommended that Council 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 recommended that the Council's website was 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*).

Councillor D. Whipp introduces this matter and moved the two recommendations only as outlined above as recommended by Executive, but not the Officers additional recommended as reproduced above, and recommended Council. Councillor A Bell seconded this proposal:

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

Councillor Z. Ali, Executive Member, with portfolio responsibility for this matter addressed Council and spoke on the reasoning behind the Officers additional recommendation relating to recommendation (1) above.

Other Members spoke and addressed Council on this matter with a number of differing views being expressed on the way forward.

Councillor M. Iqbal moved an amendment seconded by Councillor Z. Ali that the Council should agree Option 1 instead for Bulky Household Waste Collections. Upon being put the vote the amendment was carried 15 votes to 7. The amendment then became the substantive motion and was carried 15 votes to 7.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Council agree option 1 - That a stepped charging mechanism for bulky household waste collections be introduced, the charge to be implemented only after 8 free collections had been requested. That stepped charge being £13.50 for every four items collected, the basic charge being 1 – 4 items with increases at 5,9 and 12 items.
- (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.

48. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL – EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY REPORT 2025/28

The report of the Director of Resources was submitted.

At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26th June, 2025, it was recommended:

- (1) That subject to appropriate amendments, as discussed, Council be recommended to approve Pendle Borough Council’s Equality Policy 2025-2028; and
- (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, was submitted for Council’s consideration and approval.

It was moved by Councillor D. Whipp and seconded by Councillor A. Bell.

RESOLVED:

That the adoption of the Equality and Diversity Policy, as now submitted, be approved.

49. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL – STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING POLICY

The report of the Director of Place was submitted.

At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24 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.

The Leader of the Council commented on the report and recommended two further amendments to this policy as follows:

Section 3:13 – to be reworded to allow for persons who have recently passed away to be able to have a street named after them.

Section 3:21 – to be reworded to include reference to ward councillors and inviting them to put forward ideas for street names as part of the initial assessment.

Councillor Z. Ali who had joint portfolio responsibility for this matter with Councillor M. Hanif welcomed this policy and supported its adoption with the further amendments as now proposed.

It was moved by Councillor D. Whipp and seconded by Councillor A. Sutcliffe and –

RESOLVED:

That Council 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 and subject to the additional amendments to Sections 3:13 and 3:21 of the policy as outlined above, the adoption of the Street Naming and Numbering Policy for Pendle be approved.

50. REVISED TAXI LICENSING POLICY – TAXI SAFETY

Council considered a report of the Executive Member for Strategic and Local Planning and Infrastructure.

As a background to the report, Council was reminded that a decision was taken at the Council meeting held on 19th December 2024 to hold further discussion with the taxi trade with regard to amending the taxi licensing policy in an effort to improve the mechanical condition of vehicles.

Detailed discussions with the trade were held with a Working Group and arising out of that a draft amended taxi licensing policy was agreed to go out to consultation. That public consultation had now concluded and the recommendations below for inclusion in the revised Taxi Licensing Policy were set out for Council's approval:-

- a) **Section 4.8 Vehicle Age Limits** – existing vehicles continue until their twelve-year age limit; existing and new euro 6, hybrid, electric (EVs) or wheelchair accessible vehicles will have no age limit and any new vehicle application will only be accepted for euro 6, hybrid, electric (EV's) or wheelchair accessible vehicles.
- b) **Section 4.10 Testing and Frequency** – an annual MOT will be required which can be issued from any garage and a six-month taxi test from one of the Council's approved testing stations.
- c) **Section 4.11 Roadworthiness and Maintenance of Vehicle** – the vehicle proprietor with three failures of any MOT classified dangerous or major items, over a rolling two-year period will be brought before the Taxi Licensing Committee.
- d) **Section 4.12 Vehicle Spot Checks** – for a vehicle failing the spot check on any MOT classified dangerous or major items, the driver will have their licence suspended for a period of two weeks on the first occasion, four weeks on the second occasion and brought before the Taxi Licensing Committee on the third occasion, over a rolling two-year period.

The 50% failure rule for private hire operators be removed.

- e) **4.13 Daily Vehicle Checks** – daily vehicle checks will be required either by an approved App. or a paper check. Failure to carry out a check; comply with what is recorded on the check or being untruthful will result in the driver having their licence suspended as set for the periods set out in (d) above.
- f) **5.9 Knowledge Test** – the local area section will be removed from the test.

Councillor M. Iqbal thanked Members of the Working Group on this matter, Councillors Salter and Strickland, Officers and the taxi trade for their input and work in this matter.

An amendment to the wording of recommendation (b) – **Section 4:10 Testing and Frequency** was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal and seconded by Councillor K. Salter to read as follows:

“Section 4.10 Testing and Frequency- an annual MOT will be required for all vehicles which can be issued from any garage and for all vehicles over 6 years old a further six-month MOT will be required which can be issued from any garage”.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

It was further moved by Councillor M. Iqbal and seconded by Councillor K. Salter that recommendations (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f) above and amended recommendation (b) as set out above be approved for inclusion in the revised Taxi Licensing Policy.

RESOLVED:

That recommendations (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f) above and amended recommendation (b) as outlined above, be approved for inclusion in the revised Taxi Licensing Policy.

(At this juncture, and prior to the consideration of the undermentioned item (Minute 51 -Notices on Motion) Councillors M. Adnan, M. Hanif and M Iqbal left the meeting).

51. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Bin Collections

It was 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.

Several Members spoke on this Motion.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(b) Fracking, Fossil Fuels and the Climate Emergency

(Note: Before the vote was taken, Cllr L. Whipp moved a friendly amendment to the original motion, which was accepted, that after the paragraph starting “council affirms...” the following wording be added “That the Council writes to Government to request that no new licences for the extraction of fossil fuels are granted for anywhere in the UK territories and that policies for sectoral transition of people who work in those sectors are developed ahead of time for when those licences expire”. The amended motion voted on by Council was a set out below).

It was 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.

That the Council writes to Government to request that no new licences for the extraction of fossil fuels are granted for anywhere in the UK territories and that policies for sectoral transition of people who work in those sectors are developed ahead of time for when those licences expire.

Several Members spoke on this Motion.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly

(c) Sewage Discharges

(Note: Before the vote was taken, Cllr L. Whipp moved a friendly amendment to the original motion, which was accepted, that after the paragraph starting “Council resolves to... add the following “That the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs instructs the Environment Agency to review its discharge licensing for integrated constructive wetlands. The amended motion voted on by Council was a set out below).

It was moved by Councillor D. Whipp, and seconded by Councillor L. Whipp –

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.
- That the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs instructs the Environment Agency to review its discharge licensing for integrated constructive wetlands.
- 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.

Several Members spoke in support of this Motion.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly

(d) Trans Rights

(Note: Before the vote was taken, Cllr S. Land moved a friendly amendment to the original motion, which was accepted, that an additional resolution be added "That the Council lobbies the two Pendle MPs to call on the Government to provide interim guidance to the parliamentary secretary. The amended motion voted on by Council was a set out below).

It was 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, homelessness, 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
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- 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.

5. That the Council lobbies the two Pendle MPs to call on the Government to provide interim guidance to the parliamentary secretary.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(e) Council Tax Exemption for the Terminally Ill

(Note: Before the vote was taken, Cllr D. Whipp moved a friendly amendment to the original motion, which was accepted, that a fourth resolution be added that Council resolves that “major preceptors be consulted on the proposal”. The amended motion voted on by Council was a set out below).

It was moved by Councillor Y. Iqbal and seconded by Councillor A. Mahmood –

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.
 - d) That major preceptors be consulted on the proposal.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

His Worship the Mayor _____