

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 15th December, 2016

Present:

County Councillor Janice Hanson (Chairman)

County Councillors

T Aldridge	F De Molfetta	J Oakes
A Ali	C Dereli	M Otter
T Ashton	G Dowding	N Penney
A Atkinson	K Ellard	S Perkins
A Barnes	J Fillis	S Prynne
M Barron	J Gibson	P Rigby
L Beavers	G Gooch	K Sedgewick
D Borrow	M Green	S Serridge
P Britcliffe	P Hayhurst	R Shewan
M Brindle	C Henig	D T Smith
I Brown	N Hennessy	K Snape
K Brown	S Holgate	D Stansfield
T Brown	D Howarth	J Sumner
P Buckley	K Iddon	V Taylor
T Burns	M Iqbal	M Tomlinson
Mrs S Charles	M Johnstone	C Wakeford
A Cheetham	A Kay	D Watts
A Clempson	J Lawrenson	D Westley
D Clifford	D Lord	D Whipp
Mrs F Craig-Wilson	S Malik	P White
Ms L Collinge	T Martin	G Wilkins
C Crompton	J Mein	B Winlow
A Cullens	Y Motala	B Yates
M Dad	B Murray	
B Dawson	Mrs L Oades	

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of County Councillors G Driver; T Jones; M Parkinson; M Perks; C Pritchard; A Schofield and J Shedwick.

Announcements

The Chairman announced the sad death of Mr Roy Watson C.B.E., retired Chief Fire Officer of Lancashire, who died in hospital on 2 November 2016, aged 80 years. Mr Watson served with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service for 30 years retiring in 1992. He became Chief Fire Officer in 1983.

Tributes were paid in his memory and condolences offered to his family and friend.

The Council stood in silent tribute.

Report of the Returning Officer on the Election of a County Councillor for the Burnley Central East Electoral Division

The Chief Executive, as Returning Officer, reported that Ms Sobia Malik of the Labour Party was elected as County Councillor representing the Burnley Central East Division on 3 November 2016.

National British Youth Council Youth on Board Awards

Lancashire County Council had won three of the four awards on offer at the national British Youth Council Youth on Board Awards, announced on 3 December.

The awards recognised the county council's innovative approach to ensuring that the views of children and young people helped shape its services, and for outstanding individual contributions.

The county council won the following three categories:

The Inspiring Project Award – won jointly by the Fostering and Adoption team and the Children with Disabilities Council, known as POWAR (Participate, Opportunities, Winners, Achieve and Respect).

The Make a Difference Award - won by 10 year old Will Rainford from Chorley. Will has taken an active role campaigning locally and nationally for the rights of all children and young people with special educational needs or a disability.

Youth-led Award – won by LINX, the Children in Care Council, for their involvement and participation in services for children in care and those leaving care.

Hannah Peake and Georgine Lee, together with Kate Baggaley from Barnardo's, attended Full Council, representing those who had contributed to the success at the awards, 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 interest in matters on the agenda in accordance with the County Council's Code of Conduct for Members. The following interest was declared:

Name of Councillor	Agenda item number	Nature of interest (non-pecuniary unless stated)
Cllr L Collinge	8C	Employment in NHS Trust and spouse employment in NHS England.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meeting held on 13 October 2016

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 13 October 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Decision to opt in to the National Scheme for Auditor Appointments

The Full Council was asked to accept the Audit and Governance Committee's recommendation to 'opt in' to an approved sector led body, specifically PSAA, to act as the Appointing Person for the appointment of external auditors for the County Council and to authorise the Council's s151 officer to sign and return the notice of acceptance at Appendix 'B' on behalf of the Council.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The Council accepts Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited's invitation to 'opt in' to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five financial years commencing 1 April 2018.
- (ii) The Council's s151 officer be authorised to sign and return the notice of acceptance at Appendix 'B' on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

5. Lancashire County Council Timetable of Meetings 2017/18

Full Council was asked to approve the timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for 2016/17 as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report now presented.

Resolved: - That the timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for 2017/18, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report now presented, be approved.

6. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

The Leader of the Council moved Part B of the report of the Cabinet from its meeting on 6 October 2016.

Resolved: - That the report of the Cabinet from its meeting on 6 October 2016 be noted.

7. Report of Urgent Key Decisions

Resolved: - That the report of urgent key decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport during the preceding three months, as now presented, be noted.

8(a) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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

- Education Scrutiny Committee – 29 November 2016
- Health Scrutiny Committee – 18 October 2016 and 22 November 2016
- Scrutiny Committee – 18 November 2016

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

8(b) The Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Kevin Ellard presented the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting held on 2 December 2016.

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

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

1. It was moved by County Councillor Collinge and seconded by County Councillor Fillis that:

This council notes:

That, as part of the Bus Services Bill currently passing through Parliament, there is the possibility that the government will seek to re-introduce "Clause 21" (removed by the House of Lords) which would effectively "prohibit a local authority from forming a company for the purposes of providing a local bus service".

This council believes:

- (i) If included in the final legislation, Clause 21 would contradict the general powers of competence and the spirit of the Localism Act 2011.
- (ii) If there is a need and a demand from their public, then Councils should be able to provide bus services through the formation of their own bus company.

- (iii) Consequently Clause 21 should be omitted from the Bus Services Bill.

That Full Council requests the Chief Executive:

- (i) To write to Christopher Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, to call on the Department for Transport to omit Clause 21 from the final legislation.
- (ii) To write to Lancashire MPs to ask them to oppose the re-introduction of Clause 21, should it be re-introduced, when the Bus Services Bill is returned to the House of Commons and ask them to write to Christopher Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, to raise concerns about Clause 21.
- (iii) To work with other councils, boroughs and parishes across Lancashire to support our communities by maintaining the right to develop new bus services.

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

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2. It was moved by County Councillor Dowding and seconded by County Councillor Holgate that:

There is real and well-founded concern within Lancashire's health sector that funding and staff shortages within the acute health care sector in Lancashire could result in loss of life or poorer-than-expected health outcomes this winter, particularly if we experience a strong surge in demand for hospital beds arising from either a prolonged cold spell, an outbreak of flu or respiratory disease, or other predictable winter conditions.

This Council believes that the Government and the Secretary of State Health should ensure that there is sufficient NHS 'surge capacity' to meet demand for hospital beds and ambulance services in the event of predictable winter demand conditions, in order to reduce preventable morbidity and mortality.

This Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health expressing Council's concerns and to ask him to provide assurance to the residents of Lancashire that sufficient staff, resources and other measures are in place to meet demands for hospital beds, and ambulance services to manage what is an entirely predictable winter surge in demand in Lancashire in order to reduce preventable morbidity and mortality.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Ali and seconded by County Councillor Winlow:

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

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3. It was moved by County Councillor Whipp and seconded by County Councillor Lord that:

County Council notes that a network of local organisations and charities has provided services for victims of domestic abuse for many years in Lancashire, and that in recent years many of these services have been successfully delivered with funding from a consortium of local councils and statutory authorities led by Lancashire County Council.

County Council further notes that this LCC led arrangement ceases at the end of this financial year and that the lead commissioner for these services will be the Police and Crime Commissioner, with funding provided by the County Council together with other council organisations.

County Council places on record it's thanks to the local charities involved with providing such vital support for some of the most vulnerable people in Lancashire and expresses the hope that these charities will continue to be involved with supporting victims of domestic abuse in future.

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

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