



MEETING OF THE

COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 16th JULY 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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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 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 the Annual Council meeting held on 21st May, 2026

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 is attached.

8. Annual Scrutiny Report 2025/26

Enc. A report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Annual Scrutiny Report 2025/26, attached.

9. Representatives on Outside Bodies

(a) Lancashire Police and Crime Panel Representative for Pendle

At the Annual Council meeting held on 21st May, 2026, four nominations were put forward: Councillor A. Sutcliffe (Con)*, Councillor M. Atkinson (PCR)*, Councillor B. Hartley (Lib Dem)* and Councillor F. Ahmad (PCI)* *(Member to be appointed to be determined by Blackburn with Darwen Council following receipt of nominations from all Lancashire Councils and subject to political balance rules).

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council have informed that an Independent Member from Pendle is required as the Council's representative for 2026/27. The nominee appointed is Cllr F. Ahmad.

(b) Pendle Public/Private Partnership (with Liberata)

To notify Council, for information purposes, the Pendle Community Independents (PCI) Group have replaced Cllr M. Hanif with Cllr M. Iqbal on Pendle Public/Private Partnership (with Liberata).

(c) Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Board

To notify Council, that further to the appointment of Councillor Brian Newman to be the Council's representative on the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Board, at the Annual Council meeting, the Council has subsequently been informed that this Board no longer exists and consequently this organisation will be removed from the Representatives on Outside Bodies that need appointing to.

10. Mayoralty

Council is advised that the Deputy Mayor for 2027/28 is to be selected from the Pendle True Independents (PTI) Group.

11. Notices of Motion

(a) Planning Reforms

To be moved by Councillor A. Mahmood and seconded by Councillor Z. Ali –

Council notes

(1) the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 which severely restricts the decision-making powers of local elected members on planning decisions.

(2) The introduction of Schedule 2 applications which remove the flexibility of ward councillors to refer an application to a committee.

(3) The removal of councillors who are democratically elected by residents to determine planning applications with the government giving more power to a nominated officer.

(4) the proposed Local Government Reorganisation due process which could result in officer(s) with no link to Pendle determining applications opposed by local residents

Council resolves to

(1) write to both Pendle MPs asking they publicly oppose the erosion of democratic accountability and raise this at the highest level

(2) ask the Chief Executive to write to the Local Government Association to raise this democratic deficit at the highest level

(3) ask the leader to raise this an urgent item at Lancashire leader level

(b) Promoting Tolerance and Cohesion across Pendle

To be moved by Councillor Y. Tennant and seconded by Councillor M. Hanif –

(1) Council notes the peaceful coexistence over decades of Pendle residents from diverse backgrounds.

(2) Council notes with concern the recent incident in Brierfield which led to false speculation being spread by certain people trying to create community disharmony

(3) council commends all those people across Pendle who work every day to promote tolerance and cohesion

Council resolves to

(1) request all elected members to work together in the best interests of Pendle

(2) ask the chief executive and Leader to arrange a multi-agency meeting to discuss on further ideas to promote tolerance and cohesion across Pendle.

(c) NHS Corridor Care

To be moved by Councillor F. Ahmad and seconded by Councillor R. Bashir –

Council notes the continuing poor service being provided to Pendle residents at Royal Blackburn hospital by East Lancashire NHS Trust with many people forced to wait in corridors for 24 hours

Council notes the promise by the Labour government to invest in our NHS which is yet to be seen.

Council resolves

To ask the scrutiny committee to urgently undertake a review of NHS East Lancashire Trust and invite the Chief Executive, Martin Hodgson and his Board Members to appear in person to face questions.