

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston,
on Thursday, 25th May, 2017

Present:

Mrs Janice Hanson (Chair)

County Councillors

T Aldridge	D Foxcroft	M Parkinson
A Ali	J Fillis	J Parr
T Ashton	A Gardiner	M Pattison
A Atkinson	J Gibson	M Perks
M Barron	G Gooch	E Pope
L Beavers	M Green	J Potter
J Berry	P V Greenall	J Purcell
P Britcliffe	P Hayhurst	J Rear
I Brown	N Hennessy	P Rigby
P Buckley	S Holgate	A Riggott
T Burns	A Hosker	A Schofield
J Burrows	D Howarth	J Shedwick
Mrs S Charles	K Iddon	D T Smith
S Clarke	M Iqbal	K Snape
A Clempson	A Jones	A Snowden
Ms L Collinge	A Kay	D Stansfield
J Cooney	H Khan	P Steen
L Cox	E Lewis	V Taylor
C Crompton	Ms S Malik	M Tomlinson
M Dad	J Marsh	C Towneley
B Dawson	T Martin	S Turner
F De Molfetta	J Mein	A Vincent
G Dowding	J Molineux	C Wakeford
G Driver	Y Motala	D Whipp
J Eaton	E Nash	G Wilkins
C Edwards	D O'Toole	P Williamson
K Ellard	G Oliver	B Yates

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of County Councillors Anne Cheetham, Liz Oades and Jeff Sumner.

The Chairman reported the following sad deaths:

- Former County Councillor Mary Wilson who passed away on 2 March 2017;
- Former County Councillor Colin Waite who passed away on 30 March 2017;
- Former County Councillor, Honorary Alderman Thomas Croft DL who passed away on 9 April 2017.

The Chairman also referred to the recent terrorist atrocity in Manchester in which 22 people, many of them young children and teenagers, many from Lancashire, lost their lives.

A number of Councillors paid tribute to the late former County Councillors and also to those who had lost their lives or been injured in Manchester and to the emergency services and all those who helped in the aftermath.

The Council stood in silent tribute.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

3. Report of the Returning Officer - Persons Elected County Councillor on 4 May 2017

The Chair presented a report setting out details of the persons elected as County Councillors on 4 May 2017.

Resolved: - That the report, now presented, be noted.

4. Election of Chairman

Former County Councillor Janice Hanson, the retiring Chair of the County Council, presided for this item.

It was moved by County Councillor John Fillis, and seconded by County Councillor Julie Gibson, that County Councillor Terry Aldridge be elected Chairman of the County Council.

There being no other nominations, it was:

Resolved: - That County Councillor Terry Aldridge be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting of the Full Council in 2018. County Councillor Aldridge then took the Chair and made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. Appointment of Vice Chairman

It was moved by County Councillor Geoff Driver, and seconded by County Councillor Albert Atkinson, that County Councillor Anne Cheetham be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

There being no other nominations, it was:

Resolved: - That County Councillor Anne Cheetham be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General meeting of the Full Council in 2018.

(As County Councillor Cheetham was not able to be present at the meeting, it was confirmed that she will take her place and make her Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next meeting of the Full Council on 20 July 2017).

6. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meetings held on 9 February 2017 and 23 February 2017

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the meetings of the Full Council held on 9 February 2017 and 23 February 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

7. Election of Leader of the County Council

It was moved by County Councillor Albert Atkinson, and seconded by County Councillor Michael Green, that County Councillor Geoff Driver be elected Leader of the County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for the County Council.

Six County Councillors requested a recorded vote in accordance with procedural Standing Order 15.2 (9.4). The names of the County Councillors who voted for or against the Motion that County Councillor Geoff Driver be elected Leader of the County Council and those who abstained are set out below:

For (46)

T Ashton	J Cooney	K Iddon	P Rigby	S Turner
A Atkinson	G Driver	T Jones	A Riggott	A Vincent
M Barron	J Eaton	A Kay	A Schofield	C Wakeford
P Britcliffe	C Edwards	J Marsh	J Shedwick	G Wilkins
I Brown	D Foxcroft	E Nash	D Smith	P Williamson
P Buckley	A Gardiner	D O'Toole	A Snowden	B Yates
J Burrows	G Gooch	M Perks	D Stansfield	
S Charles	M Green	E Pope	P Steen	

S Clarke	P Greenall	J Purcell	V Taylor	
A Clempson	A Hosker	J Rear	C Towneley	

Against (34)

A Ali	M Dad	P Hayhurst	S Malik	J Parr
L Beavers	B Dawson	N Hennessy	T Martin	M Pattison
J Berry	F de Molfetta	S Holgate	J Mein	J Potter
T Burns	G Dowding	D Howarth	J Molineux	K Snape
L Collinge	K Ellard	M Iqbal	Y Motala	M Tomlinson
L Cox	J Fillis	H Khan	G Oliver	D Whipp
C Crompton	J Gibson	E Lewis	M Parkinson	

Abstain (1)

T Aldridge

The Motion was carried and it was:

Resolved: - That County Councillor Geoff Driver be elected Leader of the County Council.

County Councillor Driver then took his place and formally announced the appointment of the following Members of his Cabinet:

- County Councillor Albert Atkinson - Deputy Leader of the County Council
- County Councillor Peter Buckley - Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services
- County Councillor Susie Charles - Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools
- County Councillor Graham Gooch - Cabinet Member for Adult Services
- County Councillor Michael Green - Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Planning
- County Councillor Keith Iddon - Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
- County Councillor Viv Taylor - Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

The Cabinet Members then took their places.

8. Amendments to the Constitution

Full Council was asked to approve a report setting out amendments to the Constitution.

In moving the report, the Leader proposed a further adjustment, seconded by County Councillor Albert Atkinson, whereby the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board would be the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, with three other Councillors to be nominated by the Conservative Group, with the names to be submitted to the Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services.

County Councillor David Whipp proposed an amendment, seconded by County Councillor David Howarth, to re-insert "and the Leader of the second opposition group" in the section relating to Standing Order No 19(4) (Paragraph 7, Page 46 of Appendix 'A' to the report refers).

On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost and it was:

Resolved: -

- (i) That the proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution and decision making structure, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report now presented, and the changes set out above in respect of the Health and Wellbeing Board, be approved;
- (ii) That the Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services be authorised to amend the terms of reference of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees to reflect the new O&S structure, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report now presented;
- (iii) That the Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services be authorised to approve any other consequential changes to the Council's Constitution arising from this report.

9. Lancashire Combined Fire Authority - Appointment of County Council Representatives for 2017/18

The Full Council was asked to approve the appointment of 19 Members to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority until the annual meeting of the Full Council in 2018 on the basis of 10 Conservative members, 7 Labour members, 1 Liberal Democrat member and 1 Independent member.

Resolved: - That the following Members be appointed to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority until the annual meeting of the Full Council in 2018:

<u>Conservative (10)</u>	<u>Labour (7)</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat (1)</u>	<u>Independent (1)</u>
P Britcliffe	L Beavers	D Howarth	E Oades
I Brown	F De Molfetta		
J Eaton	N Hennessy		
A Kay	S Holgate		
D O'Toole	T Martin		
M Perks	M Parkinson		
J Shedwick	M Tomlinson		
D Stansfield			
G Wilkins			
1 to be confirmed			

10. Membership of Committees and Related Appointments for 2017/18

Full Council was asked to approve a report setting out the membership of Committees and related appointments for 2017/18.

In moving the report, County Councillor Geoff Driver proposed that the membership of the Audit and Governance Committee and the Employment Committee be reduced from 9 to 8 members. This was seconded by County Councillor Albert Atkinson.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The Constitution and Membership of the Committees of the County Council for 2017/18, as set out in the report, now presented, and the changes referred to above, be approved;
- (ii) The appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those Committees for 2017/18 be approved as follows:

(Immediately following the meeting it was noticed that the Full Council should have been informed that the membership of the Corporate Complaints Committee and not the Employment Committee would be reduced from 9 to 8 members. Members were informed immediately of the administrative error).

Committee	Chair	Deputy
Urgency Committee	G Driver	A Atkinson

Overview and Scrutiny

Scrutiny Committee	J Shedwick	T Jones
External Services Scrutiny	D O'Toole	D Stansfield
Children's Services Scrutiny	A Kay	N Hennessy
Health Scrutiny	P Britcliffe	J Purcell
Education Scrutiny	C Wakeford	M Dad

Other Committees

Developmental Control	B Yates	P Rigby
Regulatory	J Eaton	M Barron
Audit & Governance	A Schofield	E Nash
Pension Fund	E Pope	A Schofield
Corporate Complaints	G Wilkins	T Jones
Student Support Appeals	A Cheetham	C Wakeford
Employment Committee	G Driver	A Atkinson
Conduct Committee	A Atkinson	P Buckley

Committee	Chair	Deputy
Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board	V Taylor	tbc

11. Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire - Appointment of a County Council Representative for 2017/18

The Full Council was asked to approve the appointment of one Member to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire until the Annual Meeting of the Full Council in 2018.

Resolved: - That County Councillor Geoff Driver be appointed as the County Council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel until the Annual Meeting of the County Council in 2018.

12. Appointments to the Local Government Association - General Assembly, Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues and County Councils' Network for 2017/18

The Full Council was asked to approve representatives to serve on the Local Government Association's General Assembly for 2017/18 and to attend the Annual General Meeting of the General Assembly in Birmingham on 4 July 2017. The Full Council was also asked to appoint one representative to serve on the LGA Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues for 2017/18 and up to four representatives to serve on the County Councils' Network for 2017/18.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) County Councillors Geoff Driver, Albert Atkinson, Susie Charles and Azhar Ali be appointed to serve on the LGA General Assembly for 2017/18;
- (ii) The County Councillors set out at (i) above, be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting of the Assembly to be held in Birmingham on 4 July 2017, and that the County Council's 12 votes be carried by County Councillor Geoff Driver;
- (iii) The appointment of a representative to serve on the Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues for 2017/18 be deferred;
- (iv) The appointment of up to four representatives to serve on the County Councils' Network for 2017/18 be deferred pending further consideration of the County Council's membership of the County Councils' Network.

13. Appointments to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

The Full Council was asked to approve the appointment of two Members to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority until the next County Council elections in May 2021.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) County Councillor Lorraine Beavers and County Councillor Andrew Gardiner be appointed to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority until the next County Council elections in May 2021;
- (ii) The Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, to approve any changes to the appointment at (i) above which may become necessary before May 2021.

14. Local Pensions Partnership Ltd - Appointment of a County Council Shareholder Representative

The Full Council was asked to approve the appointment of one Member to act as the County Council's shareholder representative on the Board of the Local Pensions Partnership Ltd until the next County Council elections in May 2021.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) County Councillor Alan Schofield be appointed as the County Council's shareholder representative on the Board of the Local Pensions Partnership Ltd;
- (ii) The Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, to approve any changes to the appointment at (i) above which may become necessary before May 2021.

15. Report of Urgent Key Decisions

Resolved: - That the report of an urgent Key Decision taken by the former Deputy Leader of the County Council and the former Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services since the last meeting of Full Council, as now presented, be noted.

16(a) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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

- Children's Services Scrutiny Committee - 1 March 2017
- Education Scrutiny Committee - 28 March 2017
- Health Scrutiny Committee - 28 February 2017
- Scrutiny Committee - 10 February, 17 March and 13 April 2017

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

16(b) The Audit and Governance Committee

The Leader presented the report of the Audit and Governance Committee from its meeting on 3 April 2017.

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

16(c) The Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Kevin Ellard presented the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 17 March 2017.

Resolved: - That the report of the Pension Fund Committee, now presented, be noted.

17. Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor Frank de Molfetta presented the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meeting held on 20 February and 24 April 2017.

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

Jo Turton
Chief Executive

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