



MEETING OF THE

COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 26th MARCH, 2026

AT 6.30 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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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیے۔

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A G E N D A

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 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.

3. Minutes of Council

Enc. To approve as a correct record, or otherwise, the Minutes of held on 2nd March 2026.

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

4. Announcements from the Mayor and Leader of the Council (if any)

5. Questions on Notice from the Public to the Leader (if any)

6. 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)

7. 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.

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8. Report by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Enc. A report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on recent overview and scrutiny activity is attached.

9. Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS)

Enc. To consider the attached report, to be presented by the Leader of the Council.

10. Hartley Homes Trust

Council is informed of the following request received from Mr Philip Mousdale, the Trust Officer for Hartley Homes Trust.

“The Trust is currently investigating possible changes to its governance and status and one issue is the nomination right of Pendle Borough Council to appoint 4 trustees. The Trust’s governance scheme gives the Council this right and the other 7 trustees are appointed as Life trustees by the Trust itself.

The Trust scheme does enable the Trust to amend certain provisions in the scheme and this includes removing the right of the Council to nominate trustees if the Council consents to this.

The Trust Officer informs that from recent history the Council has had some difficulty in finding nominations. With (Local Government) reorganisation on the near horizon and the probability of things passing to a new, larger and more distant authority, the Trustees are enquiring whether the Council would consider relinquishing its nomination right.

If the Council consented to this, one option for the Trust would be to continue with just the 7 Life trustees appointed by the Trust. Many trusts are able to operate satisfactorily with such a number. The trustees are keen however to retain local democratic input into its operation and would look favourably on giving a nomination right to Colne Town Council”.

Currently Colne and District Committee agreed to nominate just one member to the Trust, Councillor Neil Butterworth.

Council is informed that there are also two life trustees on the committee who are also PBC Councillors (Dorothy Lord and Kevin Salter).

Full Council is asked to consider and provide a response to the Hartley Homes Trust’s request.

11. Notices of Motion

(a) Investment in Advanced Manufacturing

To be moved by Councillor D. Whipp and seconded by:

Council notes that:

- Pendle has a rich history and heritage of advanced manufacturing and precision engineering, including development of the jet engine. We are proud to be the home of innovative

companies such as Rolls-Royce, Zenix Aerospace Weston, ELE Advanced Technologies and Pendle Engineering - all globally renowned as being leading suppliers to aerospace and other advanced sectors.

- The cluster of advanced manufacturing and precision expertise is vital for the Pendle economy, accounting for one in four jobs and almost 40% of the Borough's economy. With around 7,000 people employed, this sector generates c£700 million of gross value added (or GVA).
- The choice of Barnoldswick to develop the jet engine was, in part, because of the strong skilled workforce. This key sector in our economy has been built on the skills, knowledge, experience, hard work and dedication of this workforce, apprentice trained at outstanding local colleges.
- This council's commitment to promoting the sector, which is the bedrock of our local economy.
- The strength of the sector relies upon continued investment in research, new materials, sustainable initiatives and innovation, underpinned by a growing highly skilled workforce.

This Council commits to: working with strategic partners including Lancashire's Combined County Authority and the North West Aerospace Alliance, to ensure the continued strategic importance of this advanced engineering cluster; gain national recognition for the sector; take advantage of opportunities to leverage national and regional investment; and develop training initiatives for the skills of the future.

Council resolves to: -

1. Reaffirm Council's resolution (2024-09-26) that the skills of our area should be harnessed for a fresh revolution in new renewable energy technologies to complement the existing engineering base;
2. acknowledge the significant contribution that advancing manufacturing and precision engineering sector makes to the Pendle economy;
3. allocate funding of £100k from the Budget Support Reserve for the development of an investment proposition to support the advanced manufacturing and precision engineering sector with a focus on research and development, workforce skills improvements, and improvement in facilities;
4. Develop the investment proposal in collaboration with the advanced manufacturing and precision engineering sector in Pendle, the North West Aerospace Alliance and the Pendle Vision Board;
5. Request the support of the Lancashire Combined County Authority and its Business and Economic Advisory Boards for this initiative, together with that of local Members of Parliament and neighbouring councils.

(b) Impact of war with Iran

To be moved by Councillor S. Land and seconded by Councillor D. Hartley:

Council notes with extremely grave concern the innocent civilians being killed and injured by the illegal war with Iran and the potential consequences for the men and women from Pendle who serve in Britain's forces.

Council also notes the immediate impact of the conflict on the costs of heating oil and LPG used by many off grid homes in Pendle, and the longer-term effect the war is likely to have on home energy costs generally.

Council resolves to request that:

1. VAT is suspended on heating oil and LPG supplies;

2. The Government implement a price cap on such supplies;
3. The Government re-introduce energy price guarantees if household bills are set to rocket following July's price cap review;
4. Pendle's MPs be asked to support the above actions.

Council notes:

- The growing number of local authorities adopting Community Wealth Building approaches to ensure public spending generates the greatest possible benefit for local economies, supporting local businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises, and that, applying similar principles in Pendle will strengthen local supply chains, support SME growth and ensure that council spending actively contributes to economic resilience within the borough;
- Embedding cooperative, social and ethical values within procurement policy will create opportunities for social enterprises, worker-owned businesses and community organisations to participate more actively in local economic development;
- The opportunity that Local Government Reorganisation presents to not only reshape procurement policies, but the wider founding principles of the new unitary councils eg: participatory democracy; open & transparent; fair; co-operative; and responsive.

Council resolves to:

- Declare its aspiration to influence the new unitary council to become a cooperative council working in partnership with residents, businesses and community organisations;
- Approve in principle and request the Executive to consider the submission of an application for Pendle Borough Council to join the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network (CCIN);
- Seek the support of neighbouring authorities to join CCON;
- Request that the Chief Executive bring forward proposals to the next Executive outlining how cooperative principles can be embedded within existing council governance, procurement and service delivery models;
- Promote the adoption of Community Wealth Building approaches, including procurement strategies that increase opportunities for local SMEs, independent businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises within the new unitary council and for the remaining life of Pendle Council.

(c) Cooperative Councils

To be moved by Councillor L. Whipp and seconded by:

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(d) Caring for our elderly

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

Council notes:

- The effect on vulnerable and elderly people of Lancashire County Council's adult social care funding crisis and consequent impact on services, including LCC's left-in-limbo care home closure consultation, and the pressure to ration packages of care through processes requiring head of service and multi-manager approvals.
- Reports of social care staff being overwhelmed by workloads;
- The apparent manipulation of waiting times for packages of care assessments through the new approval system;
- The reduction of staff in community teams to achieve budget reductions resulting in office-based work, signposting, rather than supporting;
- Residential support now being time-limited following hospital discharge, and only short-term care is available to people returning home from hospital;
- That Lancashire County Councils managing "the front door" appears to be about restricting access - making it as hard as possible for people to get through.

Council resolves to request:

1. An urgent meeting between Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for Adult Social Care and members of Pendle Borough Council;
2. The future of care homes and day centres be properly decided as a matter of urgency;
3. Local county councillors support the above resolutions.

(e) Party Promises.

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

Council notes that:

- RefUK promised to 'cut bloated salaries' at last year's elections. But in administration at County Hall, RefUK is taking a "market responsive approach" on top salaries at LCC, and has

now created a 'Chief Of Staff' in addition to the Chief Executive's post at Lancashire County Council;

- Last year, RefUK promised to fill all the potholes, but there are now a record number of potholes in Lancashire; our roads and streets are crumbling away; and Pendle is receiving a fraction of spending on road resurfacing than other districts in Lancashire ;
- After promising to freeze or cut Council Tax at the county council elections, RefUK have pushed LCC's share of the Council Tax up by £65.96 to £1,801.75.

Council expresses concern that failing to fulfil such election promises undermines residents' confidence and undermines confidence in democracy as a whole.

Council requests that all candidates and local parties refrain from making unrealistic and undeliverable election promises in the Pendle Council elections this year.