

MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE

(Members: Councillors Z. Ali, M. Ammer, M. Hanif, D. Hartley, D. Lord, A. Mahmood and L. Whipp)

TO BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 25th JUNE, 2026

AT 6.30 p.m.

IN THE WILSON ROOM AT NELSON TOWN HALL

<p>The meeting will commence with PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. Members of the public are invited to attend and ask questions of the Executive on items that are not on the agenda.</p>	<p>You should try to make your request in writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the meeting. If you are unable to do this, you must make your request prior to the commencement of the meeting.</p>
<p>Members of the public may also speak on any agenda item in which they have a direct interest. Petitions may also be presented.</p> <p>The meeting will also be live streamed and can be accessed via the following link: https://www.youtube.com/live/_52FwtrAEq?si=oK8SwGXFdBPwFQ8e</p>	<p>For further information and to make a request to speak please contact Paul Preston on telephone 661648 or via email: paul.preston@pendle.gov.uk</p>

DEAN LANGTON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بلینون کریں۔

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**FOR THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
25th JUNE 2026**

PART I – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. 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.

2. Public Question Time

To receive, for a maximum of 15 minutes, questions from members of the public on issues which do not appear on the agenda.

3. Minutes

Enc. The minutes of the meeting held on 28th May, 2026 are submitted for approval.

4. Financial Strategy and Update to Medium Term Financial Plan 2027/30

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

5. Policy and Partnerships Thematic Groups – Annual Report

Enc. To consider the attached report, to be jointly presented by Executive Member – Communities Portfolio and Executive Member – Health and Leisure Services Portfolio and Finance. .

6 Pride in Place Impact Fund

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

7. Companies Annual Reports

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

8. Pendle Local Plan 5th Edition 2025-2045

Enc. To consider the attached report, to be presented by the Executive Member – Planning and Infrastructure Portfolio.

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9. Pendle Borough Council - Play Streets

Enc. To consider the attached report, to be presented by the Executive Member – Planning and Infrastructure Portfolio.

10. Pendle Borough Council - Anti-Fraud, Theft and Bribery Policy and Anti-Money Laundering Policy

Enc. To consider the attached report, to be presented by the Executive Member for Health and Leisure Services Portfolio and Finance.

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11. Pendle Borough Council – Debt Collection and Write Off Policy

Enc. To consider the attached report, to be presented by the Executive Member for Health and Leisure Services Portfolio and Finance.

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12. Apprenticeships Approach 2026

Enc. To consider the attached report, to be presented by the Executive Member – Housing, Corporate and Performance Portfolio

13. Referrals from Area Committees

(a) Colne Area Committee

(i) Environmental Crime

The Assistant Director, Operational Services submitted a report which informed Members of the enforcement actions taken during Quarter 4 within Colne and District.

At the meeting of the Colne Committee on 14th May 2026 it was resolved:

The Committee noted that there had been zero Fixed Penalty Notices issued in Quarter 4 and felt that this was wholly unacceptable, particularly in view of the continuing problem with littering and dog fouling. It was felt that a dedicated team of people was needed to address the problem.

RECOMMENDATION. That the Executive be asked to consider the views of this Committee and take appropriate action.

(ii) Reforms to Development Management

(Extract of Minute)

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report, forthcoming changes to how planning applications would be dealt with under new regulations.

In a verbal update, the Committee was advised that the date at which the Regulations would come into force had changed from 30th September 2026 to 31st October 2026.

It was explained that, under the draft Regulations planning applications would fall within Schedule 1 or Schedule 2. A list of Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 applications was provided as an appendix to the report.

Any planning application falling within Schedule 1, subject to certain exceptions, could only be determined by a planning officer. The Regulations also stated that a Council could not put any measures in place that fettered the ability of officers to make decisions.

Applications in Schedule 2 could not automatically be referred to a committee and would first need to go through a gateway test. This would be undertaken by a nominated officer and a nominated councillor.

The Committee questioned how the nominated councillor would be chosen. Currently, Pendle applications were considered across four different area committees. It was therefore suggested that provision could be made, within the Council's Constitution if appropriate, to ensure that the councillor nominated to carry out the gateway test with a nominated officer, be a representative of the area committee under which the application fell.

It was explained that deputies could be appointed, but decisions to refer to a committee could only be made by one officer and one councillor. Those nominated could only agree to refer an application to a committee if the application raised economic, social or environmental issues that were of "significance".

In cases where the nominated officer and councillor could not agree, the application would remain to be dealt with by officers.

Members were disappointed by the proposed reforms and expressed concern at the impacts it may have. It was the view of the Committee that the decision to deny Elected Members the authority to determine planning applications was undemocratic. The Committee felt that the proposals removed the opportunity for Members to use their local knowledge to inform the decision-making process which, in terms of this Committee, had proved helpful in agreeing minor improvements to applications.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Executive be asked to support this Committee in its view on the proposed planning reforms and asks that a formal objection be submitted to the Prime Minister.

REASON: *The local knowledge amassed by Elected Members is a useful resource in determining planning applications. The decision to deny Elected Members the authority to determine planning applications takes away democracy and this valuable local knowledge contribution.*

(b) West Craven Area Committee

(i) At the meeting of the West Craven Committee on 31st March, a request was made to Lancashire County Council (LCC) for the removal of the St. George flags hanging from Streetlights around the Borough. LCC's Highways Operation Manager has responded that "LCC will only remove flags from the public highway if we consider they are causing a hazard to road users". The West Craven Committee further resolved if LCC would not remove the flags, the matter be referred to Executive for consideration.

(ii) Street Naming and Numbering – New Development off Dotcliffe Road, Kelbrook

At the meeting of the West Craven Committee on 9th June, 2026, a report was submitted asking Members to consider whether they wished to register a new street name for three new-build dwellings off Dotcliffe Road, Kelbrook, or reject the developer's request and continue the evens numbering from Dotcliffe Road.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Executive be recommended to register Mill Yard as the new street name for three new-build dwellings on Dotcliffe Road, Kelbrook.

14. Tender – Roof at No. 1 Market Street, Nelson

Enc. To consider the attached report, to be presented by the Executive Member – Asset, Highways and Transport Portfolio

15. Forward Plan

Enc. The Executive Forward Plan published on 15th June, 2026 is attached for information