

Minutes

At a virtual meeting of the Full Council held via Skype on Thursday, 16th July, 2020

Present:

County Councillor Paul Rigby (Chair)

County Councillors

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

1. Apologies and Announcements

There were no apologies for absence.

Announcements

Deaths

The Chairman reported the recent deaths of County Councillor Malcolm Barron, who sadly passed away on 13 May 2020, and Honorary Alderman and former County Councillor Eileen Kershaw, who sadly passed away on 18 March 2020.

The Chairman also reported that many people in Lancashire, including colleagues and family members, had lost their lives to Covid-19.

The Council observed a minute's silence.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

3. Election of Chairman

County Councillor Paul Rigby, the retiring Chairman of the County Council, presided for this item.

It was moved by County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, and seconded by County Councillor Cosima Towneley, that County Councillor Susie Charles be elected Chairman of the County Council.

There being no other nominations, it was:

Resolved: - That County Councillor Susie Charles be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting of the Full Council in 2021.

County Councillor Charles then took the Chair and made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was moved by County Councillor Azhar Ali, and seconded by County Councillor John Fillis, that County Councillor Bernard Dawson, be elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

It was moved by County Councillor David O'Toole, and seconded by County Councillor Ian Brown, that County Councillor Barrie Yates be elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

On being put to the vote, the majority was in favour of County Councillor Barrie Yates.

There being no other nominations, it was:

Resolved: - That County Councillor Barrie Yates be elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting of the Full Council in 2021.

County Councillor Yates then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. Question Time

County Councillors John Fillis, Gillian Oliver and Gina Dowding asked their respective questions as follows:

| No. | Question From | Subject | For Answer By |
|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | County Councillor John Fillis | Lancashire Wellbeing Service | Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing |
| 2. | County Councillor Gillian Oliver | Pavement Parking | Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport |
| 3. | County Councillor Gina Dowding | Black and Asian history within Lancashire's schools' Curriculum | Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools |

County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, County Councillor Keith Iddon, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, and County Councillor Philippa Williamson, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, replied respectively.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meeting held on 27 February 2020

Resolved: - That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

7. Report of the Cabinet (Part A)

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report setting out the recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of supporting, in principle, a Combined Authority for Lancashire, with an Elected Mayor.

Resolved: - That approval be given to the Cabinet's recommendation to support, in principle, a Combined Authority for Lancashire, with an Elected Mayor, as set out in the report, now presented.

The following county councillors requested that their objection be recorded:
County Councillors Paul Hayhurst, Liz Oades, Mark Perks and David Whipp.

County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal requested that his abstention be recorded.

8. Delegation of Functions relating to Public Rights of Way within that Part of Lancashire within the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the National Park Authority

County Councillor Albert Atkinson moved a report setting out details of a proposal to delegate functions relating to public rights of way within that part of Lancashire within the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the National Park Authority.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The delegation of powers and duties relating to public rights of way recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement within the area of Lancashire which is within the Yorkshire Dales National Park as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) That approval be given to an Agreement being drawn up and entered into to give effect to the delegation of functions, as set out in the report, now presented, with final details to be considered and approved by the Director of Corporate Services.

9. Constitution of the County Council 2020/21

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report setting out, for approval, the county council's Constitution for the year ahead, noting changes since the Annual General Meeting in 2019 and considering proposals for the amendments in relation to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committees.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor David Howarth, seconded by County Councillor David Whipp:

Amend Article 8 Citizens Rights under point 5 at the end of the sentence add –

"and the right to be represented by their elected divisional County Councillor at any decision making meetings where matters are being considered solely concerning that division, and to speak on their behalf."

On being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was CARRIED.

In accordance with the requirements of procedural Standing Order B45(4), 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 (44)

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| A Ashton | S Clarke | M Green | J Purcell | D Stansfield |
| A Atkinson | A Clempson | P Greenall | J Rear | P Steen |
| P Britcliffe | J Cooney | A Hosker | P Rigby | C Towneley |
| I Brown | G Driver | K Iddon | A Riggott | S Turner |
| P Buckley | J Eaton | A Kay | M Salter | A Vincent |
| T Burns | C Edwards | S Morris | A Schofield | G Wilkins |
| J Burrows | D Foxcroft | E Nash | J Shedwick | P Williamson |
| S Charles | A Gardiner | D O'Toole | D Smith | B Yates |
| A Cheetham | G Gooch | E Pope | A Snowden | |

Against (37)

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

Abstain (0)

It was therefore:

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The proposal to merge the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committees to a new Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, with membership and terms of reference as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) Consideration be given to any other changes Full Council might wish to make to the constitution to enable the efficient and effective running of the county council.
- (iii) The Director of Corporate Services be authorised to make any consequential changes to other parts of the constitution arising from these changes.
- (iv) The Constitution of the County Council for the year 2020/21, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

10. Membership of Committees and Related Appointments for 2020/21

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report setting out, for approval, the constitution and membership of the committees of the county council for 2020/21 and the appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those committees for 2020/21.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Azhar Ali, seconded by County Councillor John Fillis:

That County Councillor Erica Lewis be appointed Deputy Chair of the Internal Scrutiny Committee.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Azhar Ali, seconded by County Councillor John Fillis:

That County Councillor Gillian Oliver be appointed Deputy Chair of the External Scrutiny Committee.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Azhar Ali, seconded by County Councillor John Fillis:

That County Councillor Lorraine Beavers be appointed Deputy Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.

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

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The Constitution and membership of the committees of the county council for 202/21, as set out at a) in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) The appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those committees for 2020/21, as set out at b) in the report, now presented, and as follows, be approved:

| Committee | Chair | Deputy |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Urgency | G Driver | K Iddon |
| Overview and Scrutiny | | |
| Internal Scrutiny | D O'Toole | M Salter |
| External Scrutiny | E Nash | D Stansfield |
| Education and Children's Services Scrutiny | A Kay | M Dad |
| Health Scrutiny | P Britcliffe | S Morris |
| Other Committees | | |
| Development Control | B Yates | S Clarke |

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| Regulatory | J Eaton | I Brown |
| Audit, Risk and Governance | A Schofield | E Nash |
| Pension Fund | E Pope | A Schofield |
| Student Support Appeals | A Cheetham | |
| Employment | G Driver | K Iddon |
| Conduct | A Atkinson | P Buckley |
| Health and Wellbeing Board | S Turner | <i>Non CC Chair (D Gizzi)</i> |

11. Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire - Appointment of a County Council Representative for 2020/21

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of one county councillor to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire for 2020/21.

County Councillor Driver proposed that County Councillor Keith Iddon be appointed as the county council's representative, and that County Councillor Aidy Riggott be appointed as the county council's substitute representative.

Resolved: - That County Councillor Keith Iddon be appointed to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire and that County Councillor Aidy Riggott be appointed to serve as the substitute representative for 2020/21.

12. Lancashire Combined Fire Authority - Appointment of County Council Representatives for 2020/21

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of 19 members to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for 2020/21 on the basis of 10 Conservative members, 7 Labour members, 1 Liberal Democrat member and 1 Independent member.

Resolved: - That:

The following Members be appointed to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority 2020/21:

| Conservative (10) | Labour (7) | Liberal Democrat (1) | Independent (1) |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| P Britcliffe | L Beavers | D Howarth | E Oades |
| I Brown | N Hennessy | | |
| S Clarke | S Holgate | | |
| J Eaton | H Khan | | |
| A Kay | T Martin | | |
| D O'Toole | F De Molfetta | | |
| A Riggott | M Patterson | | |
| J Shedwick | | | |
| D Stansfield | | | |
| G Wilkins | | | |

13. Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee - Appointment of County Council Representatives for 2020/21

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of members to serve on Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Azhar Ali, seconded by County Councillor John Fillis:

That County Councillor Julie Gibson be appointed as the county council's representative on the Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.

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

Resolved: - That:

The following Members be appointed to serve on Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee for 2020/21:

Transport for the North

M Green
K Iddon (Substitute)

Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee

M Salter
A Snowden (Substitute)

14. Appointments to the Local Government Association's General Assembly, Boards and Special Interest Groups for 2020/21

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of representatives to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly for 2020/21; the appointment of representatives to serve on a number of the Local Government Association's Special Interest Groups for 2020/21, and to note the arrangements for appointments to the Local Government Association's Boards.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The representation and appointments to serve on the Local Government Association's General Assembly and Special Interest Groups, as set out in the report now presented, for 2020/21 be approved as follows:

LGA - General Assembly (4)

Conservative (3) Labour (1)

G Driver A Ali
K Iddon
P Williamson

LGA Special Interest Group - Coastal Issues (1)

S Clarke

LGA Special Interest Group - Rural Services Network (1)

C Towneley

LGA Special Interest Group - Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum (1)

M Green

(ii) That the County Council's 12 votes be carried by County Councillor Geoff Driver.

(iii) That the arrangements for appointments to the Local Government Association's Boards as set out in the report, now presented, be noted.

15. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

16. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 12 March 2020, 14 May 2020 and 11 June 2020, together with details of urgent Key Decisions taken since the last meeting of Full Council.

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

17(a) The Urgency Committee

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved the report of the Urgency Committee setting out details of decisions taken by the Monitoring Officer and the Executive Director of Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing under the county council's urgent business procedure on behalf of the Urgency Committee.

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

17(b) The Employment Committee

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved the report of the Employment Committee from its meeting on 9 March 2020.

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

17(c) The Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 6 March 2020.

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

17(d) 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 - 26 February 2020

Education Scrutiny Committee - 3 March 2020

External Scrutiny Committee - 25 February 2020

Internal Scrutiny Committee -13 March 2020

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

18. 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 24 February 2020.

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

19. To consider Notices of Motion Submitted under Standing Order B36

1. It was moved by County Councillor Julie Gibson and seconded by County Councillor Lorraine Beavers that:

This council calls for fair funding for Lancashire Constabulary and the return of the numbers of police officers that Lancashire has lost since 2010.

This council notes that Lancashire Constabulary has seen amongst the highest level of cuts of any police force in the country with a reduction of 753 police officers.

Cuts have consequences - and this has meant that Lancashire has seen an increase in violent crime, knife crime, county lines (drug dealing) and even homicides.

By contrast, many forces in the south of England have seen no impact from austerity. Surrey, for example, has had a reduction of just 8 police officers (government figures) since 2010 and yet will receive 78 back this year. At the same time Lancashire will be allocated additional funding for just 153 police officers. This year Surrey will have 70 more police officers than in 2010 whilst in Lancashire we will still have 600 fewer. This is unfair, unjust and simply unacceptable. Lancashire is not a second class county and we should not be treated as one.

This council wholeheartedly supports the campaign of our Police and Crime Commissioner to get fair funding for Lancashire Police and our Bobbies back on the streets of Lancashire, and resolves that the Chief Executive and Director of Resources writes to the Home Secretary and the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service calling on them to establish fair funding for Lancashire Constabulary.

The following friendly amendment was proposed by County Councillor Tim Ashton in accordance with Standing Order B42:

This Council calls for fair funding for Lancashire Constabulary which has been more adversely affected by Government funding policies than many other Police forces.

Council recognises the anomalies in the funding formulae which disproportionately and adversely affect Lancashire Constabulary and resolves to request the Chief Executive and Director of Resources to write to the Home Secretary and the Minister for Policing and the Fire Service requesting that adequate resources are provided for Policing in Lancashire.

The friendly amendment was accepted by County Councillor Gibson and became the substantive motion.

The substantive motion, as amended by County Councillor Ashton's friendly amendment, was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

Resolved: - That:

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Secretary and the Minister for Policing and the Fire Service requesting that adequate resources are provided for Policing in Lancashire.

2. It was moved by County Councillor Gina Dowding and seconded by County Councillor David Whipp that:

The Greater Lancashire Plan

Lancashire County Council welcomes the statement of intent within the 'Redefining Lancashire: our approach to recovery' document that the forthcoming Greater Lancashire Plan will be based on the three core components of:

- delivering economic resilience
- capitalising on the county's unique set of environmental assets
- setting in train a public service reform programme that will transform the delivery of public services across the county

Lancashire County Council further notes that climate and environmental imperatives must underpin all economic recovery to deliver future economic resilience and well-being of our residents, visitors and workers; and the programmes listed so far fall way short of plan fit for a zero-carbon 21st-century Lancashire.

Lancashire County Council therefore requests that the forthcoming Greater Lancashire Plan:

1. Focuses a far higher proportion of spending and investment, (currently just £4m of £62.5 m specifically for low carbon energy and technologies) on creating new jobs and investment in low-carbon sectors; rapid adaptation of existing manufacturing and businesses to net zero-carbon; and sustainable transport.
2. Adopts a transformational approach which embeds in EVERY programme:
 - better health and well-being of the population
 - meeting the demands of the climate challenge and ensuring a high quality environment
 - meaningful, rewarding work, working conditions and pay, training, and the reduction in economic, environmental, social and health inequalities
3. Targets funding, investment and development to:
 - the renewable energy supply sector, including onshore wind, offshore wind, solar, as well as new green hydrogen alternatives
 - the circular economy and waste recovery
 - a large-scale retrofit and energy efficiency programme for public and private buildings and homes, to reduce fuel poverty, create jobs and training, and ensure comfortable healthier buildings

- the manufacture and production of low-carbon products
 - shortening supply chains, not just in manufacturing, and encourage a higher proportion of Lancashire consumption to be met by Lancashire products
4. Has greater focus on diversification rather than financial underpinning for the aerospace and nuclear industries, which global economic observers agree are a declining sector; and encourages those businesses to produce new low-carbon products for use in a low-carbon civil society.

The Council also calls on Lancashire leaders to actively encourage relocation of Government departments and civil service jobs directly into Lancashire which will contribute to a well-paid, skilled and sustainable workforce.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Michael Green and seconded by County Councillor Tim Ashton:

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- Clarifying and strengthening best available evidence about Lancashire and producing a credible and compelling case for its immediate and long term sustainable development
- Pulling together a single and coherent narrative that tells the Lancashire 'story' and trajectory and
- Exploring in collaboration and at scale how to intervene to tackle challenges, seize opportunities and build positive economic growth and quality of life for the benefit of everyone in Lancashire.

The county council resolves that the Greater Lancashire Plan should seek to build on existing priorities for the region, which include:-

- Levelling up and further devolution
- Strategic Economic Framework and Local Industrial Strategy
- Climate Change and clean growth initiatives
- Public Service reform embracing 'best in class' service delivery
- Reinforcing leadership and building an enticing investment portfolio
- Building local capacity and flexibility to respond to demand across the spectrum
- Building capacity for housing growth and market and technology foresight to be fit for the future,
- Future-proofing Lancashire's infrastructure for net zero carbon and digital connectivity and
- Understanding historic disadvantages and addressing underlying issues such as health and skills inequalities

The amendment was put to the vote and was CARRIED 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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