

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston,
on Thursday, 20th July, 2017

Present:

County Councillor Terry Aldridge (Chairman)

County Councillors

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 Rear
P Britcliffe	N Hennessy	P Rigby
I Brown	S Holgate	A Riggott
P Buckley	A Hosker	A Schofield
T Burns	D Howarth	J Shedwick
J Burrows	K Iddon	D T Smith
Mrs S Charles	M Iqbal	K Snape
A Cheetham	A Jones	A Snowden
S Clarke	A Kay	P Steen
A Clempson	H Khan	J Sumner
Ms L Collinge	E Lewis	V Taylor
J Cooney	Ms S Malik	M Tomlinson
L Cox	J Marsh	C Towneley
C Crompton	T Martin	S Turner
M Dad	J Mein	A Vincent
B Dawson	J Molineux	C Wakeford
F De Molfetta	Y Motala	D Whipp
G Driver	E Nash	G Wilkins
J Eaton	D O'Toole	P Williamson
C Edwards	Mrs L Oades	B Yates
K Ellard	G Oliver	
D Foxcroft	M Parkinson	

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of County Councillors Gina Dowding, Paul Hayhurst, Jenny Purcell and David Stansfield.

Announcements

Accrington and Rossendale College

The County Council had recently won a number of awards linked to apprenticeships and their management as follows:

- Highways and Construction Apprentice of the Year – awarded to Curtis Walton who works for Highway Operations in the North of the County.
- The County Council, through the Learning and Development Service, was awarded Employer of the Year.

The College also recently held its Construction, Technology and Motor Awards and the County Council was successful as follows:

- General Construction Operations Learner of the Year (1st Year) – awarded to Ashley O'Brien who works for Highway Operations.
- The David Blaine Memorial Award, LCC Apprentice of the Year (2nd Year) – awarded to Davy Speak who works for Highway Operations.

Association of Public Sector Employees (APSE)

The County Council is a member of the APSE which recently held its annual awards, in which the County Council was successful as follows:

- National Apprentice of the Year – awarded to Cameron Newsham who works for Highway Operations.
- The County Council was recognised for its continued commitment towards an apprentice development programme and for producing some of the best apprentices in the country.

Curtis Walton, Ashley O'Brien, Davy Speak and Cameron Newsham together with Bee Kershaw and Bina Limbachia from Skills, Learning and Development and Phil Baird, Mark Dixon and Mark O'Donnell from Community Services attended and were congratulated by the Full Council.

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 G Driver	Notice of Motion 1	The individuals named
Cllr K Snape	4.	Trustee of the Friends of Adlington Library

3. Confirmation of the minutes from the meeting held on 25 May 2017

Resolved: - That the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 25 May 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Report of the Cabinet (Part A)

Resolved: - That Standing Order 14.5.2 be waived for consideration of this item.

The Leader moved a report, seconded by the Deputy Leader, setting out recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of the County Council's budget for 2017/18.

In moving the report, the Leader notified Full Council of a number of changes to some of the figures detailed in the report. These were as follows:

Page 13 - recommendation (i) should read £3.995m in place of £4.056m;
Page 15 - 1st bullet point should read £1.654m in place of £1.715m;
Page 21 - Item 3 should read £1.654m (in 2017/18) and £1.770m (in 2018/19) in place of £1.715m and £1.750m;
Page 21 - the total cost of proposed amendments should read £3.995m (in 2017/18) and £6.115m (in 2018/19) in place of £4.056m and £6.095m.

The Leader also informed Full Council that, at its meeting on 13 July, Cabinet had requested that a report be brought to a future meeting on the current practice of the secondment of officers to the recognised Trade Unions, and options for the future.

In accordance with the requirements of procedural Standing Order 15.9.7, a recorded vote was taken. The names of the County Councillors who voted for or against the Motion and those who abstained are set out below:

For (46)

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

A Cheetham	M Green	E Pope	V Taylor	
S Clarke	P Greenall	J Rear	C Towneley	

Against (0)

Abstain (34)

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

It was therefore:

Resolved: - That, as set out in the report, now presented:

- (i) An additional £3.995m be added to the 2017/18 revenue budget;
- (ii) An additional £7.071m be added to the 2017/18 capital budget.

5. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel - 2017/18 Members' Allowance Scheme

The Leader moved a report, seconded by the Deputy Leader, setting out the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) in relation to the Council's Members' Allowance Scheme for 2017/18. In moving the report, the Leader proposed several adjustments to the IRP recommendations, which had previously been circulated to all members.

County Councillor Paul Greenall proposed the following amendment which was seconded by County Councillor Liz Oades:

- (i) That Councillors should not be entitled to claim travel expenses from home to County Hall as County Hall is their normal 'place of work';
- (ii) That the Special Responsibility Allowance payments made to Group Whips and Group Secretaries be withdrawn with immediate effect.

Following this, the Chairman suggested that the meeting be adjourned for a short period.

Resolved: - That the meeting be adjourned for a period of five minutes.

Following the adjournment, the amendment was put to the vote and was LOST. The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel be thanked for their report.
- (ii) Recommendations (1), (3) and (4) as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be approved.
- (iii) Recommendation (2) be not accepted and that the 1% staff pay increase for 2017/18 be not applied to the 2017/18 Members' Allowance Scheme.
- (iv) Recommendation (5), as set out in the report, be agreed and that the incorporation of the Scheme's guidance notes in the 2017/18 Scheme, as presented at Appendix 'B', be approved.
- (v) Recommendation (6) be not accepted and that the list of Special Responsibility Allowances, as set out at Schedule 'B' of the Members' Allowance Scheme be amended and allowances paid as follows:
 - An SRA of £16,247 be paid to the additional Cabinet Member position announced at Full Council on 25 May 2017 and formally appointed on 26 May.
 - That an SRA of £7,471 be paid to the Chairs of the following Committees:
 - Overview and Scrutiny Committees
 - Corporate Parenting Board
 - Development Control Committee
 - Regulatory Committee
 - Pension Fund Committee
 - Audit and Governance Committee
 - Corporate Complaints Committee
 - Lancashire County Developments Ltd
 - That an SRA of £3,512 be paid to the Deputy Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
 - That no SRAs be paid to the second largest opposition Group.
- (vi) The revised Members' Allowance Scheme for 2017/18, as amended above, be approved and the Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services be authorised to make the necessary changes to the Scheme.

6. Report of the Audit and Governance Committee - Change to the Council's Treasury Management Strategy (2017/18)

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved a report, seconded by County Councillor Edward Nash, setting out the recommendation of the Audit and Governance Committee from its meeting on 26 June 2017 in relation to the County Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

Resolved: - That the proposed revision to the Council's Treasury Management Strategy, to allow investment in property and equity investment funds of up to

£50m in each category, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, now presented, be approved.

7. Report of the Audit and Governance Committee - Code of Corporate Governance

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved a report, seconded by County Councillor Edward Nash, setting out the recommendation of the Audit and Governance Committee from its meeting on 26 June 2017 in relation to the Code of Corporate Governance.

Resolved: - That the recommendation of the Audit and Governance Committee to approve the updated Code of Corporate Governance as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

8. Constitutional Amendments

The Leader moved a report, seconded by the Deputy Leader, setting out a number of proposed constitutional changes relating to a number of the County Council's Committees.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) Approval be given to:
 - (a) The revised Corporate Complaints Procedure (Appendix 'K' to the Constitution), as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented.
 - (b) The updated terms of reference of the Regulatory Committee, as set out at Appendix 'B' to the report, now presented.
 - (c) The updated terms of reference of the Development Control Committee, as set out at Appendix 'C' to the report, now presented.
 - (d) The revised Protocol of Good Practice on Development Control Matters (Appendix N to the Constitution), as set out at Appendix 'D' to the report, now presented.
- (ii) The Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services be authorised to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution.

9. Sub-national Transport Body (Transport for the North) Regulations 2017

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport moved a report, seconded by County Councillor Ali, requesting that Full Council approved a number of recommendations in relation to the Sub-national Transport Body (Transport for the North) Regulations 2017.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The contents of the report, now presented, be noted.

- (ii) Subject to there being no material changes to the draft Regulations as shared with constituent authorities on 15 June 2017, to agree 'in principle' support to the making by the Secretary of State of Regulations under Section 102E of the Local Transport Act 2008 to establish Transport for the North as a Sub-national Transport Body and to agree that the Council's formal approval to join TfN be agreed as necessary under the Council's Urgent Business Procedure.
- (iii) The agreement 'in principle' be contingent on TfN exercising any transport powers and functions it holds concurrently with Lancashire County Council only with the full support of the County Council, be noted.
- (iv) Consent be given to the transfer of Rail North Limited to TfN so that it can be subsumed within TfN.
- (v) The signing of a new Rail Franchise Management Agreement with TfN that replicates as far as possible the current Rail North Limited Members Agreement, be approved.
- (vi) The continuation of current payments towards funding for Rail North Limited to TfN after its inauguration be approved 'in principle'.

10. Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum

The Full Council was asked to approve the appointment of County Councillor Michael Green to serve as the County Council's representative on the Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum for 2017/18.

Resolved: - That County Councillor Michael Green be appointed to serve as the County Council's representative on the Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum for 2017/18.

11. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

The Leader presented the report of the Cabinet from its meeting on 15 June 2017.

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

12(a) The Urgency Committee

The Leader presented the report of the Urgency Committee setting out details of a decision taken by the Chief Executive under the Council's Urgent Business Procedure on behalf of the Urgency Committee.

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

12(b) The Audit and Governance Committee

County Councillor Alan Schofield presented the report of the Audit and Governance Committee from its meeting on 26 June 2017.

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

12(c) The Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Eddie Pope presented the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 30 June 2017.

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

13. 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 19 June 2017.

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

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

1. It was moved by County Councillor Mein and seconded by County Councillor Gibson that:

This Council writes to the former Chief Constable, Steve Finnigan, expressing Lancashire County Council's gratitude for his long service to the people of Lancashire and to the Lancashire Constabulary.

Steve Finnigan was the UK's longest serving Chief Constable and had led Lancashire Police for 12 years. Under his leadership Lancashire Police received numerous accolades and awards and was rated as one of the top Police forces in the country. He is a credit to the force and the Police Force are a credit to the people of Lancashire.

Furthermore, this Council writes to the new Chief Constable, Andy Rhodes, congratulating him on his appointment and offering the Council's full support and co-operation in dealing with crime and the causes of crime.

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 and those who abstained are set out below:

For (69)

T Aldridge	L Collinge	M Green	J Mein	D Smith
A Ali	J Cooney	P Greenall	J Molineux	K Snape
T Ashton	L Cox	N Hennessy	E Nash	A Snowden
L Beavers	C Crompton	S Holgate	E Oades	P Steen
J Berry	M Dad	D Howarth	G Oliver	J Sumner
P Britcliffe	B Dawson	K Iddon	M Parkinson	V Taylor
I Brown	F De Molfetta	M Iqbal	J Parr	M Tomlinson
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J Burrows	K Ellard	H Khan	E Pope	C Wakeford
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A Cheetham	A Gardiner	S Malik	J Rear	G Wilkins
S Clarke	J Gibson	J Marsh	A Riggott	P Williamson
A Clempson	G Gooch	T Martin	J Shedwick	

Against (0)

Abstain (10)

A Atkinson	D O'Toole
M Barron	P Rigby
G Driver	A Schofield
D Foxcroft	S Turner
A Hosker	B Yates

The motion was CARRIED and it was:

Resolved: - That:

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2. It was moved by County Councillor De Molfetta and seconded by County Councillor Parkinson that:

Sprinklers are the most effective way to ensure that fires are suppressed or even extinguished before the fire service can arrive. They save lives and reduce injuries, protect firefighters who attend incidents and reduce the amount of damage to both property and the environment from fire.

Evidence indicates that sprinkler systems operate on 94% of occasions, demonstrating very high reliability. Furthermore, it is evident that when they operate they extinguish or contain a fire on 99% of occasions and are thus very effective. The research also found that in both converted and purpose built flats, sprinklers are 100% effective in controlling fires.

We recognise that sprinklers are an effective part of the overall fire safety solution and can be used efficiently to improve fire safety in a range of new and existing buildings. Within the Lancashire area there are many high-rise domestic buildings either under local authority control or via housing providers. We therefore recommend that the Government legislate for the retro-fitting of sprinklers into residential high-rise buildings.

This Council calls on the Minister for Policing and the Fire Service, Nick Hurd MP, to put these proposals to the House at his earliest convenience.

We also ask that when this is passed (as it must be) that this act is call the Grenfell Act in memory of the many lives lost in this disaster.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor O'Toole and seconded by County Councillor Shedwick:

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We also ask that when this is passed that consideration be given to calling this the Grenfell Act in memory of the many lives lost in this disaster.

Furthermore, this Council resolves to install sprinklers in all new Lancashire County Council schools and major school extensions.

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

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3. It was moved by County Councillor Ali and seconded by County Councillor Fillis that:

After the general election on 8 June 2017, Theresa May entered into a supply and confidence deal with the Democratic Unionist Party to have a small majority in the House of Commons.

The 10 MPs representing the DUP have been given £1 Billion for Infrastructure projects over the next few years in return for supporting the Conservatives in Parliament. That is £100 Million for every MP.

Lancashire has been hit hard over the last 7 years with the government's focus on austerity, with massive cuts to budgets across the public sector including local government and the NHS.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Minister for the Northern Powerhouse asking them to:

- Meet with an all-party delegation from Lancashire County Council to discuss a Fair Deal for the 1.2 million residents of Lancashire.
- Allocate £1.6 billion pounds of infrastructure funding for projects across the County including the following:
 - ❖ Skelmersdale Train Station
 - ❖ Re-opening of the Colne to Skipton Train Line
 - ❖ East/West Connectivity including linking the M65 to Yorkshire
 - ❖ Re-instating the Fleetwood Train link to Poulton
 - ❖ Burscough Curves
 - ❖ Rossendale links to Greater Manchester
 - ❖ Preston Train Station (HS2 READY)
 - ❖ Carnforth Train Station

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Cooney and seconded by County Councillor Foxcroft:

After the general election on June 8, the Prime Minister entered into a supply and confidence arrangement with the Democratic Unionist Party to ensure a majority in the House of Commons.

The council recognises that the Government has made a significant investment to the infrastructure in Northern Ireland.

This Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Minister for the Northern Powerhouse asking them to note that in recent years Lancashire County Council has been successful in obtaining government support for four Enterprise Zones, the £430m City Deal and the £320m in Growth Deal funding, and that this administration will continue to work with Government and the Minister for the Northern Powerhouse to maximise the benefits to Lancashire's economy.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED, and became the substantive motion. The motion was then put to the vote, and was CARRIED, and it was:

Resolved: - That:

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4. It was moved by County Councillor Driver and seconded by County Councillor Atkinson that:

Council is concerned over the possibility that voter impersonation may have occurred in Lancashire during the General Election on 8 June 2017.

Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to write:

- To Lord Ashcroft, informing him of our concerns and urging him to recommend in his forthcoming report that voters should be required to present personal photographic identification before being given a ballot paper; and
- To the Electoral Commission, to inform them similarly of our concerns and recommending that personal photographic identification be required prior to voting.

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

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Chief Executive

County Hall
Preston