

## **Meeting of the Full Council – 23 February 2017**

### **Agenda Part C - Notices of Motion submitted under Procedural Standing Order 14. 2.1(a)**

#### **1. By County Councillor Paul Rigby**

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.

#### **2. By County Councillor Lorraine Beavers**

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.

#### **3. By County Councillor Bill Winlow**

We urge that the process of Horizontal Directional Drilling used to explore for Shale Gas is recognised in planning policy in Lancashire.

The aim should be to use industrial sites in the county for the surface works of shale exploration sites. Horizontal drilling should then be used to reach the target geology which can be several kilometres away.

In the UK it has already been demonstrated that surface works can be 11km horizontally apart from the target geology.

#### **4. By County Councillor Nikki Hennessy**

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.

#### **5. By County Councillor Azhar Ali**

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 Heath Secretary Jeremy Hunt for an urgent meeting to discuss the crisis in Lancashire and provide a fair funding deal.

## **6. By County Councillor Clare Pritchard**

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.

## **7. By County Councillor Geoff Driver**

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.

## **8. By County Councillor David Whipp**

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.