

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 21ST MAY 2026**

PRESENT –

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

Councillors

<i>M. Adnan</i>	<i>Y. Iqbal</i>
<i>F. Ahmad</i>	<i>S. Land</i>
<i>N. Ahmed</i>	<i>D. Lord</i>
<i>S. Ahmed</i>	<i>A. Mahmood</i>
<i>Z. Ali</i>	<i>N. McCollum</i>
<i>N. Ashraf</i>	<i>B. Newman</i>
<i>M. Aslam</i>	<i>R. O'Connor</i>
<i>M. Atkinson</i>	<i>M. Sakib</i>
<i>R. Bashir</i>	<i>M. Stone</i>
<i>C. Church</i>	<i>A. Sutcliffe</i>
<i>D. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>Y. Tennant</i>
<i>S. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>M. Waddington</i>
<i>D. Gallear</i>	<i>L. Whipp</i>
<i>M. Hanif</i>	<i>A. Whitehead</i>
<i>B. Hartley</i>	<i>G. Whittaker</i>
<i>D. Hartley</i>	
<i>M. Iqbal</i>	

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1. ELECTION OF MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH

It was moved by Councillor A. Sutcliffe, seconded by Councillor A. Mahmood, supported by Councillors S. Cockburn-Price, Y. Iqbal, L. Whipp and –

RESOLVED

That Councillor N. Ahmed be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor N. Ahmed – in the Chair)

2. MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed, seconded by Councillor A. Mahmood and –

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th March 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

3. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor M. Iqbal, seconded by Councillor A. Sutcliffe and –

RESOLVED

That the best thanks of the Council be hereby tendered to Councillor M. Ammer and his Mayoress Mrs G. Kibria for their services as Mayor and Mayoress during their term of office.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor M. Stone, seconded by Councillor D. Hartley, supported by Councillor M. Hanif and –

RESOLVED

That Councillor B. Newman be hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

5. MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

MOTION

It was moved by Councillor A. Sutcliffe, seconded by Councillor A. Mahmood and –

RESOLVED

That an allowance of £6,130 be paid to the Mayor for the purpose of enabling him to meet the expenses of the office and that such allowance be paid to the credit of the Mayor at the Council's bankers and any credit balance remaining at the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council be re-appointed to the Council's account.

6. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor reported that he had appointed Reverend Nick Muray and Imam Qari Khalid Mehmood to the office of Mayor's Chaplain for the Municipal Year 2026/27 and duly signed such appointments to the Council.



The time having reached 6.45 p.m. the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned and there was a short break to allow the Mayors guests to leave the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 7.00 p.m. The Mayor welcomed all newly elected and returning Councillors, following the May 2026 local elections to this first meeting of Council for 2026/27 Municipal Year.



7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor A. Mahmood declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Minute 16 (e) – Notice on Motion – Palantir in the NHS below, as he was employed by the NHS, and left the room before the matter was considered and voted on.

8. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND THE EXECUTIVE

(a) Appointment of Leader

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

RESOLVED

That Councillor A. Mahmood be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

Councillor A. Mahmood made a short speech immediately following his appointment as Leader, outlining forthcoming priorities and highlighting achievements and congratulated the new Elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor, thanked the outgoing Mayor and paid tribute to the predecessor former Councillor David Whipp who had served the Council for 46 continuous years prior to losing his seat at the May 2026 local elections.

(b) Appointment of Deputy Leader

The Leader of the Council announced that the Deputy Leader of the Council would be Councillor L. Whipp for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

(c) Appointment of Executive

The Leader of the Council reported that his Executive would be a shared administration with the Liberal Democrat Group. Details of the other Executive Members to be appointed by the Leader and Executive Member portfolio areas of responsibility would be announced in due course.

**9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989
POLITICAL BALANCE RULES**

It was reported that, whenever the allocation of seats on Committees was reviewed, the Council was required to apply the statutory political balance rules. The rules applied to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Development Management Committee, Licensing Committee, Taxi Licensing Committee, Accounts and Audit Committee, Employment Appeals Committee, the Standards Hearing Committee and the Senior Management Appointments Committee. They did not apply to the Area Committees or the Executive.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

10. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

(a) Appointment to Committees

Council considered the appointment of Members to Committees for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

RESOLVED –

That the following be agreed:

- (a) Accounts and Audit Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 5 Members
- (b) Licensing Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
- (c) Taxi Licensing Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 9 Members
- (d) Employment Appeals Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 4 Members
- (e) Standards Hearing Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 6 Members
- (f) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 9 members
- (g) Development Management Committee – a politically balanced Committee of 12 members
- (h) Senior Management Appointments Committee - a politically balanced Committee of 4 Members
- (i) Area Committees – not politically balanced

11. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF COMMITTEES

(a) To appoint the Chair of Committees

Councillor D. Lord moved a proposal, which was seconded by Councillor S. Land that Councillor L. Whipp be appointed Chair of the Accounts and Audit Committee.

His Worship the Mayor advised it was not appropriate for Executive Members to serve on the Accounts and Audit Committee. With the agreement of the proposer and seconder, Councillor L. Whipp withdrew her nomination.

Councillor M. Iqbal moved a proposal, which was seconded by Councillor Z. Ali, that Councillor M. Atkinson, subject to her agreement, which she agreed, be appointed Chair of the Accounts and Audit Committee.

Councillor M. Iqbal proposed, seconded by Councillor M. Hanif that Councillor N Ashraf be appointed Chair of the Taxi Licensing Committee. An amendment was put forward by Councillor L. Whipp, seconded by Councillor D. Hartley that Councillor B. Hartley be appointed Chair. Upon being put the vote the amendment was declared lost.

The Leader of the Council thereafter proposed, which was seconded, that the following appointments be made:

MOTION

Councillor M. Adnan (Chair, Development Management Committee); Councillor Y. Tennant (Chair, Licensing Committee); Councillor C. Church (Chair Overview and Scrutiny Committee), adding that two Vice-Chairs would also be appointed to this Committee; Councillor A. Mahmood (Chair, Senior Management Appointments Committee); and Councillor N. Ashraf (Chair, Taxi Licensing Committee)

- (a) Accounts and Audit Committee – Councillor M. Atkinson
- (b) Development Management Committee – Councillor M. Adnan
- (c) Licensing Committee – Councillor Y. Tennant
- (d) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councillor C. Church
- (e) Senior Management Appointments Committee – Councillor A. Mahmood
- (f) Taxi Licensing Committee – Councillor N. Ashraf

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

12. APPOINTMENT TO WORKING GROUPS

The Leader of the Council introduced this item and proposed, which was seconded by Councillor M. Iqbal, that the Local Government Reorganisation Working Group be appointed and be cross - party representing the five political groups on the Council with a 3:2:2:1:1 membership

MOTION

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

The following Working Group be appointed for the Municipal Year 2026/27 -

Local Government Reorganisation Working Group – 9 Members (3 Pendle Community Independents; 2 Conservatives :2 Liberal Democrat; 1 Pendle Clitheroe Reform; and 1 Pendle True Independents).

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

13. DATES AND TIMES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2026/27

MOTION

It was moved by Councillor N. Ahmed, seconded by Councillor B. Newman –

- (1) That meetings of the Full Council be held on the following dates:

16th July 2026

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1st October 2026
17th December 2026
1st March, 2027 (Special Budget)
25th March 2027
20th May 2027 (Annual Council) – 6pm

(2) That the dates of other meetings set out on the attached schedule be approved.

Upon being put to the vote, it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

14. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) Appointment to Organisations and Associations

MOTION

It was moved by Councillor A. Mahmood and seconded by Councillor L. Whipp –

(Note: In those appointments below where there were more nominations than places available, appointments were determined by a show of hands for each nominee).

That the following amendments to the schedule be agreed:

Organisation

Representative

Airedale General Hospital Foundation Trust

Councillor C. Church

Burnley and District Society for the Blind

Councillor M. Hanif

Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale CVS Board

Councillor M. Hanif

Citizens Advice – East Lancashire

Councillor M. Hanif

Forest of Bowland National Landscape Joint Advisory Committee

Councillor B. Newman

Joint Venture Brookhouse Group

Councillor N. Ahmed
Councillor A. Mahmood
Councillor L. Whipp

Joint Venture Company (PEARL Board 1, PEARL Board 2, PEARL Brierfield Mill and PEARL Together)

Councillor A. Mahmood
Councillor C. Church
Councillor S. Cockburn-Price
Councillor M. Hanif

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LCC Health Scrutiny Committee	Councillor C. Church
Lancashire Leaders	Councillor A. Mahmood
Lancashire Police and Crime Panel <i>*(Member to be appointed to be determined by Blackburn with Darwen Council following receipt of nominations from all Lancashire Councils)</i>	4 x nominations received Councillor A. Sutcliffe (Con)* Councillor M. Atkinson (PCR)* Councillor B. Hartley (Lib Dem)* Councillor F. Ahmad (PCI)*
LCC Lancashire Waste Partnership	Councillor Z. Ali
Local Councils Network	Councillor A. Mahmood
Local Government Association (a) General Assembly (b) Voting re: Lancashire Leaders Group	Councillor A. Mahmood
Nelson Pride in Place	Councillor A. Mahmood
Nelson Town Deal Board	Councillor F. Ahmad Councillor N. Ahmed Councillor M. Iqbal Councillor A. Mahmood
North Western Local Authorities' Employers Organisations	Councillor A. Mahmood
Pendle Community Safety Partnership Steering Group	Councillor M. Atkinson Councillor M. Hanif Councillor D. Lord Councillor A. Mahmood Councillor A. Sutcliffe
Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Board	Councillor B. Newman
Pendle Leisure Trust Board	Councillor M. Hanif Councillor D. Lord Councillor M. Stone
Pendle Public/Private Partnership (with Liberata)	Councillor A. Sutcliffe Councillor M. Ammer Councillor L. Whipp Councillor M. Hanif Councillor G. Whittaker

Pendle Vision Board

Councillor S. Cockburn-Price
Councillor M. Hanif
Councillor N. McCollum
Councillor A. Mahmood
Councillor L. Whipp

Pendle Twinning Association

Councillor M. Aslam
Councillor C. Church
Councillor M. Hanif
Councillor Y. Iqbal
Councillor N. McCollum

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(b) Member Champions

It was by Cllr A. Mahmood and seconded that Councillor M. Iqbal and

RESOLVED

That the following Councillors be appointed as Member Champions for the Municipal Year 2025/26 –

Armed Forces	Councillor D. Hartley
Dementia, Disability and Mental Health	Councillor D. Lord
Health and Wellbeing	Councillor Z. Ali
Older People	Councillor M. Waddington
Young People including Every Child Matters	Councillor F. Ahmad
Sustainable Travel	Councillor L. Whipp

15. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

The report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services was submitted. The report was the result of the continuing review of the Council's Constitution by the Monitoring Officer and made suggestions to improve the document's robustness and ensure good practice and legal compliance in decision making.

Councillor A. Mahmood, Leader of the Council moved an additional Constitutional change, seconded by Councillor Z. Ali, to the procedure rules relating to Executive meetings, that Members who were not Members of the Executive would need to submit questions in writing at least three working days before the meeting. Non-Executive Members to also be unable to speak in Executive meetings without the permission of the Chair.

Councillor L. Whipp put forward an amendment which was accepted by the proposer and seconder that there should be no requirement for advance notice of questions, but for non-Executive Members to be able to speak only once at Executive on each agenda item.

Councillor A Sutcliffe, seconded by Councillor Y. Iqbal, put forward an amendment that Executive should continue to maintain the current arrangements whereby Members would be able to speak on agenda items at the discretion of the Chair.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was declared lost.

The original motion as put forward by Councillor A. Mahmood, as amended, incorporating Councillor L Whipp's further amendment that "All members of the Council may attend meetings of the Executive, including those parts where the public and press are excluded. Non-Executive members may only speak once per item" became the substantive motion and was voted on.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the recommendations as set out in paragraphs 2.1 – 2.8 inclusive of the submitted report be approved and adopted; and
- (2) In addition, that Page 96 of the Constitution currently reading at 2.6: "All members of the Council may attend meetings of the Executive, including those parts where the public and press are excluded, and may speak on any item, as invited by the Leader." be amended and replaced with the following wording: "All members of the Council may attend meetings of the Executive, including those parts where the public and press are excluded. Non-Executive members may only speak once per item."

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) **East Lancashire Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets Programme and Accessible Nelson Projects – A Waste of Money**

MOTION

It was moved by Councillor Y. Iqbal and seconded by Councillor M. Stone -

This Council notes that the East Lancashire Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets programme and the Accessible Nelson scheme forms part of a wider £55 million investment across Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle, and Rossendale, with the stated aim of connecting homes, jobs, and services through measures including pedestrian-friendly streets, reduced traffic speeds, and changes to local road layouts.

The Council also notes that these projects include scheme such as wider pavements, new crossings, and traffic calming measures. Council further notes that the scheme's intended purpose was to improve public spaces, road safety, and active travel opportunities.

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However, Council expresses serious concern that, in practice, many residents and businesses believe these schemes represent poor value for public money and are likely to increase congestion, journey times, and disruption across already pressured local road networks.

Council is concerned that:

- Traffic-calming measures and road alterations are displacing traffic onto surrounding residential roads;
- Reduced road capacity is worsening congestion at peak times;
- Local businesses are suffering from reduced accessibility and delays;
- Emergency services, public transport reliability, and everyday commuting could be negatively impacted;
- The long-term economic and environmental benefits claimed for the programme have not been sufficiently demonstrated.

Council therefore resolves to:

- (1) Request a full review of the Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets and Accessible Nelson schemes currently planned or underway within the borough;
- (2) Seek detailed evidence regarding projected traffic impacts, congestion modelling, environmental outcomes, and value for money;
- (3) Ensure meaningful ongoing consultation with residents, businesses, and community groups before further phases are implemented;
- (4) Call on Lancashire County Council and relevant authorities to prioritise practical transport solutions that reduce congestion rather than increase disruption for motorists, residents, and local businesses;
- (5) Publish regular monitoring reports assessing the real-world impact of the schemes on traffic flow, air quality, local trade, and public satisfaction.

Councillor L. Whipp moved an amendment to this motion, seconded by Councillor S. Land which was tabled at the meeting as follows:

“Replace paragraph 3+ with:

Council further notes concerns have been raised by some that these schemes can in the short term increase congestion, journey times, and disruption particularly during construction periods, especially when the improvement works are not sufficiently coordinated as noted by a previous motion of this council.

Council notes the great success in Barnoldswick's public realm improvement works and the great public appreciation for the improvements made to the public realm after works had completed, while the concerns raised at that time that mirrors today's. Council also recognises the great success of similar schemes in Islington, Bradford, Leeds, Manchester, Bristol, and Waltham Forest which saw life expectancy improve by an estimated six weeks for local children due to the improvement in air quality.

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Council notes that the scheme in Pendle was co-designed with local communities, police, and schools to target severe, pre-existing local solutions.

Council therefore resolves to:

Request a full review of the Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets initiatives in Pendle with a view to identifying further areas of community concern with a view to ensuring no area of Pendle is left behind;

Seek detailed evidence regarding projected traffic impacts, congestion modelling, environmental outcomes, and social value for money;

Ensure meaningful ongoing co-design practices with residents, businesses, and community groups as demonstrated by the scheme;

Call on Lancashire County Council and relevant authorities to prioritise improving streets for the people that live, work, and play there while delivering sustainable alternatives to minimise disruption and increase satisfaction among transport users;

Publish regular monitoring reports assessing the real-world impact of the schemes on people's health, the local environment, and social cohesion".

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared lost.

A friendly amendment was put forward by Cllr M. Iqbal, which was accepted by Councillor Y. Iqbal and Councillor M. Stone for the additional inclusion of recommendations 6 - 9 below within the Motion).

(6) Ask the Chief Executive to share the document entitled "Masterplan for Accessible Nelson" with all Elected Members.

(7) Thank all residents, businesses, visitors affected for their patience during the ongoing works across Nelson.

(8) Ask Lancashire County Council to undertake a review of the project within a reasonable period once all works are completed.

(9) Arrange further consultation opportunities with Elected Members prior to further works being undertaken

Several Members spoke on this motion.

Upon being put to the vote, the original motion, incorporating the friendly amendment as outlined above, it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(b) Tackling Disruptive Roadworks in Pendle

MOTION

It was moved by Councillor Y. Iqbal and seconded by Councillor N. Ashraf –

This Council recognises the growing frustration felt by residents and local businesses due to lengthy and disruptive roadworks across Pendle, particularly when works overrun and cause unnecessary delays.

It also notes that other councils have introduced lane rental schemes which allow charges of up to £2,500 per day for works that cause major disruption on key roads. Money raised through these schemes can then be reinvested into local transport and community improvements.

This Council believes that utility companies and contractors should carry out works efficiently, complete them on time wherever possible, and reduce disruption to the public.

The Council further believes that any income generated through a lane rental scheme should be used directly to benefit local communities across Pendle.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

(1) Request that Lancashire County Council explores the introduction of a lane rental or roadworks charging scheme in Pendle, based on successful models used elsewhere.

(2) Support the principle of charging up to £2,500 per day for roadworks that overrun or create significant disruption on traffic-sensitive routes.

(3) Ask that any revenue raised is ringfenced for local priorities including pothole repairs, road maintenance, traffic management, pedestrian safety improvements, and wider community projects across Pendle.

(4) Request a report setting out the legal powers available, the potential benefits of such a scheme, and the options for introducing it locally.

Several Members spoke on this motion.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(c) M65 Flooding

MOTION

It was moved by Councillor B. Newman and seconded by Councillor S. Land –

Council welcomes the 'emergency' work carried out of the M65 in Pendle following the resolution about flooding at our last meeting, but notes that Lancashire County Council estimates that a full solution to flooding and other issues will cost £15 million.

Council also notes that the Government is inviting bids to a 'structures' fund for highway work, but that Reform-led LCC has not indicated it would apply.

Council resolves to request Lancashire County Council to submit a bid for work on the M65 for the structures funding, and that the MPs representing Pendle are requested to support the bid.

Councillor L. Whipp moved a friendly amendment, which was accepted by the mover and seconder for a further resolution as follows: "That a request be made to Government, Secretary of State and the Pendle MPs to have this stretch of Motorway transferred to Highways England".

Several Members spoke on this motion.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(d) Make Votes Matter

MOTION

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

Council notes that First Past the Post voting has had its day. Elections should grant everyone a vote that matters, but ours deprive most of us of a representative of our choosing.

With 5 parties and independents polling strongly, our voting system is delivering chaos and turning elections into a lottery - where few people get what they want. It simply can't cope with the multi-party politics we have in the UK.

Council also notes, with concern, reports of voters receiving their postal votes late and people being turned away due to presenting photo ID that is not accepted under the government's Voter ID rules.

Council believes that voting should be accessible, and effortless, to allow anyone to exercise their right to vote without hindrance and that even one voter turned away due to 'inadequate' ID is one too many. 16,000 people were turned away from the polling station in the 2024 General Election while levels of impersonation have always been extremely low. There were only 10 convictions between 2019 and 2023 out of the tens of millions of votes cast.

The government's Representation of the People Bill is set to expand the list of acceptable forms of ID and reduce the number of people locked out of voting by the last government's rules. This highly anticipated bill should make significant changes to the scheme to scrap the need for photo ID and allow common types of non-photographic ID that many more voters will have access to, such as bank cards, but Council believes this is not enough - a poll card should be sufficient.

Council resolves to:

(1) Write to Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Samantha Dixon MBE MP (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Building Safety, Fire, and Democracy), and Jonathan Hinder MP and Oliver Ryan, MP to demand an end to this broken system and ask that the government adopt Proportional Representation in our elections — so that every vote counts equally at every election, and to put an end to voter ID requirements to restore people's right to vote.

(2) Investigate and report on delayed postal votes and electors turned away due to 'improper' ID.

Several Members spoke on this motion.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly.

(e) Palantir in our NHS

MOTION

It was moved by Councillor C. Church and seconded by Councillor B. Hartley –

Council notes with grave concern the expansion of NHS contracts to Palantir, and the sharing of private health data without patient consent. Palantir is a US software company whose tools are currently used by the Israeli military as they commit genocide against Palestinians in occupied Gaza. Palantir also supplies ICE with tools that are used to track and surveil citizens and migrants in the US. In 2023 NHS England awarded a £330 million contract to Palantir to provide a new data platform.

Council further notes that on the 11th May, Palantir was given 'unlimited access' to identifiable patient data, without informing patients.

Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health Innovation and Safety, and Pendle's MPs, to demand that the government:

(1) End Palantir's involvement in the NHS as soon as possible and not award them any more contracts

(2) Consult on alternatives which respect patients and protects our public NHS

Several Members spoke on this motion.

Councillor L. Whipp put forward a friendly amendment, accepted by the mover and seconder, for a third resolution for the Council to consider her request and implications regarding people opting out of having their NHS data shared with Palantir.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly

(f) Co-operative Development Network

MOTION

It was moved by Councillor L. Whipp and seconded by Councillor A. Mahmood –

Council notes the success of the Preston Model in developing their local cooperative economy by putting local residents and businesses first, and the Council's resolution to become a cooperative council in March. Part of Preston's strategy is a development network to assist the formation, conversion, and running of co-operatives and act as a platform for local knowledge sharing. Pendle is proud to host excellent co-operatives already operating in the Borough, In-situ in Brierfield, Trawden Forest Community Centre and Shop, Co-op food, and co-op funeral care among others.

This council recognises the benefits of community, resident, customer, and worker-controlled businesses, housing and services for community resilience and the need to establish parallel systems to private companies that ensure investment and profits are re-directed back into Pendle for the benefit of all. The establishment of a co-op development network with full or part time staff would be a legacy that Pendle Borough Council would leave to our local economy, alongside the projects funded by the legacy fund established previously.

Council resolves to:

- (1) Establish in principle a Pendle Co-op Development Network, aiming to support new and existing cooperatives, CICs, and other non-profits, with a report to the executive on the potential financial and governance arrangements.
- (2) Engage with Cooperatives UK, the Cooperative Bank, and Town and Village councils on working jointly to grow the network.

Several Members spoke on this motion.

Upon being put to the vote it was –

RESOLVED

Accordingly

His Worship the Mayor _____

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