

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston,
on Thursday, 23rd February, 2017

Present:

County Councillor Janice Hanson (Chairman)

County Councillors

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

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of County Councillors M Barron;
F Craig-Wilson; J Lawrenson; M Perks; J Shedwick and C Wakeford.

Announcements

Butler Trust Commendation Award

Sarah Fleming, Library Manager at HMP Kirkham Prison Library, had been awarded a Butler Trust Commendation Award which was for people working in prisons, probation and the community and youth justice system throughout the UK.

Sarah Fleming attended Full Council and was congratulated by Members. Julie Bell, Head of Service, Libraries, Museums, Culture and Registrars and David Bland, Head of Reducing Reoffending, HMP Kirkham Prison, also attended.

Baby Friendly Accreditation

In 2016 across Lancashire, the Children and Families Health Service and County Council Children Centres, together with the North Lancashire Health Visitor teams, were jointly awarded Baby Friendly Accreditation. The Baby Friendly Initiative is an international programme that is designed to support breastfeeding and parent infant relationships by working with public services to improve standards of care. This accreditation acknowledges the high standards of perinatal care and support provided by universal services.

Katie Wharton, Lancashire Care Foundation Trust; Marie Longworth, Breastfeeding Peer Support; and Nicola Rigby, Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service, representing those who had contributed the success of the award, attended Full Council and were congratulated by Members.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Full Council was notified that Members had been invited to make declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda in accordance with the County Council's Code of Conduct for Members. The following interests were declared:

Name of Councillor	Agenda item number	Nature of interest (non-pecuniary unless stated)
Cllr M Brindle	4.	Member of Burnley Borough Council
Cllr D Howarth	4.	Member of South Ribble Borough Council
Cllr D Lord	4.	Member of Pendle Borough Council
Cllr D Whipp	4.	Member of Pendle Borough Council

3. Confirmation of the minutes from the meetings held on 15 December 2016 and 9 February 2017

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the meetings of the County Council held on 15 December 2016 and 9 February 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Review of the Council's Business and Operating Model

Full Council was asked to receive the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) report, "Lancashire Public Service Delivery Model, Interim Draft Report".

Following a period of debate, County Councillor Geoff Driver moved the following amendment which was seconded by County Councillor Albert Atkinson:

To refer the report back to PwC asking them for their final report so that it can be given meaningful consideration and proper consultations can take place with other interested parties.

The amendment was accepted by the Deputy Leader and, on being put to the vote it was CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: - To refer the report back to PwC asking them for their final report so that it can be given meaningful consideration and proper consultations can take place with other interested parties.

5. Members' Allowance Scheme 2017/18

Full Council was asked to approve the proposed Members' Allowance Scheme for 2017/18, and the proposed re-appointment of three members of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

Resolved: - That:

1. The 2017/18 Members' Allowance Scheme, as presented at Appendix 'A', to be effective as from 1 April 2017, be approved.
2. It be noted that a further report on the 2017/18 Members' Allowance Scheme will be presented to the Full Council following a review of the Scheme by the Independent Remuneration Panel at its meeting on 5 June 2017.
3. The re-appointment of Keith Leaver, Irene Divine and Terry Whitehead to serve on the Independent Remuneration Panel for a four year term with effect from 28 March 2017 be approved.

6. The Localism Act 2011 – Pay Policy Statement 2017/18

Full Council was asked to approve the County Council's proposed 2017/18 Pay Policy Statement as required by the Localism Act 2011.

Resolved: - That:

- i. The recommendations of the Employment Committee be noted and the 2017/18 Pay Policy Statement as set out at Appendix 'A' be approved.
- ii. The annual adjustment to the Living Wage for centrally employed staff for 2017/18, as set out in the report, be approved.

7. Financial Threshold for Key Decisions

Full Council was asked to consider the proposal that the financial threshold for Key Decisions, for the purposes of Standing Order 25(1), should be increased to £1.5m for 2017/18.

Resolved: - That the Full Council confirms that the financial threshold for Key Decisions, for the purposes of Standing Order 25(1), should be increased to £1.5m for 2017/18.

8. Report of the Audit and Governance Committee - County Council's Financial Regulations

Full Council was asked to consider the recommendation of the Audit and Governance Committee to approve proposed revised Financial Regulations.

Resolved: - That the proposed revised Financial Regulations, as presented, be approved.

9. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

The Leader of the Council moved Part B of the report of the Cabinet from its meeting on 19 January 2017.

Resolved: - That the report of the Cabinet from its meeting on 19 January be noted.

10. Report of Urgent Key Decisions

Resolved: - That the report of urgent key decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader of the Council since the last meeting of Full Council, as now presented, be noted.

11(a) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

County Councillor Bill Winlow presented the reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees from their meetings as follows:

- Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – 18 January 2017
- Health Scrutiny Committee – 10 January 2017
- Scrutiny Committee – 16 December 2016

Resolved: - That the reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, now presented, be noted.

11(b) The Audit and Governance Committee

County Councillor Terry Brown presented the report of the Audit and Governance Committee from its meeting on 30 January 2017.

Resolved: - That the report of the Audit and Governance Committee, now presented, be noted.

12. Report of the Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor Frank de Molfetta presented the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meeting held on 19 December 2016.

Resolved: - That the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, now presented, be noted.

13. Notices of Motion submitted under Procedural Standing Order 14.2.1(a) (Part C)

1. It was moved by County Councillor Rigby and seconded by County Councillor Yates:

That Full Council notes the loss to the people of Freckleton of their books which commemorated the tragic loss the village suffered during the Second World War.

These books were donated by ex-servicemen of the United States of America and are irreplaceable. Members of the public have expressed their dismay at the loss of so many books.

Despite repeated requests the Council and the administration can offer no legitimate reason for not being able to find these books which contained heartfelt tributes.

An apology from the County Council, to the residents of Freckleton, would then at least acknowledge the Council's regret at the loss of these precious mementos.

This may help future generations accept that the Council did not disregard the importance of these legacies.

Therefore, the Lancashire County Council resolves to write to Freckleton Parish Council to offer an unreserved apology, to the people of the village, for the loss of their books which commemorated the tragic loss the village suffered during the Second World War.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Mein and seconded by County Councillor Holgate:

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An apology from the County Council has been sent to Freckleton Parish Council and to the residents of Freckleton, for the loss of these precious mementos.

Therefore, the Lancashire County Council resolves to note that an unreserved apology has been given to the Parish Council and to the people of the village, for the loss of their books which commemorated the tragic loss the village suffered during the Second World War.

The amendment was accepted. On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: - That:

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2. It was moved by County Councillor Beavers and seconded by County Councillor Hennessy:

Council notes that applications for Nursing and Midwifery courses in England have fallen by 23% since this Government abolished NHS Bursaries for Student Nurses and Midwives and replaced them with Student Loans.

Council notes that in December 2015, it resolved to write to the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, to warn that the decision would cause undue hardship and will deter people from training to become nurses.

Council now resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State of Health to raise our concerns about the negative effect this will have on the future of Nurses and Midwives in the NHS in Lancashire and across the country, and to ask that the NHS Bursary for Nursing and Midwifery courses be reinstated with immediate effect.

A recorded vote was taken and the names of members who voted for the Motion, are set out below:

For (76)

T Aldridge	A Clempson	J Hanson	B Murray	K Snape
A Ali	D Clifford	P Hayhurst	D O'Toole	D Stansfield
T Ashton	L Collinge	C Henig	E Oades	J Sumner
A Atkinson	C Crompton	N Hennessy	J Oakes	V Taylor
A Barnes	A Cullens	S Holgate	M Otter	M Tomlinson
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T Burns	J Gibson	T Martin	S Serridge	
S Charles	G Gooch	J Mein	R Shewan	
A Cheetham	M Green	Y Motala	D Smith	

The motion was therefore unanimously CARRIED and it was:

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Lancashire and across the country, and to ask that the NHS Bursary for Nursing and Midwifery courses be reinstated with immediate effect.

3. A motion on horizontal directional drilling was not moved

4. It was moved by County Councillor Hennessy and seconded by County Councillor Charles:

This Council congratulates our Children's Centres on their recent accreditation under Unicef's Baby Friendly Initiative and recognises the projects supporting young mothers to breastfeed as an excellent example of partnership working.

Council acknowledges the positive benefits of ensuring that mothers are supported to breastfeed their babies wherever they become hungry, and that they are not asked to leave or be removed from a venue for doing so. (In fact such maternity discrimination is against the law under the Equality Act 2010).

Therefore, this Council instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that all public access spaces and venues owned or operated by Lancashire County Council adopt a breastfeeding welcome policy which protects an infant's right to breastfeed anywhere.

Council encourages other public facing bodies, both public and private, to consider following this example. Council further commits to encouraging employers across Lancashire to consider their responsibility in supporting women back into the work place and to continue to provide breastmilk for their infants.

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5. It was moved by County Councillor Ali and seconded by County Councillor Driver that:

Council notes that under this Conservative Government the NHS is facing its biggest shake up in a generation with hospitals marked for closure and care from cradle to grave put through a wholesale overhaul to plug a £22bn black hole in health service funding.

This mass top down reorganisation will result in the closure of more than 2,000 beds in acute and community hospitals and the loss of thousands of jobs nationally.

Council notes with serious concern, the lack of detailed STP plans currently in the public domain for Lancashire and South Cumbria. The serious underfunding of NHS Social Care across Lancashire and South Cumbria of over £600million will have a devastating impact on health services across Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Despite lobbying Lancashire MPs and writing to the Prime Minister Theresa May, asking for a fair funding deal for Lancashire, and to meet with her to discuss this, we note with regret no meetings have been arranged nor has any additional funding been forthcoming.

Council resolves, that the Chief Executive:

1. writes to the STP Leads in Lancashire, asking for all the plans to be published as a matter of urgency.
2. writes to Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt for an urgent meeting to discuss the crisis in Lancashire and provide a fair funding deal.

On being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was:

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6. It was proposed by County Councillor Pritchard and seconded by County Councillor Ali that:

Full Council resolves to write to the Department for Transport and Transport for the North calling for stronger East/West connectivity – improving key road and rail corridors, linking Lancashire with key economic centres in Yorkshire and the North East, as a complement to the Manchester to Leeds axis.

Council recognises East Lancashire communities are among the most deprived in the UK and the economic and social impacts of improved transport links would support those communities, and industry and businesses across the whole of the North.

Council expresses its support for the work of Transport for Lancashire in making the strategic case to local MPs, Transport for the North and Government to ensure a suitable road and rail investment programme capable of unlocking new growth opportunities in East Lancashire and the wider LEP area.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Whipp and seconded by County Councillor Lord:

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Council supports suitable road and rail investment to achieve stronger East/West connectivity, including the reopening of a twin track rail route between Colne and Skipton and local bypasses for Colne and communities along the A56.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost. The original motion was therefore put to the vote, and was CARRIED, and it was:

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7. It was proposed by County Councillor Driver and seconded by County Councillor Cheetham that:

Council is concerned at the ongoing cost of Operation Sheridan, which is now approximately £2m, as well as the continuing damage to the Council's reputation.

Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner asking that this investigation be brought to a conclusion with some alacrity.

A recorded vote was taken and the names of members who voted for or against the Motion, are set out below:

For (23)

T Ashton	P Buckley	G Driver	A Schofield	P White
A Atkinson	S Charles	M Green	K Sedgewick	G Wilkins
P Britcliffe	A Cheetham	K Iddon	D Smith	B Yates
I Brown	A Clempson	D O'Toole	D Stansfield	
K Brown	A Cullens	M Otter	D Westley	

Against (47)

T Aldridge	C Crompton	P Hayhurst	J Mein	R Shewan
A Ali	M Dad	C Henig	Y Motala	K Snape
A Barnes	B Dawson	N Hennessy	B Murray	J Sumner
L Beavers	F de Molfetta	S Holgate	E Oades	M Tomlinson
D Borrow	C Dereli	D Howarth	J Oakes	D Watts
M Brindle	G Dowding	M Iqbal	M Parkinson	D Whipp
T Brown	K Ellard	M Johnstone	N Penney	B Winlow
T Burns	J Fillis	D Lord	C Pritchard	
D Clifford	J Gibson	S Malik	S Prynne	
L Collinge	J Hanson	T Martin	S Serridge	

The motion was therefore LOST.

8. It was moved by County Councillor David Whipp and seconded by County Councillor Tomlinson that:

County Council notes that the impact of the Government freeze on school budgets will see a real term reduction of 8% in Lancashire schools and that proposed changes in the National Funding Formula (NFF) will see two thirds of schools in the county losing funding on top of the across the board reductions, and that potential 'gainers' from NFF changes will still lose overall.

Council is extremely concerned at the impact that this will have on the education of children in the county and the damage that will be caused to schools.

Council therefore resolves:

- (i) To write to the Secretary of State for Education expressing our concern and requesting that the Government reviews its policies to cash limit school budgets, cut Education Support Grant and impose inequitable changes to the National Funding Formula;
- (ii) That all Lancashire MPs be asked to support this resolution.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Peter Buckley and seconded by County Councillor White:

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Council therefore resolves:

- (i) To write to the Secretary of State for Education expressing our concern and requesting that the Government reviews the proposed changes to the National Funding Formula, particularly regarding the loss of funding to our smaller schools arising from a reduced lump sum payment;
- (ii) That all Lancashire MPs be asked to support this resolution.

County Councillor Whipp indicated that he would accept a composite motion, to consist of the original motion, with the addition of the words "and notes in particular the impact on small schools" under resolution (i).

County Councillor Buckley accepted this and the following became the substantive motion:

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The motion was CARRIED and it was:

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