

MEETING OF THE

COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2026

AT 6.30 p.m.

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT NELSON TOWN HALL

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The meeting will also be live streamed and can be accessed via the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/B6An5ikDJBw?feature=share>

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 مناسب ہو تو براہ کرم سرکاری کسی تلفون کریں۔

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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 they have 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 Council meeting held on 16th July 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. Scrutiny Update

Enc. A report on the work of the Scrutiny Committee since the last meeting is attached.

9. Constitutional Amendments

Enc. To consider the attached report from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Versions of the complete Constitution showing the suggested changes tracked, and also incorporated, may be found at the following link –

<https://www.pendle.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3619/council>

10. Notices of Motion

(a) M65 Flooding

To be moved by Councillor Dorothy Lord and seconded by Councillor Bryony Hartley

This Council reaffirms its previous resolutions about safety on the M65, particularly in regard to frequent and repeated flooding on the County Council maintained section from Burnley to Colne, with the risk of collisions multiplied by the lack of lighting on the route.

Council notes that Lancashire County Council reports that they have been unsuccessful in getting an estimated £15 million for the work from the Government's 'Structures fund' and that the urgent work is un-funded in LCC's budget.

Council also notes the proposals at LCC's Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee to make the M65 a Toll Road or close the County Council stretch completely by Reform County Councillors from Lancaster, Chorley and Accrington.

Council deplores the continued lack of funding for vital and urgent work necessary for road safety on LCC's stretch of the M65, and the disregard shown by some County Councillors to the safety and amenity of residents and motorists in Pendle by their actions at LCC's Scrutiny Committee.

Council resolves:

- (1) To reaffirm and reiterate previous resolutions calling for action on flooding and other M65 safety issues.
- (2) Urgently request Lancashire County Council and the Department for Transport to fund the necessary drainage and other safety work on the County Council section of the M65.
- (3) To write to the Leader of Lancashire County Council and appropriate Cabinet Members asking them to support these urgent requests.
- (4) To write to the Prime Minister and appropriate Secretaries of State requesting their support to provide urgent funding.
- (5) To write to the Members of Parliament representing Pendle requesting their support for urgent work to be carried out.
- (6) Request the support of all councils served by the M65, together with neighbouring authorities in Yorkshire who are similarly served by this East/West route to resist any part of the M65, together with neighbouring authorities in Yorkshire who are similarly served by this East/West route, to resist any part of the M65 becoming a Toll Road or being completely closed.
- (7) To condemn the proposals put forward by Reform County Councillors to close the M65 or completely close the motorway.
- (8) To call upon those County Councillors to withdraw their proposals and apologies for their light-hearted treatment of vital road safety issues.