

## **Minutes**

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber - County Hall, Preston,  
on Thursday, 19th July, 2018

### **Present:**

County Councillor Anne Cheetham (Chairman)

### **County Councillors**

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

## **1. Apologies and Announcements**

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of County Councillors Alf Clempson, Lizzi Collinge, Andrew Snowden and Jeff Sumner.

### **Announcements**

The Chairman informed Full Council of the recent changes to Standing Orders which now meant that Question Time was an integral part of the Full Council agenda.

The Chairman also informed Full Council that she had agreed a variation to the running order for both Question Time and the Notices of Motion. Question 5 and Notice of Motion 3 would be dealt with first.

## **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item Number	Nature of Interest (non-pecuniary unless stated)
George Wilkins	Notice of Motion 1 – Obesity and Hot Food Takeaways	Property Owner with Fast Food Facility (Pecuniary)

## **3. Question Time**

County Councillors Paul Greenall, John Fillis, Julie Gibson, Nikki Hennessy and Peter Steen asked their respective questions and the appropriate Cabinet Members responded.

In respect of Question 5, the Chairman read out a statement of apology on behalf of County Councillor Alan Hosker.

## **4. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meeting held on 24 May 2018**

**Resolved:** - That the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 24 May 2018 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **5. Report of the Cabinet (Part A)**

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report setting out the recommendation of the Cabinet to approve the revised Minimum Revenue Provision policy statements for 2017/18 and 2018/19, utilising the annuity method to calculate the Minimum Revenue Provision of both supported and self-financed capital expenditure.

**Resolved:** - That the recommendation of the Cabinet to approve the revised Minimum Revenue Provision policy statements for 2017/18 and 2018/19, utilising the annuity method to calculate the Minimum Revenue Provision of both

supported and self-financed capital expenditure as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

## **6. Appointment to Independent Remuneration Panel**

County Councillor Albert Atkinson moved a report setting out details of a proposal to re-appoint a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

**Resolved:** - That the re-appointment of Mr Dennis Mendoros OBE, DL, as a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel for a further four years until 5 October 2022, be approved.

## **7. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business to be considered.

## **8. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)**

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved the report of the Cabinet from its meeting on 14 June 2018.

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

## **9. Report of an Urgent Key Decision**

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved the report of an urgent Key Decision taken since the last meeting of Full Council.

**Resolved:** - That the report of an urgent Key Decision taken since the last meeting of Full Council, now presented, be noted.

## **10(a) The Pension Fund Committee**

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 8 June 2018.

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

## **10(b) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

County Councillor David O'Toole moved the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees from their meetings as follows:

- Children's Services Scrutiny Committee - 22 May 2018
- Education Scrutiny Committee - 25 June 2018
- External Scrutiny Committee - 4 June 2018
- Internal Scrutiny Committee - 18 May 2018

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

## **11. Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority**

County Councillor Frank De Molfetta moved the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meeting on 18 June 2018.

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

## **12. To consider the Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36**

### **1. It was moved by County Councillor Frank De Molfetta and seconded by County Councillor David O'Toole that:**

Since 28 June 2018 Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service and its partners have been dealing with a major wildfire incident at Winter Hill.

Many partners have been, and continue to be, involved in fantastic work in extreme weather and difficult conditions to protect the safety of residents, animals and wildlife. These include officers, firefighters, support staff, the County Council's Fleet Maintenance Service, partners and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to contain the fire thereby protecting the infrastructure on the top of the hill and threats to life and property while maintaining operational fire cover across Lancashire. The generosity and support of members of the public who have sent messages of support and given generous donations of supplies and machinery is also noted.

Lancashire County Council therefore asks the Interim Chief Executive and Director of Resources to liaise with the Chief Fire Officer to ensure the Council's gratitude is expressed to all Partners to thank them for their support.

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

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**2. It was moved by County Councillor Charles Edwards and seconded by County Councillor Stuart Morris that:**

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Obesity is a complex issue and requires a multifaceted approach. One element of this approach is working together to limit the over proliferation of hot food takeaways.

Between 2012 and 2016 every district in Lancashire saw increases in the numbers of fast food outlets, and Lancashire as a whole has seen an increase of 20%. In Lancashire 48.7% of fast food outlets fall within wards that sit in the 20% most deprived nationally.

Based on a review of evidence and implemented planning policies from other areas the 'Hot Food Takeaways and Spatial Planning Public Health Advisory Note' recommends that local planning authorities consider the development of policies or supplementary planning documents that include:

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- Refusing applications for new hot food takeaways within wards where more than 15% of year 6 pupils and 10% of reception pupils are classed as obese.
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**3. It was moved by County Councillor Gina Dowding and seconded by County Councillor Paul Hayhurst:**

**Lancashire County Council notes:**

- That in May this year Ministers outlined a proposal in a Written Ministerial Statement to redefine non-hydraulic fracturing shale gas exploration applications as permitted development and to redefine large scale shale gas production sites as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, thus removing any local authority control and community involvement in decision-making.
- That the Government consultation on these proposals is expected to begin during the middle of July 2018.
- That on 5 July 2018, a report by the cross-party Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee warned the Government against its proposal to bring fracking applications under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects regime, concluding that Mineral Planning Authorities, which in Lancashire is the County Council, were best placed to understand the local area and how fracking could best take place.
- That the above report said the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects regime was unlikely to speed up the application process for fracking.

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**Lancashire County Council believes:**

- That moving decisions about fracking, which have huge implications for local communities, to a national level would contradict the principles of localism.
- That 'Permitted Development' – the category of planning that the government wants to move Shale gas exploration drilling into – which was designed for developments with low environmental impacts, is an inappropriate category for drilling with such wide-reaching implications for local communities and climate change.
- That bringing fracking applications under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects regime will be harmful to local communities.
- That local authorities are best placed to continue to make decisions throughout the planning process for shale gas exploration drilling, appraisal and production.

**Lancashire County Council resolves:**

- To respond to the forthcoming government consultation with the above views.
- To share this response with Lancashire MPs and relevant government ministers.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Barrie Yates and seconded by County Councillor Peter Steen:

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Lancashire County Council is committed to the principles of localism and the involvement of local communities in decisions that affect their environment, their health and safety and their well-being and resolves to respond to the Government's forthcoming consultation that applications for fracking should be determined by local planning authorities in accordance with planning law and guidance, and also to share this response with Lancashire MPs and relevant government ministers.

The amendment was accepted and became the substantive motion. The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

**Resolved: - That:**

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