

Lancashire County Council

Urgency Committee of the Full Council

Thursday, 3rd March, 2011 at 2.30 pm or on the rising of the Cabinet meeting
(whichever is the later) in Cabinet Room 'B' - County Hall, Preston

Agenda

Part 1 (Open to Press and Public)

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| 1. | Appointment of Chair and Deputy, Membership and Terms of Reference | (Pages 1 - 2) |
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| 2. | Apologies | |
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| 3. | Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests | |
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Members are asked to consider any Personal/Prejudicial Interests they may have to disclose to the meeting in relation to matters under consideration on the Agenda.

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| 4. | Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 24 March 2010 | (Pages 3 - 4) |
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The Committee is asked to confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2010 as a true and correct record.

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| 5. | Urgent Business | |
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An item of urgent business may only be considered under this heading where, by reason of special circumstances to be recorded in the Minutes, the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency. Wherever possible, the Chief Executive should be given advance warning of any Member's intention to raise a matter under this heading.

6. Exclusion of Press and Public

The Committee is asked to consider whether, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, it considers that the public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as indicated against the heading to the item.

Part II (Not open to Press and Public)

7. Equal Pay Review - Posts Graded Above Spinal Column Point 54

(Not for Publication - Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information)

A copy of the report will be circulated at the meeting.

I M Fisher
County Secretary and Solicitor

County Hall
Preston

Agenda Item 1

Urgency Committee

Meeting to be held on 3 March 2011

Electoral Division affected: All

Urgency Committee – Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair, Membership and Terms of Reference

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Executive Summary and Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note:

- i. The appointment of County Councillors G Driver and A Atkinson as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of the Committee.
- ii. the Membership of the Committee.
- iii. the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Background and Advice

The Full Council at its Annual Meeting on 20 May 2010 approved the Constitution of the Committee on the basis of 6 Conservative Members, 2 Labour Members, 1 Liberal Democrat Member and 1 member from the Independent Group. The following Members were appointed by their respective Groups:

County Councillor A Atkinson
County Councillor M Devaney
County Councillor G Driver
County Councillor C Grunshaw
County Councillor P Malpas
County Councillor J Mein
County Councillor D O'Toole
County Councillor M Pritchard
County Councillor J Shedwick
County Councillor B Winlow

The Full Council appointed County Councillors G Driver and A Atkinson as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of the Committee.

Terms of Reference

The Committee shall carry out the following functions:

Except those matters which cannot be delegated under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, to deal with any matter requiring a decision by the Full Council which cannot await its next meeting, including any matters which have been delegated to the Committee by the Full Council.

The following matter has been specifically delegated to the Committee by the Full Council:-

To approve any minor amendments to the Constitution for the purpose of improving its operational efficiency or for giving greater clarity to the existing processes.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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Nil

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Agenda Item 4

Lancashire County Council Urgency Committee

Wednesday 24 March 2010

Minutes

Present:

County Councillors

G Driver (Chair)

C Briggs	J Mein
S Derwent	D O'Toole
K Ellard	M Pritchard
P Malpas	D Westley

J Shedwick

* County Councillor D Westley replaced County Councillor A Atkinson.

Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None reported.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 November 2009

7. **Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 November 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

Lancashire County Council's Economic Strategy

The report sought approval in principle to the Council's Economic Strategy. The Strategy set out a framework of priorities that would inform and underpin the County Council's new approach to economic development.

8. **Resolved:** That,
- i. Subject, to the amendments now reported, the Council's Economic Strategy as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report now presented be approved in principle and that the Full Council be requested to formally approve the Strategy at its meeting on 20 May 2010.
 - ii. It be agreed that a media event be held to launch the Strategy in advance of its submission to Full Council.

Lancashire County Council's Corporate Strategy 2010 – 2013

The report sought approval in principle to the Corporate Strategy 2010 – 2013, which was the County Council's key strategic planning document and the cornerstone of its policy framework. It outlined what the County Council as a whole was aiming to achieve over the life of the current council and how it intended to get there.

9. Resolved: That,

- i. The Corporate Strategy 2010 – 2013 as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report now presented be approved in principle and that the Full Council be requested to formally approve the Strategy at its meeting on 20 May 2010.
- ii. The decision to publish the draft Strategy on the County Council's website in advance of its submission to Full Council be confirmed.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

10. Resolved: That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated against the heading to the item.

Equal Pay Review

(Note: Reason for exclusion – exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 4 and 5 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)

A report was presented setting out recommendations arising from the Equal Pay Review relating to the implementation of a new pay and grading structure and revised terms and conditions of employment.

The Committee was asked to consider the recommendations on behalf of the Full Council.

11. Resolved: That the Committee agree the recommendations set out in the report as now presented concerning the implementation of a new pay and grading structure and revised terms and conditions of employment. The Committee also wished to place on record its thanks and appreciation to the Chief Executive, Director of Human Resources and all staff involved in the equal pay review.

I M Fisher
County Secretary and Solicitor

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