

## **To consider Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B37**

### **1. By County Councillor O'Toole:**

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service is rated outstanding and was awarded the Fire Service of the Year Award in 2023. They have transformed the way they fight fires using aerial intelligence by leading nationally on the use of drones, and since expanded the use of drones in underwater searches. They also lead on canine innovation with the introduction of dogs and handlers in search and rescue operations both at home and worldwide emergencies.

In May 2018 this Council supported a Notice of Motion to keep the Fire Authority separate from the control of the then Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Clive Grunshaw, and over the last three years this Council was safe in the knowledge that this was supported by the recent PCC, Andrew Snowden.

This Council resolves:

- (i) To ask the Interim Chief Executive to write to the current PCC for confirmation that he supports the continuing independence of the Fire and Rescue Authority from the Police.
- (ii) To ask the Interim Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Crime, Policing and Fire and all Lancashire MPs to seek their support for our outstanding Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, and their commitment to the service remaining independent from the Police.

### **2. By County Councillor Whittam:**

Lancashire's Family Hubs are vital in supporting children, young people and families to succeed in life. Early education in oral hygiene is a core offer at our Family Hubs and good dental hygiene contributes to long-term health, overall wellbeing and plays an important role in childhood development such as early speech and socialisation. The effects of poor dental health continue to contribute to poor health with age and future problems are already signalled through the levels of tooth decay clearly exhibited as infants and young people throughout our communities. In Lancashire, the average number of teeth (1.16) affected by decay per child is significantly worse than the England average (0.80), whilst 27.4% of Lancashire 5-year-olds display obvious, visible dental decay as opposed to the average of 23.7%.

This Council resolves to ask the Interim Chief Executive to:

- (i) Write to the Minister for Children, Families and Wellbeing to seek assurance that Lancashire will receive tangible support and secure funding for the ongoing pioneering work of our self-funded Family Hubs.
- (ii) Write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Chief Executive of NHS England to request immediate discussions to extend the scope of the National Contract to increase availability of dental care for Lancashire residents through the inclusion of academic institutions with dental training programmes within our footprint.

- (iii) Write to Chief Executive of NHS England to ask for continued commitment and funding to the 'Smile4life' programme as part of the NHS Dental Recovery Plan.

### **3. By County Councillor Clifford:**

Following the Labour Party's great success in the July 2024 general election, the new Labour Government has announced Britain will become a clean energy superpower by 2030. The devolution deal for Lancashire will also mean the Combined County Authority receiving £20 million in capital funding to support local priorities, including innovation led growth and net zero ambitions across Lancashire.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- (i) Continue to support and promote local community net zero heat and energy partnerships via the Northwest Community Energy Fund on behalf of the Northwest Net Zero Hub and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ).
- (ii) Prioritise net zero by investing and accelerating our own clean energy production on Council owned land and assets including solar and onshore wind turbines with extra energy production being used to supply local businesses and homes. Example - Central Lancashire Development, etc.
- (iii) Urge the Lancashire Combined County Authority to use its new devolution powers in adult education to upskill our workforce ready for the Net zero green job revolution.

### **4. By County Councillor Sutcliffe:**

Council recognises that the maintenance and repair of infrastructure placed in/under the Highway by the statutory undertakers is necessary to ensure the continuous provision of vital services to Lancashire residents. Council further recognises the hard work of highways officers in holding statutory undertakers to account and applying strict conditions to permits issued by them. However, Council considers that the current level of inconvenience caused to residents by streetworks is far too great, and that an increase in the level of the fixed penalties and charges that Lancashire County Council is able to levy would incentivise statutory undertaker contractors to complete work in a more timely manner and with less disruption for residents. Council therefore resolves to:

- (i) Request that the Interim Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Transport, requesting that the level of fixed penalties and section 74 charges that may be levied upon statutory undertaker contractors carrying out work in the highway be increased.
- (ii) Request that the Interim Chief Executive's letter makes clear to the Secretary of State that any increase in section 74 charges and fixed penalties must not be passed on to customers through higher utility bills.