

Full Council

Thursday, 3 October, 2013, at 1.30 pm or at the conclusion of Question Time, whichever is the later, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston.

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Jo Turton
Interim Chief Executive

County Hall
Preston

01 October 2013

Agenda Item 3

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 18 July, 2013

Present:

County Councillor Michael Devaney (Chairman)

County Councillors

T Aldridge	K Ellard	M Otter
A Ali	J Fillis	M Parkinson
T Ashton	J Gibson	N Penney
A Atkinson	G Gooch	S Perkins
A Barnes	M Green	M Perks
M Barron	Mrs J Hanson	C Pritchard
L Beavers	Dr M Hassan	S Prynne
D Borrow	P Hayhurst	P Rigby
M Brindle	C Henig	A Schofield
P Britcliffe	N Hennessy	K Sedgewick
I Brown	S Holgate	S Serridge
K Brown	D Howarth	J Shedwick
T Brown	K Iddon	R Shewan
P Buckley	M Johnstone	D T Smith
T Burns	A Jones	K Snape
Mrs S Charles	A Kay	D Stansfield
A Cheetham	J Lawrenson	V Taylor
A Clempson	D Lord	M Tomlinson
D Clifford	T Martin	C Wakeford
Mrs F Craig-Wilson	J Mein	D Watts
C Crompton	G Molineux	D Westley
M Dad	Y Motala	D Whipp
B Dawson	B Murray	P White
F De Molfetta	R Newman-Thompson	G Wilkins
C Dereli	D O'Toole	B Winlow
G Dowding	Mrs L Oades	B Yates
G Driver	J Oakes	

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of County Councillors Mohammed Iqbal, Alycia James and Jeff Sumner.

Announcements

Death

The Chairman reported the sad death on 19 June of former County Councillor Albert Thornton. Tributes were paid in his memory on behalf of the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups who also offered condolences to his friends and family.

The council stood in silent tribute.

Award in the Queen's Birthday Honours List

The Chairman announced that County Councillor Geoff Driver had been awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for his services to local government.

The Chairman asked that the congratulations for his achievements be placed on record.

MJ Award

The Chairman announced that the County Council had recently won the MJ Award for 'Workforce Transformation'.

This prestigious award highlighted the excellent work that the council is doing to engage its employees through the 'Lancashire way'.

Representatives from the winning team attended full council to acknowledge the council's congratulations:

- Pam Goulding, Head of Learning and Development Service
- Ben Kinley, Head of Business Improvement
- Karen Gregory, Employee Engagement Business manager
- Suzanne Ward, Human Resources Manager (was unable to attend)

The County Council was also commended by the MJ for 'Innovation in Social Care', and a team from Democratic Services had also reached the final for its work in delivering Local Member Grants.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest (all non pecuniary unless stated)
M Brindle	Part C – No 1	Member of Burnley Borough Council
D Howarth	Part C – No 2	Member of South Ribble Borough Council
D Whipp	Part C – No 1 Part C – No 2	Member of the Vegetarian Society Member of Pendle Borough Council

3. Confirmation of Minutes from meeting held 23 May 2013

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on the 23 May 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Report of the Cabinet (Part A)

Lancashire Youth Justice Service Continuous Improvement Plan 2013/14

The Cabinet had considered at its meeting on 11 July 2013 a report setting out the Lancashire Youth Justice Service Continuous Improvement Plan 2013/14 and agreed to recommend it to the Full Council for approval.

Resolved: That the Lancashire Youth Justice Service Continuous Improvement Plan 2013/14, as now presented, be approved.

5. Joint Lancashire Minerals & Waste Local Plan Adoption of the Joint Lancashire Site Allocation and Development Management Policies Local Plan and Policies Map

It was explained that the report into the Examination in Public of the Joint Lancashire Site Allocation and Development Management Policies Local Plan and accompanying Policies Map, had now been received from the Planning Inspectorate. The report included a number of recommended modifications without which the plan could not be considered to be sound.

The Inspector's Report and the Plan and Policies Map contained in Appendix A to the report now presented, as proposed to be adopted, were available to view in the Members' library and to download at www.lancashire.gov.uk/mwdf.

All the Inspector's proposed modifications had already been considered by the Full Council at its meeting on 12 July 2012, or had been made in response to the request by Full Council that the Planning Inspector recommend any necessary modifications.

Other minor or additional modifications had been made under delegated powers. These modifications had been made to improve the clarity of the plan but did not impact on its substance.

Therefore, it was proposed under section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 that the Local Plan and Policies Map now be adopted by the Full Councils of Lancashire County Council, Blackpool, and Blackburn with Darwen at their respective meetings the last of which was due to be held on 26 September 2013, which would be the date of adoption of the joint plan. The adoption would then be advertised under regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Resolved: That the recommended modifications made by the Inspector be accepted and the Joint Lancashire Site Allocation and Development Management Policies Local Plan and Policies Map, as amended and now presented, be adopted.

6. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

The Leader of the Council moved Part B of the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on the 8 and 11 July 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on the 8 and 11 July 2013, be noted.

7. Report of Urgent Key Decisions

The Leader of the Council moved Part B of the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on the 8 and 11 July 2013.

Resolved: That the report of Urgent Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council, as now presented, be noted.

8. Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

County Councillor Bill Winlow presented the report of the Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 14 June 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Scrutiny Committee, as now presented, be received.

9. Report of the Audit and Governance Committee

County Councillor Clare Pritchard presented the report of the Audit and Governance Committee from its meeting on the 24 June 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Audit and Governance Committee, as now presented, be received.

10. Report of the Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Terry Burns presented the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on the 7 June 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Pension Fund Committee, as now presented, be received.

11. Report of the Urgency Committee

The Leader presented the report of the Urgency Committee from its meetings on the 28 March, 24 May and 19 June 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Urgency Committee, as now presented, be received

12. Report of the Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor Frank De Molfetta presented the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meeting on the 17 June 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, as now presented, be received.

Notices of Motion

The following **Notices of Motion** had been submitted under Procedural Standing Order 14.2.1(a).

1. The following Notice of Motion was moved by County Councillor Geoff Driver and seconded by County Councillor Albert Atkinson:

"This Council confirms that it will not provide meat to any of its kitchens unless the animal was stunned before it was slaughtered."

County Councillor Jennifer Mein moved the following **Amendment**, which was seconded by County Councillor David Borrow:

"That consideration of this motion be referred to the Scrutiny Committee with a request that a task and finish group be set up to examine all issues relating to the council's supply of Halal meat"

Following a period of debate the Amendment was put to the vote. Six County Councillors requested a recorded vote in accordance with procedural Standing Order 15.2 (9.4).

The names of county councillors who voted for or against the Amendment and those who abstained are set out below:

For (46)

T Aldridge	J Fillis	E Oades
A Ali	J Gibson	J Oakes
A Barnes	J Hanson	M Parkinson
L Beavers	M Hassan	N Penney
D Borrow	C Henig	S Perkins
M Brindle	N Hennessy	C Pritchard
T Brown	S Holgate	S Prynn
T Burns	D Howarth	S Serridge
D Clifford	M Johnstone	R Shewan
C Crompton	D Lord	K Snape
M Dad	T Martin	M Tomlinson
B Dawson	J Mein	D Watts
F De Molfetta	G Molineux	D Whipp
C Dereli	Y Motala	B Winlow
G Dowding	B Murray	
K Ellard	R Newman-Thompson	

Against (33)

T Ashton	M Devaney	M Perks
A Atkinson	G Driver	P Rigby
M Barron	G Gooch	A Schofield
P Britcliffe	M Green	K Sedgewick
K Brown	P Hayhurst	J Shedwick
I Brown	K Iddon	D Smith
P Buckley	T Jones	D Stansfield
S Charles	A Kay	V Taylor
A Cheetham	J Lawrenson	D Westley
A Clempson	D O'Toole	G Wilkins
F Craig-Wilson	M Otter	B Yates

Abstained (2)

C Wakeford
P White

The Amendment was carried and it therefore became the Substantive Motion and it was:

Resolved: That,

"That consideration of the motion "This Council confirms that it will not provide meat to any of its kitchens unless the animal was stunned before it was slaughtered", be referred to the Scrutiny Committee with a request that a task and finish group be set up to examine all issues relating to the council's supply of Halal meat."

2. The following Notice of Motion was moved by County Councillor Azhar Ali and seconded by County Councillor Gina Dowding:

"The excessive consumption of alcohol by individuals is blighting the lives of many people across the country, including residents across Lancashire. Excessive drinking facilitates anti-social behaviour by those drinking; damages their long term health increasing their likelihood of developing chronic illness such as heart disease and liver disease; and increases the likelihood of an admission to A&E.

All of this, as well as creating misery and affecting health & Well-being, adds to the burden of work for health and public services.

The alcohol burden is clear and supported by research:

- Alcohol related admissions in England are 1.22million (Health and Social Care Information Centre, 2013)
- Alcohol related admissions in the North West were 200,000 in 2011/12 (Health and Social Care Information Centre, 2013)
- Alcohol related hospital admissions for three Lancs PCT areas were 32,000 (2011/12) (North: 8,100; East: 11,500; Central: 12,400) (Health and Social Care Information Centre, 2013)
- Alcohol costs to Lancashire (county level, inc BwD and Blackpool) have been calculated at £663,610,000 (NHS: £141,920,000; Crime and Licensing: £207,140,000; Workforce and economy: £272,330,000; Social Services: £42,220,000) (The Cost of Alcohol to the North West Economy, 2012)
- Alcoholic liver disease admissions in the North West have risen by 85% between 2002 and 2012 (Balance North East, 2013)

There is clear evidence that at a population level the amount of alcohol consumed is directly related to how easily accessible it is to consumers: and an important factor in accessibility is the price of alcohol. In light of the recent transfer of responsibilities of Public Health to the County Council and, as the fourth largest in the country, the Council will use its considerable lobbying power to influence Government policy regarding the introduction of a minimum unit price of alcohol.

This Full Council resolves that Lancashire County Council will work with our 12 district councils, Blackpool, Blackburn with Darwen and our partners in the health and third sectors to lobby our Lancashire MPs and government to introduce a minimum price of alcohol, and one which is set immediately at a level of 50 pence per unit which would have a positive impact on public health and would assist in

reducing the burden on our overstretched NHS and related public services; whilst not affecting the vast majority of people who drink sensibly."

Following a period of debate the Motion was put to the vote. Six County Councillors requested a recorded vote in accordance with procedural Standing Order 15.2 (9.4). The names of county councillors who voted for or against the Motion and those who abstained are set out below:

For (46)

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A Barnes	J Hanson	M Parkinson
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C Crompton	D Lord	K Snape
M Dad	T Martin	M Tomlinson
B Dawson	J Mein	D Watts
F De Molfetta	G Molineux	D Whipp
C Dereli	Y Motala	B Winlow
G Dowding	B Murray	
K Ellard	R Newman-Thompson	

Against (35)

T Ashton	G Driver	A Schofield
A Atkinson	G Gooch	K Sedgewick
M Barron	M Green	J Shedwick
P Britcliffe	P Hayhurst	D Smith
K Brown	K Iddon	D Stansfield
I Brown	T Jones	V Taylor
P Buckley	A Kay	C Wakeford
S Charles	J Lawrenson	D Westley
A Cheetham	D O'Toole	P White
A Clempson	M Otter	G Wilkins
F Craig-Wilson	M Perks	B Yates
M Devaney	P Rigby	

Abstained (0)

The Motion was carried and it was:

Resolved: That,

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3. The following Notice of Motion was moved by County Councillor Tim Ashton and seconded by County Councillor Malcolm Barron:

"This Council supports the Coalition Government's objective in reducing Britain's financial deficit which they inherited from the previous Labour Government."

County Councillor David Borrow moved the following **Amendment**, which was seconded by County Councillor Jennifer Mein:

Delete all after "financial deficit" add full stop and new sentences as follows:

"Between 2011 and 2014 Lancashire County Council will have made savings of £217 million and the Council now faces the prospect of making further savings of £300 million between 2014 and 2017. Savings on this scale will be a huge challenge for the Council.

This Council has a clear duty to protect the most vulnerable residents in the county as members and officers seek to identify ways to make the required savings."

On being put to the vote the Amendment was carried and became the Substantive Motion, which was put to the vote and was carried and it was.

Resolved: That,

"This Council supports the Coalition Government's objective in reducing Britain's financial deficit. Between 2011 and 2014 Lancashire County Council will have made savings of £217 million and the Council now faces the prospect of making further savings of £300 million between 2014 and 2017. Savings on this scale will be a huge challenge for the Council.

This Council has a clear duty to protect the most vulnerable residents in the county as members and officers seek to identify ways to make the required savings."

4. The following Notice of Motion was moved by County Councillor Geoff Driver and seconded by County Councillor Peter Britcliffe:

"This Council was appalled to hear of the disgraceful drunken behaviour of County Councillor Serridge at the meeting of the Youth Council on 23rd May and does not consider him to be a fit and proper person to represent the County Council as a member of the Rossendale District Children and Young People's Trust Board. It therefore calls on the Leader of the Council to remove him from this position."

Six County Councillors requested a recorded vote in accordance with procedural Standing Order 15.2 (9.4). The names of county councillors who voted for or against the Amendment and those who abstained are set out below:

For (34)

T Ashton	G Driver	K Sedgewick
A Atkinson	G Gooch	J Shedwick
M Barron	M Green	D Smith
P Britcliffe	K Iddon	D Stansfield
K Brown	T Jones	V Taylor
I Brown	A Kay	C Wakeford
P Buckley	J Lawrenson	D Westley
S Charles	D O'Toole	P White
A Cheetham	M Otter	G Wilkins
A Clempson	M Perks	B Yates
F Craig-Wilson	P Rigby	
M Devaney	A Schofield	

Against (43)

T Aldridge	J Fillis	R NewmanThompson
A Ali	J Gibson	J Oakes
A Barnes	J Hanson	M Parkinson
L Beavers	M Hassan	N Penney
D Borrow	C Henig	C Pritchard
M Brindle	N Hennessy	S Pryn
T Brown	S Holgate	S Serridge
T Burns	D Howarth	R Shewan
D Clifford	M Johnstone	K Snape
C Crompton	D Lord	M Tomlinson
M Dad	T Martin	D Watts
B Dawson	J Mein	D Whipp
F De Molfetta	G Molineux	B Winlow
C Dereli	Y Motala	
K Ellard	B Murray	

Abstained (1)

P Hayhurst

On being put to the vote the Motion was lost and it was:

Resolved: That the Motion be not carried.

5. The following Notice of Motion was moved by County Councillor Geoff Driver and seconded by County Councillor Albert Atkinson:

"In view of the serious financial pressures facing the County Council, Council is concerned that the actions of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council could jeopardise the £1m (approx) pa savings accruing from transferring the fleet

maintenance function to BT. It therefore instructs the Chief Executive to ask the External Auditor to conduct a comprehensive review, as a matter of urgency, into:

- a. The process leading up to the decision to accept the tender from BT and
- b. The circumstances surrounding the appointment of DAC Beachcroft."

County Councillor Jennifer Mein moved that the debate be adjourned on the grounds that the matter be not prejudiced pending a report back to the Leader, Deputy Leader and the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee following a confidential, external review that she had commissioned. This was seconded by County Councillor David Borrow.

On being put to the vote it was:

Resolved: That the debate be adjourned.

Phil Halsall
Chief Executive

County Hall
Preston

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 3 October 2013

Report submitted by: The Interim Chief Executive

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None

Employment Committee - Terms of Reference
(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

This report proposes changes to the Employment Committee's Terms of Reference.

Recommendation

The Full Council is asked to:

- i. Rescind its decision taken on 28 February 2013 to authorise the Director of Human Resource, Pensions and Payroll to take all decisions relating to employment policies, procedures and practices, including recruitment and selection; collective agreements relating to the same; and decisions relating to the trade union facilities agreement.
- ii. Approve the Employment Committee's Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix A.

Background and Advice

At a meeting on 23 February 2012, in response to the provisions of the Localism Act 2011, Full Council approved the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2012/13. In addition, it was proposed that Full Council adopt revised governance arrangements to deal with all issues relating to terms and conditions of employment for all staff including chief officers. Full Council agreed to establish an Employment Committee effective from April 2012.

At its meeting on 19 February 2013, the Employment Committee considered a report on proposed changes to its terms of reference and in particular the delegation of decisions to the Director of Human Resource and Payroll in relation to employment policies, procedures and practices, including recruitment and selection; collective agreements relating to the same; and decisions relating to the trade union facilities

agreement. The Committee also considered proposed changes to its terms of reference in so far as they related to the appointment, dismissal and disciplinary process for Named and Senior Officers.

The Committee agreed that the proposed new terms of reference be recommended to the Full Council for approval. At its meeting on 28 February 2013 the Full Council approved the proposed new terms of reference.

The Committee at its meeting on 22 July 2013 considered a further report on its Terms of Reference. It was agreed that Full Council should be asked to rescind the delegation to the Director of Human Resource, Pensions and Payroll in relation to employment policies, procedures and practices, including recruitment and selection; collective agreements relating to the same; and decisions relating to the trade union facilities agreement should be rescinded. The Full Council is therefore asked to rescind these delegations and approve the revised Terms of Reference of the Employment Committee as set out at Appendix A.

The proposed revised Terms of Reference have retained the previous changes in so far as they relate to the appointment, dismissal and disciplinary process for named and senior officers, and the appeal arrangements which reflect JNC Conditions of Service and are compatible with the size of the Committee.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risk management issues related to this set of recommendations.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Employment Committee

The Committee comprises 5 County Councillors (2 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat), chaired by the Leader of the Council and including an appropriate cabinet member or lead member depending upon the specific issue being dealt with. The Committee shall discharge the following functions.

A. Appointment and Dismissal of Senior Officers

1. Subject to paragraph 4 and paragraph 5 below, the Committee shall be responsible for the appointment and dismissal (including dismissal by reason of redundancy¹) of the Chief Executive, Executive Directors, the Monitoring Officer (the County Secretary & Solicitor) and the Chief Financial Officer (the County Treasurer), collectively referred to as "Senior Officers".
2. In the case of appointments, subject to paragraphs 4 and 5 below, the Committee may, where appropriate, agree to make a permanent appointment of an existing member of staff by way of redeployment² or agree to a temporary appointment for a fixed term of not normally more than 12 months³.
3. Where an appointment is not made in accordance with paragraph 2 the Committee shall:
 - (a) Draw up a job description and person specification;
 - (b) Determine the arrangements for recruitment to the post including, where they consider it appropriate, the appointment of recruitment consultants and advertising;
 - (c) Make arrangements to interview such applicants for the post as they may determine.
4. Where the Committee is appointing or dismissing the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Financial Officer the Full Council must approve the appointment or dismissal before an offer of appointment is made or notice of dismissal is given, subject to paragraph 5 below.
5. No offer of appointment (including by way of an appointment pursuant to paragraph 2) or notice of dismissal shall be made until the proposed action (including the name and any other particulars the Committee consider relevant) has been notified to every member of the Cabinet and that either:

¹ Agreed corporate processes must be followed in respect of all redundancy payments

² This should only be in circumstances where the employee is otherwise "at risk" if not redeployed.

³ If beyond 12 months the presumption would be that there should be open recruitment

- (a) Within the period specified in the notification no objection has been made by the Leader on behalf of the Cabinet to the proposed action; or
- (b) the Committee making the decision is satisfied that any objection made is not material or is not well founded; or
- (c) the Leader has, within the period specified in the notification, notified the Committee that neither he/she nor any member of the Cabinet has any objections.

Senior Officers - Conditions of Service

- 6. The Committee shall exercise all necessary functions required by the JNC Conditions of Service including the exercise of any discretions or determining any issue in relation to those Conditions of Service.
- 7. The appraisal of Senior Officers shall be carried out by the Chief Executive.

Disciplinary Action

- 8. No disciplinary action (within the meaning of Part II of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations, 2001) in respect of the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer or Chief Financial Officer, except action described in paragraph 9, may be taken by the Full Council or any other body or person acting on their behalf, other than in accordance with a recommendation in a report made by a designated independent person under Regulation 7 of those Regulations.
- 9. The action mentioned in paragraph 8 is suspension of the officer for the purpose of investigating the alleged misconduct occasioning the action. Any such suspension shall be on full pay and terminate no later than the expiry of two-months beginning on the day on which the suspension takes effect. A decision to suspend the Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Financial Officer shall be taken by the Full Council and a decision to suspend an Executive Director shall be taken by the Chief Executive.
- 10. Subject to paragraphs 8 and 9 any disciplinary action in relation to The Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Directors will be dealt with by the Committee in accordance with the JNC Disciplinary Procedure. Any appeal against dismissal, or action short of dismissal, will be considered by an Appeals Committee established by the Full Council comprising five members of the Council who have not had any prior involvement in the case. .

Capability and Dismissal Procedures

11. Any issue regarding the capability of a Senior Officer shall be dealt with by the Committee in accordance with the JNC Conditions of Service.
12. Any issue which is not appropriately dealt with under the Disciplinary or Capability Procedures but which may result in the dismissal of the Senior Officer will be dealt with by the Committee⁵.

Appointment, Dismissal and Disciplinary Action

- 13 The functions of appointment, dismissal, and taking disciplinary action against any employee other than those referred to at paragraphs A1-12 above must be discharged by the Chief Executive or by an officer(s) of the Council nominated by him and in accordance with such procedures as may be determined by the Committee as referred to at paragraph B1 below.
- 14 The Chief Executive and other Senior Officers may appoint, dismiss (including dismissal by reason of redundancy) and discipline all Directors in accordance with the Council's procedures. Appointments and dismissals can only proceed after all cabinet members have been notified by Democratic Services of the proposed appointment or dismissal. Agreed corporate processes must be followed in respect of all redundancy payments.

B. All Other Staff

Terms and Conditions of Employment

The Committee shall:

1. Determine the terms and conditions on which employees hold office including (but not limited to):
 - The Council's pay and grading structure;
 - Any fees, allowances or payments made to employees, including any relating to termination of employment;
 - Any policies, procedures and practices relating to employment including recruitment and selection;
 - Any collective agreements relating to the above.
 - To determine policy in relation to the release of pension benefits (LGPS and TPS) where employer discretion/consent is required.

⁵ Dismissal on grounds of (1) ill health or (2) "some other substantial reason"

2. Consider, at the request of a recognised trade union, any disagreement regarding the matters referred to at paragraph 1 above (excluding issues relating to individual employees). In referring any such matter the trade union(s) concerned shall be entitled to make oral representations to the Committee to such extent as the Committee consider appropriate.
3. Determine the facilities to be provided to trade union representatives⁶.
4. Recommend to Full Council for approval an Annual Pay Policy Statement as required by section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 for each financial year having regard to any guidance issued or approved by the Secretary of State.
5. Monitor the operation of the Statement of Ethical Standards for employees and the Register of Interests for employees.

⁶ trade unions have certain statutory rights in relation to the "facilities" they are to be accorded. Subject to those provisions, any other facilities agreed are at the discretion of the employer

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 3 October 2013**

Report submitted by: The Interim Chief Executive

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
All

Proposed amendment to the number of County Councillor representatives on the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board
(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

To approve a proposal to increase the number of County Councillor representatives on the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board from three to four.

Recommendation

The Full Council is asked to:

- i. Approve the increase in the number of County Councillor representatives on the Health and Wellbeing Board from three to four.
- ii. Approve that the fourth Councillor representative be the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services
- iii. Approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Committee to reflect the change in membership

Background and Advice

At the meeting of the Urgency Committee of the Full Council on 19 June 2013, it was agreed that the County Councillor representation on the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board be the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing; the Cabinet Member for Children Young People and Schools; and a Liberal Democrat Group nomination.

In addition, it was agreed that the views of the Health and Wellbeing Board be sought on an increase in the number of County Councillor representatives on the Board to four, to include the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services.

At its meeting on 24 July 2013, the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board considered the proposal to increase the County Councillor representation on the Board from three to four.

The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board resolved to:

- i. Endorse the increase of County Councillor representatives from three to four.
- ii. Recommend that the County Council amend the terms of reference accordingly.
- iii. Note that, subject to approval by the County Council, that the four Councillor representatives will be:
 - County Councillor Azhar Ali (Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing – Chair)
 - County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson (Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools)
 - County Councillor Tony Martin (Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services)
 - County Councillor David Whipp

Full Council is now asked to approve the increase in the number of County Council representatives on the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, and the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services to the Board

Revised Terms of Reference for the Committee are attached at Appendix A to this report.

Consultations

The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risks identified in this report.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Minutes of the Urgency Committee meeting of Full Council	19 June 2013	Andy Milroy, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 536050
Minutes of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting	24 July 2013	Andy Milroy, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 536050

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference and Membership

1. Purpose

To lead on the strategic co-ordination of commissioning of health, social care and health related services across the NHS, social care and public health.

The starting point for the Health and Wellbeing Board is one of assumed collaboration.

2. Principles

The Health and Wellbeing Board will operate in accordance with the following principles:

- Members of the Board will accept shared leadership for the health and well being of the communities of Lancashire
- The Board will promote joint working and wide engagement amongst bodies working for the health and well being of the people of Lancashire, whether represented on the board or not.
- The Board will be open, transparent and accountable in its actions and decisions
- The Board will be inclusive and seek to engage with patients, service users and the public.
- Board members will have respect for each other's organisational culture, and relationships will be based on trust.
- The Board collectively is accountable to the County Council, individual board members are representing their respective organisations and bodies.
- There will be a commitment to drive real and meaningful change to improve services and outcomes.
- All decisions will be based on parity between board members and a commitment to shared responsibility for decisions.
- The Board and its members will work in partnership and collaborate with other non health related strategic partnerships in Lancashire.

3. Functions

- To prepare a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Lancashire.
- To determine the priorities for, and prepare, the Joint Health and Wellbeing

Strategy for Lancashire, that spans the NHS, social care, public health, and wider health determinants. The Strategy will be based on the JSNA and will focus on priority outcomes which address the health inequalities in Lancashire.

- To promote integration and partnership between health and social care commissioners, including providing advice, assistance and support to encourage arrangements under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 in connection with the provision of health and social care services.
- To encourage close working between commissioners of health related services and the board.
- To encourage close working between commissioners of health related service and commissioners of health and social care services.
- To ensure that, regardless of provider, commissioning decisions for health and wellbeing are in line with the joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and take due notice of the JSNA, and any structures underneath the Lancashire Health & Wellbeing board are fit for purpose and align with commission plans.
- To co-ordinate effort to make the public monies invested in health and wellbeing work effectively to address the health inequalities to deliver the priorities in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- Hold to account those responsible for the delivery of the outcomes set out in the Strategy.
- Lobby and represent the views of health agencies in Lancashire to regional and national policy makers.
- The Board cannot discharge the functions of any of the Partners
- Where appropriate, to make arrangements for the exercise of the functions of the Board jointly with the Health and Wellbeing Board of another local authority.
- To require information from the local authority or any other representative serving on the Board in connection with the discharge of its functions, where that information is a function of that representative's role.

4. Membership

The membership of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board will consist of:

- Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing, LCC* (Chairperson)
- Cabinet Member for Children and Schools, LCC
- Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, LCC
- Fourth County Councillor to be nominated by the Liberal Democrat Group, LCC
- Executive Director with responsibility for adult social services, LCC* (Director of Adult Social Care)

- Director of Public Health, LCC*
- Executive Director with responsibility for children's social services, LCC* (Director of Children's Services)
- 6 Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Network Members* (1 to be nominated by each CCG)
- Director of Lancashire Area Team (National Commissioning Board)
- 3 District Councillors (one from each of the sub areas of Lancashire, to be nominated by the Lancashire Leaders Group)
- 1 District Council Chief Executive (To be nominated by the Lancashire Chief Executives Group)
- Third Sector Representative (To be nominated by One Lancashire)
- Chairperson of Healthwatch*
- 2 Providers (To be nominated by Chief Executives of NHS Foundation Trusts)

* Denotes core member of the Board. Core members have automatic voting rights and the County Council can decide whether other non-core members can have voting rights. The County Council has decided that all members as listed above will have equal voting rights.

All members are required to abide by the Lancashire County Council Members' and Co-opted Members' Code of Conduct.

5. Meeting Arrangements

Unless specified below, meeting arrangements are subject to the County Council's procedural standing orders

- The County Council's Cabinet Member with responsibility for Health and Wellbeing will be the Chair of the Board;
- The Board will appoint Deputy Chair annually
- The Board will meet quarterly, or more/less frequently if it so decides;
- The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be a quarter of the whole number of voting members of the Board (5) with at least one cabinet member being present;
- Substitutes for Board members are permitted with written notification being given to the clerk by the relevant nominating body in advance of the meeting.
- Meetings of the Board are open to the public but they may be excluded where information of an exempt or confidential nature is being discussed – see Access to Information Rules set out at Appendix 'H' in the County Council's Constitution.

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board Membership

Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (LCC)	County Councillor Azhar Ali
Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools (LCC)	County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson
Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services (LCC)	County Councillor Tony Martin
Fourth County Councillor Representative (LCC)	County Councillor David Whipp
Executive Director for Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing (LCC)	Steve Gross
Interim Executive Director for Children and Young People (LCC)	Louise Taylor
6 Clinical Commissioning Group Network Members	Dr Ann Bowman (Greater Preston) Dr Simon Frampton (West Lancashire) Dr Gora Bangi (Chorley and South Ribble) Dr P Bennett (Fylde and Wyre) Dr Mike Ions (East Lancashire) Dr David Wrigley (Lancaster)
Director of Lancashire Area Team (National Commissioning Board)	Richard Jones
Chairperson of Healthwatch	Gail Stanley
3 District Councillors (appointed by the Lancashire Leaders Group for Central, East and Fylde Coast)	Cllr Bridget Hilton (Central Lancashire) Cllr Julie Cooper (East Lancashire) Cllr Cheryl Little (Fylde Coast)
1 District Chief Executive (nominated by the Lancashire Chief Executives Group)	Lorraine Norris (Preston CC)
Third Sector Representative (nominated by One Lancashire)	Canon Michael Wedgeworth, Chair of Third Sector Lancashire
Providers	Karen Partington, Chief Executive of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust Professor Heather Tierney-Moore, Chief Executive of Lancashire Care Foundation Trust

Agenda Item 6

Meeting of the Full Council Meeting to be held on 3 October 2013

Report submitted by: The Interim Chief Executive

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
All

Report of the Cabinet (Annex 1 refers)

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Executive Summary

The report of Cabinet from its meeting on 5 September 2013 on matters which have not previously been reported to the Full Council is attached at Annex 1.

The reports considered by Cabinet can be viewed via the County Council's website:
<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=122>

Recommendation

That the report of the Cabinet, as now presented, be noted.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Agenda and Minutes of the Cabinet	5 September 2013	Dave Gorman, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 534261

Meeting of the Full Council – 3 October 2013

Report of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 September 2013

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the County Council's website at the following link:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=122>

Setting our Strategic Direction

The Cabinet considered a report outlining the new administration's initial priorities in a 'Setting our Strategic Direction' statement in advance of a new corporate strategy being brought forward for consideration early in the New Year.

The Cabinet approved the 'Setting our Strategic Direction' statement.

The Establishment of a County Council Champion for Digital Inclusion

The Cabinet considered a report proposing the establishment of the role of County Council Champion for Digital Inclusion to support the Leader of the County Council and appropriate Cabinet Members.

The Cabinet approved the establishment of the role of Champion for Digital Inclusion.

Money Matters - Update on the County Council's Financial Position for 2013/14

The Cabinet considered a report setting out an update on the County Council's Financial Position for 2013/14. The report highlighted the high risk financial issues facing the County Council, both in the current and future financial years, together with any action which may be required; set out the County Council's likely financial position at the end of the financial year; and assessed any impact on the County Council's overall financial outlook.

The Cabinet:

- (i) Noted the forecast position for the 2013/14 revenue budget and capital investment programme;
- (ii) Noted the forecast position on the County Council's reserves;
- (iii) Approved the transfer of one-off resources available of £7.3m, subject to the successful delivery of Directorate action plans to bring spending back within budgets, to the County Council's downsizing reserve;
- (iv) Noted the forecast position on the County Council's Voluntary Severance reserve;
- (v) Noted the update on the financial outlook for the County Council for the period 2014/15 to 2017/18.

Marmot Approach to Addressing Health Inequalities in Lancashire - Implementation of the Recommendations and Support from the Institute of Health Equity

The Cabinet considered a report setting out options for opportunities to reduce health inequalities in Lancashire.

The Cabinet:

- (i) Considered the three options presented in the report and approved **option one** as providing the greatest opportunities to reduce health inequalities in Lancashire;
- (ii) Supported this approach and tasked management team with providing leadership and agreeing a way forward to ensure a delivery plan is implemented.

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 3 October 2013**

Report submitted by: The County Secretary and Solicitor

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
All

Report of Urgent Key Decisions

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Executive Summary

Urgent Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council, the Deputy Leader of the County Council, the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, the Executive Director for Environment and the County Treasurer during the preceding three months.

Recommendation

That the urgent key decisions, as now presented, be noted.

It is a requirement of Standing Order 28 that any urgent key decisions taken must be reported to the Full Council for information on a quarterly basis. The following urgent key decisions have been taken by the Leader of the County Council, the Deputy Leader of the County Council, the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, the Executive Director for Environment and the County Treasurer

1) Urgent Key Decision taken by the Leader of the County Council

The following decision was taken on 15 August 2013:

Fleet Maintenance and Repair Services

The Leader of the County Council approved revoking the decision of the former Leader of the County Council taken on 26 April 2013 regarding the award of a contract for fleet maintenance and repair services (Fleet Services) and associated recommendations as set out in the full report.

This decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is to allow the necessary actions to be implemented without delay.

2) Urgent Key Decision taken by the Leader of the County Council and the Deputy Leader of the County Council

The following decision was taken on 11 July 2013:

Lancashire Enterprise Zone – Local Infrastructure Fund

The Leader of the County Council and the Deputy Leader of the County Council:

- (i) Authorised the County Council to undertake the role of lead applicant and accountable body for the £12.4m LIF which will take the form of a loan from the HCA to the County Council;
- (ii) Approved the County Council's contribution £1m in support of the LIF project to be funded from the existing Economic Development Capital Programme;
- (iii) Delegated to the County Council's Assistant Chief Executive, Deputy County Treasurer and Director of Economic Development, responsibility to complete and submit the LIF due diligence Documentation by the HCA's 12 July deadline;
- (iv) Subject to the County Council's due diligence submission being successful, authorised the County Council's Assistant Chief Executive, Deputy County Treasurer and Director of Economic Development, to conclude contract negotiations with HCA; and
- (v) Approved a funded increase of £17.4m in the capital programme for site infrastructure works on the Samlesbury site of the EZ (£12.4m from the HCA and £5m from the Development Partners) and the virement of £1m from the existing Economic Development Capital Programme to this scheme.

This decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities.

The reason for this is the requirement for the County Council to submit due diligence information to the HCA in support of its £12.4mLIF application.

3) Urgent Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

The following decision was taken on 23 July 2013

Substance Misuse Services – Central Lancashire

The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing approved the award of the contract for integrated prison and community recovery orientated substance misuse treatment services in Central Lancashire to Greater Manchester West Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust as detailed in the report.

This decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is the approval of the award of the contract is urgently needed as the new service is required to commence from the 1 October 2013.

4) Urgent Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools

The following decision was taken on 19 August 2013:

Framework Agreement for Early Support Services across Lancashire

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools confirmed the award of contracts for Preferred Provider status for the provision of Early Support Services across the county (excluding Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool). The report also detailed information relating to small grant funding and lead professional budget arrangements.

This decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities.

5) Urgent Key Decision taken by the Executive Director for Environment

The following decision was taken on 29 July 2013:

Proposed Changes to the Procurement of the Supply and Distribution of Rock Salt.

The Executive Director for Environment gave approval for the County Council to access the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) framework for the supply and distribution of Rock Salt on the basis as set out in the report.

This decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is the existing contract is due to expire on the 31 July 2013.

6) Urgent Key Decision taken by the County Treasurer

The following decision was taken on 30 July 2013:

External (3rd Party) Print and Related Services

The County Treasurer approved that the County Council access the GPS framework (Lot2) is for an initial period of 12 months with the option to extend for a period, not exceeding 2 years, if required.

This decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is that the framework agreement contract is entered into prior to the 31 July 2013 to ensure Lancashire County Council is not in breach of Council Procurement Rules and EU Procurement Directives.

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List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Report to the Leader of the County Council	15 August 2013	Andy Milroy, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 536050
Report to the Leader and Deputy Leader of the County Council	11 July 2013	Andy Milroy, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 536050
Report to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	23 July 2013	Andy Milroy, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 536050
Report to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools	19 August 2013	Joanne Mills, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 534284
Report to the Executive Director for Environment	29 July 2013	Stuart Benson, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 534022
Report to the County Treasurer	30 July 2013	Andy Milroy, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 536050

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 3 October 2013

Report submitted by: The Interim Chief Executive

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
All

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees
(Annexes 1- 3 refer)

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Executive Summary

The most recent cycle of meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees took place in the period July - September 2013.

The reports of the committees are attached as Annexes 1 - 3 as follows:

- Annex 1 - Scrutiny Committee**
- Annex 2 - Health Scrutiny Committee**
- Annex 3 - Education Scrutiny Committee**

Copies of the agenda and reports considered by the committee, together with minutes of the relevant meeting may be viewed on the County Council's web site at the following link:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx#scrutiny?bcr=1>

Officers specified in each report can also be contacted for further information.

The Executive Scrutiny Committee met on 9 July and 3 September 2013 to consider all reports considered by Cabinet and Key Decisions by individual cabinet members. Any views expressed by the Committee were reported back to the cabinet and cabinet members.

Recommendation

That the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as now presented, be noted.

Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Ext
Agenda and minutes: Scrutiny Committee	12 July 2013	Janet Mulligan/Office of the Chief Executive/33361
Health Scrutiny Committee	23 July 2013 10 September 2013	
Education Scrutiny Committee	16 July 2013	
Executive Scrutiny Committee	9 July 2013 3 September 2013	

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council – 3 October 2013

Report on the Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 12 July

Chair: County Councillor Bill Winlow

The agenda and minutes of the meetings may be viewed on the County Council's web site at the following link:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=120>

12 July 2012

Position Statement on Flood Risk Management Related Issues - Land Drainage Management, Development in Flood Plains, and Coastal Flooding Responsibilities

The Committee received an update report setting out the County Council's current position on the following three flood risk management issues:

- Land drainage management
- Development in flood plains, and
- Coastal flooding responsibilities

It was agreed that:

- i. Consideration be given at a future meeting on the merits of establishing a task group to explore specifically the effectiveness of current consultation mechanisms to inform district council planning application decisions. There may be merit in timing any such activity to follow the introduction of the County Sustainable Urban Drainage System Approval Body role currently expected in April 2014.
- ii. United Utilities be requested to attend to a future meeting of Scrutiny Committee and answer questions with regards their performance and responsibilities on both flood risk management issues and bathing water quality.

Cross Boundary Looked After Children

The Committee received an update following publication in September 2011, of its report, "Who Cares? Cross Boundary Looked After Children", which dealt with a range of issues related to the placement into Lancashire into the independent residential care sector of children and young people looked after by the local authorities.

At its meeting on 14 June 2013, the Scrutiny Committee resolved to consider:

- a final Executive Response to the report, detailing the actions taken in accordance with the recommendations made and the impact and added value the report had had on local practices;

- the full breadth of feedback and comments from bodies and agencies other than the County Council Executive.

It was now agreed that the Committee determine related topics for future scrutiny to include on the Committee's work programme, with a view in particular to consideration of:

- the Lancashire Improving Futures initiative, which aims to prevent /avoid care placements; and
- the role of the County Council in supporting the Government's commitment to a programme of reform and improvement in children's residential care home provision.

Work Plan and Task Group Update

A statement of the current status of work being undertaken by the Committee was presented.

Members suggested a task group be set up to do with flooding and the consultation on planning applications. It was also requested that district councillors be asked to sit on this task group. This was agreed by the Committee

Meeting of the Full Council – 3 October 2013

Report on the Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting 23 July and 10 September 2013

Chair: County Councillor Steven Holgate

The agenda and minutes of the meetings may be viewed on the County Council's web site via the following link:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=182>

23 July 2013

Better Care Together - Transforming Health Services Across North Lancashire and South Cumbria

Guest speakers from 'Better Care Together', Lancashire North CCG and University Hospitals Morecambe Bay Trust attended the Committee.

The Committee received a report which explained that a new clinical strategy for health services known as 'Better Care Together' (BCT) was being developed. This review was being carried out across North Lancashire and South Cumbria by local NHS organisations including Lancashire North Clinical Commissioning Group, Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group and University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust (UHMBT).

Alongside this review, UHMBT was also delivering its recovery plan which had been developed following a number of inspections by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Monitor (independent regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts).

A number of proposed organisational changes would be required during 2013/14 in order to support delivery of the UHMBT's recovery plan. The Trust was also required to meet a Cost Improvement Programme (CIP) target and develop a new Clinical Strategy with stakeholders. The CIP Staff Consultation paper which identified the 8 individual schemes within the CIP was at Annex 2 to the report presented.

It was agreed that:

- i. The comments of the Health Scrutiny Committee be noted and the minutes of the meeting be provided to the Chair of Better Care Together;
- ii. Full proposals for the formal consultation for Better Care Together be provided to the Health Scrutiny Committee.
- iii. Members of the Health Scrutiny Committee provide any comments or suggestions on the process of the formal consultation for Better Care Together via the Scrutiny Officer;
- iv. A full report on the outcome of the consultation on Better Care Together be provided to the Health Scrutiny Committee via its Steering Group;

- v. Updates on the progress of the Cost Improvement Programme be provided via email to the Health Scrutiny Committee.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

On 26 February the Steering Group had met with officers from the following Clinical Commissioning Groups

- Lancashire North
- West Lancashire
- Fylde and Wyre

A summary of the meeting was at Appendix A to the report presented.

On 9 April the Steering Group had met with the Chief Executive of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix B to the report presented. This summary also included the notes of the Steering Group's visit to Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust which took place on 28 March.

On 16 April the Steering Group had met to consider the outcome of the Dementia Consultation as delegated by the Joint Health Committee at its meeting on 22 January and determine whether support the recommendations made to the NHS Lancashire Cluster Board. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix C to the report presented.

Members were most concerned that East Lancashire Hospitals Trust was now subject to 'special measures' following the Keogh review. They were assured that the Steering Group would address relevant announcements on an ongoing basis and would report back to the Committee as appropriate. The possibility of a piece of joint scrutiny with Blackburn with Darwen Council's Scrutiny Committee was being explored. The Chair acknowledged that the situation in East Lancashire was causing much public concern.

10 September 2013

Clinical Commissioning Groups

The report explained that from April this year Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) had replaced the Primary Care Trust (PCTs) as the commissioners of health and social care services. They were responsible for the planning and designing of local health services by working in partnership with patients and health and social care partners to ensure services would meet local needs.

Representatives from the following Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) attended the Committee to provide an overview of their roles and responsibilities, commissioning plans and some of the challenges they faced to improve the health and well being of their patients:

- Greater Preston/Chorley and South Ribble CCG
- Lancashire North CCG
- East Lancashire CCG

It was agreed that:

- i. The Steering Group would meet individually with each of the six CCGs and to discuss with them, in detail issues of concern specifically public engagement and funding, and to receive a further update after April 2014 when they had been in operation for twelve months.
- ii. A letter be sent from the Health Scrutiny Committee to the Secretary of State for Health expressing serious concern that the investment in the allocation of funding for Lancashire and the north of England appeared to be diminishing compared with the south and midlands. This was of particular concern given the significant challenges faced due to deprivation levels and high mortality rates. . The Chair stated that contributions from the CCGs would be sought for inclusion in the submission. It was also agreed that a copy of the letter be provided to the Chairs of the Health Scrutiny Committees at both Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen councils for information.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

On 5 July the Steering Group had met to discuss the future work plan for the Committee following suggestions put forward at the training session on 11 June. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix A to the report presented.

On 19 July the Steering Group had met with officers from University Hospitals Morecambe Bay Trust regarding their Cost Improvement Programme. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix B to the report presented.

On 26 July the Steering Group had met with Blackpool Hospital Trust regarding the outcome of the 'Improving Patient Care' consultation. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix C to the report presented.

Meeting of the Full Council – 3 October 2013

Report on the Education Scrutiny Committee Meeting 16 July 2013

Chair: County Councillor Cynthia Dereli

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the County Council's web site via the following link:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=181>

Summary of the framework for the inspection of local authority arrangements for supporting school improvement

A briefing session for all members of the Committee on the key features of the Ofsted framework for the inspection of local authority arrangements for supporting school improvement and highlighting the main areas of focus for inspectors had taken place before the start of the meeting.

Achievement of pupils eligible for Free School Meals in Lancashire

The Committee received a report on the achievement of pupils who were eligible for Free School Meals at Lancashire and District level at the end of Key Stages 2 and 4. The report also outlined the strategies which were being deployed to raise achievement for this group of pupils.

Educational Attainment and Achievement of Children Looked After by Lancashire Authority

The Committee received a report which set out the educational achievements and attainment of school age pupils who are CLA by the Authority at the end of Key Stages 1, 2 and 4. The report also outlined the successful strategies which are deployed to raise achievement for this group of pupils.

Work Plan 2013/14

The Committee was invited to identify topics for consideration at future meetings in order to form a work plan for the coming year.

It was agreed that a Task Group be established to consider FSM (Free School Meals) pupils – attainment and the Pupil Premium

A Work Plan be compiled for the coming year and presented at the next meeting, based on suggestions recorded in the minutes.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 3 October 2013

Report submitted by: The Interim Chief Executive

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
All

Report of the Pension Fund Committee
(Annex 1 refers)

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Executive Summary

The Report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 6 September 2013 is attached at Annex 1.

Copies of the agenda and reports considered by the Committee are available on the County Council's website at the following link:
<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=183>

Members can also contact the officers specified in each report for further information about each item.

Recommendation

That the report of the Pension Fund Committee, as now presented, be noted.

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List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Ext
Agenda & Minutes of the Pension Fund Committee	6 September 2013	Chris Mather, Office of the Chief Executive, Tel: 01772 533559

Report of the Pension Fund Committee - Matters for Information

The following matters were considered by the Pension Fund Committee at its meeting on 6 September 2013.

Part I

1. Private Equity Strategy

The Committee considered a report on a proposed new private equity strategy.

The Fund had a long standing private equity programme and as part of its programme of work to review the investment strategy in relation to each asset class, the Investment Panel had reviewed the Fund's strategy in relation to private equity, which encompassed a wide range of investments from start ups and venture capital to large scale buy outs.

Details of the current strategy and the proposed new private equity strategy, including authorisations required for its implementation, as recommended by the Investment Panel, were presented at Appendix 'A'.

Decision Taken

The Committee approved the new private equity strategy as presented and the authorisations required to implement it.

2. Property Investment Strategy

The Committee considered a report on a revised strategy for property investment.

The Fund had a long standing property portfolio and as part of its programme of work to review the investment strategy in relation to each asset class, the Investment Panel had reviewed the Fund's strategy in relation to property in the context of the Fund's overall investment strategy.

Details of the revised property investment strategy, as recommended by the Investment Panel, were presented at Appendix 'A'.

Decision Taken

The Committee approved the revised strategy for property investment, and in particular:

- a) The target long term absolute return target of 8% per annum.
- b) The split of the total property allocation between a diversified core portfolio representing 70%-80% of the allocation and a specialist / opportunity portfolio representing 20%-30% of the total allocation.
- c) A limit on the gearing in funds in which the allocation can be invested of 50%.

3. Consultation on the Future Structure of the Local Government Pension Scheme

The Committee considered a report on the Government's consultation on structural reform of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

The Minister responsible for the LGPS together with the Local Government Association had launched a consultation process seeking views on how the structure of LGPS might be reformed. Central to this consultation, was the belief set out in a number of speeches by the minister that there were currently too many LGPS funds and that fewer larger funds would be more efficient and effective in a range of ways.

The Committee considered a draft response to this consultation on behalf of the Fund. The basic line taken was in favour of increasing collaboration, an area where the Lancashire fund already had strong credentials and against forced mergers. There were a number of reasons for this. Firstly forcing mergers was likely to create some significant issues around accountability to stakeholders in the new much larger funds. Secondly a belief that while funds could be too small, the converse was also true and funds could be too big and that the LGPS should therefore be aiming for the right size funds, although there was no evidence to indicate that larger funds necessarily performed better than smaller ones.

The key factor which was emphasised in the draft response was that all moves which aimed to professionalise the way in which LGPS funds were run were supported as this in itself had the potential to drive both performance and bring out areas where costs could be reduced. Again this was an area where the Fund had significant and useful recent experience.

Members expressed concerns about the objective of Pension Funds being required to provide greater investment in infrastructure. It was agreed that infrastructure investments should only be made where such investments offered the best possible return for the Fund and officers were asked to strengthen the consultation response to reflect the views of the Committee in this area.

Decision Taken

The Committee approved the draft response to the consultation on structural reform of the Local Government Pension Scheme as presented and amended above.

4. Annual Report and Accounts of the Fund - 2012/13

The Committee considered the Annual Report and Accounts of the Pension Fund for 2012/13.

It was noted that the Statement of Accounts was currently being audited by the external auditor and the auditor's opinion, together with any changes required as a result of the audit process would be included in the published Annual Report, when this had been completed.

A copy of the Annual Report 2012/13 was presented at Appendix 'A'. The content of the Annual Report included the following sections:

- An overview of the management and financial performance of the fund;
- The Governance Compliance Statement;
- Administration of the Fund;
- Knowledge and Skills Framework
- Investments of the Fund;
- The accounts and financial statements;
- Actuarial Valuation;
- The Governance Policy Statement;
- The Communication Policy Statement;
- The Funding Strategy Statement;
- The Statement of Investment Principles

It was noted that the County Council's Constitution required the Pension Fund Annual Report to be approved by the Committee and submitted to the Full Council for information.

Decision Taken

The Committee approved the 2012/13 Lancashire County Pension Fund Annual Report as presented for submission to the Full Council.

Note: The Full Council is asked to note that subsequent to the decision of the Pension Fund Committee minor amendments have been made to the Annual Report. A slightly revised version of the Annual Report will therefore be presented to the Audit and Governance Committee on 30 September and a copy of the amended Report can be viewed at:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=728&MId=2695&Ver=4>

5. UK Stewardship Code compliance

The Committee considered a report on the adoption of a compliance statement to the UK Stewardship Code.

The Committee was informed that the Financial Reporting Council strongly encouraged all institutional investors to publish a statement on their website on the extent to which they had complied with the seven principles of the UK Stewardship Code. Whilst the Stewardship Code was principally aimed at asset managers, other institutional investors, including pension funds, were encouraged to report under it.

A copy of the Stewardship Code and the proposed compliance statement to the Code by the Lancashire County Pension Fund were presented at Appendix 'A' and Appendix 'B' respectively. It was noted that the adoption of the statement would ensure the Fund's compliance with the Code.

Decision Taken

The Committee approved the Stewardship Code Compliance Statement as presented.

6. Fund Shareholder Voting and Engagement Report

The Committee considered a comprehensive report on the Fund's shareholder voting arrangements and activity, and engagement activity for the period 1 April to 30 June 2013.

The Committee was informed that Pensions and Investment Research Consultants Ltd (PIRC) act as the Fund's proxy and cast the Fund's votes on its investments at company shareholder meetings. PIRC were instructed to vote in accordance with their guidelines unless the Fund instructed otherwise. It was agreed that the training and development plan agreed earlier in the meetings should include a session on the role and work of PIRC and the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF).

It was noted that the Fund had voted on 2,866 occasions during this period and had opposed or abstained in 29% of votes.

The Committee received details of live class actions in relation to companies in which the Lancashire County Pension Fund had previously or currently owned shares.

Decision Taken

The Committee noted the report and agreed that a session on the role and work of PIRC and LAPFF, in addition to a session on class actions, be included as part of the Fund's proposed training and development plan.

Part II

7. Investment Performance Report

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information)

The Committee considered a report on the performance of the Fund as at 30 June 2013, focussing on the key areas of:

- the funding position;
- cash flow;
- investment performance;
- management performance;
- investment allocations; and
- risk management of the Fund including credit, liquidity, investment and operational risks.

Decision Taken

The Committee noted the report.

8. Investment Panel Report

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information)

The Committee received a report from the Investment Panel setting out the work of the Panel at its meetings held on 7 and 11 June and 24 July 2013. The Committee's attention was specifically drawn to the following key areas:

- The Investment Context in which the Fund was operating
- Private Equity and Property Strategies
- Further Allocations for discussion
- Investment Decisions
- Advisory Boards

Decision Taken

The Committee noted the report.

9. Application to become the single Pension Fund for Probation Staff

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information)

The Committee considered a report on the County Council's submission, as administering authority of Lancashire County Pension Fund (LCPF), of an application proposal to host a single pension scheme for the entities created by the Ministry of Justice as part of the Transforming Rehabilitation programme.

The Ministry of Justice had sought applications from administering authorities during the summer to host a single pension fund for Probation staff and new entities created as part of this Programme. The Committee noted that the County Treasurer had, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, submitted the application proposal set out at Appendix 'A'.

The Ministry of Justice had now requested confirmation that, if successful, the proposal was supported and authorised by the Council of the administering authority. The Committee noted that the confirmation was needed to enable the LCPF proposal to continue through selection process.

Decision Taken

The Committee approved the application proposal of Lancashire County Council, as administering authority of Lancashire County Pension Fund, to host a single pension scheme for the entities created by the Ministry of Justice as part of the Transforming Rehabilitation programme.

Agenda Item 8c

Meeting of the Full Council Meeting to be held on 3 October 2013

Report submitted by: The Interim Chief Executive

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None

Report of the Urgency Committee (Annexes 1 and 2 refer)

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Executive Summary

The report of the Urgency Committee from its meeting on 5 August 2013 is attached at Annex 1.

A summary of Urgent business considered on behalf of the Urgency Committee is set out at Annex 2

Copies of the agenda and reports considered by the Committee are available on the County Council's website at the following link:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=187>

Recommendation

That the report of the Urgency Committee and urgent business considered on behalf of the Urgency Committee, as now presented, be noted.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Agenda and minutes of the Urgency Committee and urgent business reports	5 August 2013 17 July 2013 29 July 2013 3 September 2013	Josh Mynott, OCE, (01772) 534580

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate - N/A

Procurement of Fleet Services - Independent Review

The committee met on 5 August 2013 to consider the independent review of the process leading up to the decision taken by the former Leader of the Council on 26 April 2013 on the procurement of Fleet Services.

It was resolved:

1. That the Chief Executive's conduct in relation to the procurement process for letting the contract for Fleet Services be the subject of a disciplinary investigation and the matter be referred to the Employment Committee for that purpose,
2. That in order to facilitate the disciplinary investigation the Chief Executive be suspended on full pay with immediate effect,
3. That during the period of suspension the Deputy County Secretary & Solicitor (or in his absence his nominee) act as contact officer,
4. That the Monitoring Officer be requested to identify and agree with the Chief Executive an appropriate Designated Independent Person in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 (or in default of agreement to refer the matter to the Secretary of State for him to make an appointment),
5. To appoint Jo Turton, Executive Director for the Environment, as Interim Chief Executive and Head of the Paid Service.

Employment Committee Membership

The Employment Committee was due to meet on 22 and 31 July 2013 to appoint a new Executive Director of Adult Services and Public Health. The responsibilities of the post holder relate directly to the portfolios held by the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing. It was felt that the Cabinet Members needed to play a full and active role in the appointment of the Executive Director rather than attend the meetings of the Employment Committee in an observer capacity.

Following consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Urgency Committee, the Chief Executive approved that the membership of the committee be increased to include the two Cabinet Members and that the Conservative Group be asked to nominate an additional member so as to maintain the political balance on the Committee.

The increased membership of the Employment Committee applied only to the process of appointing a new Executive Director of Adult Services and Public Health. The Committee's membership would then revert back to the five members appointed by Full Council on 23 May 2013.

Deputy Chair of the Scrutiny Committee

On 17 July 2013 the Leader of the County Council approved the appointment of County Councillor Lorraine Beavers to fill the vacant position of Lead Member for Health.

As a result of this appointment and following consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Urgency Committee, the Chief Executive approved the appointment of County Councillor Alyson Barnes to replace Councillor Beavers as Deputy Chair of the Scrutiny Committee with immediate effect.

Changes to membership of the Combined Fire Authority approved on 29 July and 3 September 2013

On 29 July 2013, following consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Urgency Committee, the Chief Executive approved the appointment of County Councillors Terry Burns and Ron Shewan to replace County Councillors Sean Serridge and Lorraine Beavers respectively on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority with immediate effect.

On 3 September the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Urgency Committee, approved the appointment of County Councillor Graham Gooch to replace County Councillor Alycia James on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority with immediate effect.

Agenda Item 9

Meeting of the Full Council Meeting to be held on 3 October 2013

Report submitted by: The Interim Chief Executive

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
All

Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority (Annex 1 refers)

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Executive Summary

Annex 1 sets out a summary report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority following its meeting on the 9 September 2013. This is now presented to the Full Council for information.

Recommendation

That the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, as now presented, be noted.

Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Ext
Proceedings of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority.	9 September 2013	Diane Brooks Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority (CFA) 9 September 2013

1. Welcome to New Members

The Authority welcomed County Councillors: Terry Burns, Ron Shewan and Graham Gooch who had replaced County Councillors: Lorraine Beavers, Sean Serridge and Alycia James. The Chairman thanked the outgoing Members for their contribution to the work of the Authority.

2. Service Headquarters Relocation

In April 2013 the Authority approved moving to the procurement stage of the project to relocate Service Headquarters from its current site in Fulwood to Euxton; subject to final refinement of plans and costs remaining within the overall project affordability.

Subsequently the government had published findings from Sir Ken Knight's review of the efficiencies and operations in Fire and Rescue Authorities in England and a report from the all-party parliamentary group on Homeland Security with a view to improve efficiency, interoperability and resilience of blue-light services. The Authority agreed that it would be more prudent not to embark on a long-term major capital project until the government gave a view on the options contained within those reports, which was expected by way of a White Paper in the autumn 2013.

3. Fitness Standards

There had been growing prominence of fitness standards in the eight point trade dispute between the government and the Fire Brigades Union over pensions. Fitness standards were a matter for individual Fire and Rescue Services and the Service had been approached both by the Minister and the Local Government Association to ensure Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) employees were fully aware of our fitness policies. Members considered and endorsed the current approach to fitness standards in LFRS, which have managed fitness successfully for many years. They also considered work underway to maintain and improve fitness in the future.

4. Community Fire Safety Reports

As part of a report relating to community fire safety initiatives and fires and incidents of particular interest, Members had received a presentation on the work undertaken by the Service in relation to the fire that occurred on Saturday 7 January 2012 on Lytham Road in Freckleton where four brothers and sisters had sadly lost their lives. The presentation showed the complexities of fire investigation within a criminal justice context and how the LFRS team contributed to the outcome achieved in this very high profile case.

Members were also informed that firefighters were called to a vehicle collision at a petrol station where the driver of the vehicle had suffered a heart attack. Using the defibrillator equipment that the Authority had approved for installation on all fire engines, the gentleman was revived by the time the ambulance arrived and his life was saved.

5. Urgent Business - Sprinklers

The Chief Fire Officer updated the Authority on the fire at St Mary's Catholic Technology College in Leyland on Sunday 1 September 2013 and tabled the following position statement:

"Sprinklers are proven to save lives and property; they improve fire fighter safety, minimise environmental damage and reduce economic loss. In March 2007 the Department of Children Schools and Families announced the policy that all new schools should have sprinklers installed, the exception being where schools are assessed as low risk.

The fire at St Mary's School in Leyland has clearly demonstrated the physical loss that can be caused by a fire in a school without sprinklers and the devastating effect there can be on children's education and future career prospects. There is the potential for some students never to recover from the loss of weeks of lessons at critical times.

In this case, a sprinkler system would have likely limited the fire to one compartment and the school would have opened on time, with little disruption. The Combined Fire Authority request that the constituent Authorities in Lancashire lead the way by supporting the installation of sprinklers in all new school buildings and significant renovations or extensions. At around just one percent of build cost, this positive step will safeguard the education of our communities, prevent significant financial loss and reduce the risk of death and injury."

Members agreed to use the position statement to increase the provision of sprinklers.

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Agenda Annex

To All County Councillors

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Date: 01 October 2013

Dear Councillor

Meeting of the Full Council – 3 October 2013

Agenda Part C - Notices of Motion submitted under Procedural Standing Order 14.2.1(a)

1. By County Councillor Tony Martin:

"The County Council re-affirms its commitment to Lancashire becoming a Fairtrade County as outlined in the resolution of the Cabinet of 8 October 2004, and also calls on the Leader of the County Council to appoint a "Fairtrade advocate" from its membership to ensure the process is followed through as speedily as possible."

2. By County Councillor Michael Green:

"Council is delighted that we have concluded the City Deal and thanks the Coalition Government and our partners, the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, Preston City Council and South Ribble Borough Council, for agreeing this once-in-a-lifetime deal.

Council acknowledges that without the vision and commitment of our Chief Executive, Phil Halsall, the City Deal would never have come to fruition."

3. By County Councillor Geoff Driver:

"Council was concerned to learn of the inadequate records kept of the approvals given for the accessing of e-mails and supports the proposal by Jack Straw MP for a Public Inquiry into the secret accessing of County Council Members' e-mails."

4. By County Councillor Gina Dowding:

Further to the motion regarding Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) of Shale Type Rock which was passed by Lancashire County Council in December 2012, this Council:

i Notes

- a. The debate about benefits and disbenefits of extracting on-shore gas resources and the local environmental impacts
- b. That large amounts of water are needed for hydraulic fracturing to extract shale.
- c. The risk of groundwater contamination as a result of fracking where well integrity is compromised.
- d. The impacts of noise, visual intrusion and air pollution from heavy traffic in communities close to fracking sites
- e. Increasing concerns over potential direct and indirect impacts on human health and wellbeing, and awaits investigation into those concerns
- f. that potential economic benefits need to be carefully balanced against the potential disbenefits to other sectors such as tourism and agriculture and to the opportunity for investment in the renewable energy sector;
- g. the conflicting claims about whether UK shale gas will affect energy prices in the UK

ii. reiterates its call on the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to introduce Industry Specific regulation of hydraulic fracturing for the UK shale gas industry, as there are still no specific onshore exploration or extraction regulations for natural gas (and the offshore regulations developed in the 1990s are not sufficient to address all the issues that arise from moving the process onshore especially in populated areas of Lancashire);

iii) demands that such industry specific regulation must ensure that local planning control is maintained and that there should be a regular and rigorous inspection regime;

iv. will seek to attract to the county appropriate funding for projects which increase energy efficiency, sustainability and self-sufficiency, stabilise energy bills, and create jobs in the green economy.

5. By County Councillor Bill Winlow:

"Lancashire County Council:

1. Welcomes the consultation launched last month by Government to create a small and medium sized enterprise (SME) 'single market' for public procurement, simplifying and standardising how contracts are advertised, bid for and paid across the sector on contracts over £10,000 and would welcome similar proposals for contracts under £10,000 to follow suit.

2. Recognises the huge opportunity presented to support small and medium sized businesses and contribute to a strong local economy through its procurement policies.
3. Commits to adopting best practise in public procurement which takes into account the full impact of the procurement process on the local economy, and uses its public procurement role to promote the wellbeing of the local economy and the diversity of small and medium sized enterprises."

6. By County Councillor Azhar Ali:

"Payday loan companies, although legal, are preying on vulnerable people on low incomes, charging immoral rates of interest which often spiral out of control heaping further misery on thousands of people across Lancashire

Lancashire County Council resolves to:

- Ban access to Payday Lender websites from all LCC computers including libraries.
- Ban advertising and or sponsorship on all LCC property including hoardings, bus shelters, buildings etc

Furthermore, Lancashire County Council will promote local credit unions and other responsible lenders as alternative. We will consider the outcome of the work being undertaken by the Office of Fair Trading".

Yours faithfully

Jo Turton

Interim Chief Executive

