

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 14th March, 2024

Present:

County Councillor Alan Cullens BEM (Chairman)

County Councillors

A Ali OBE	G Gooch	J Purcell
U Arif	M Goulthorp	J Rear
T Ashton	M Green	P Rigby
N Aziz	H Hartley	S Rigby
R Bailey	C Haythornthwaite	A Riggott
S Barnes	N Hennessy	M Salter
L Beavers	S Hind	A Schofield
J Berry	A Hindle	S Serridge
P Britcliffe	S Holgate	J Shedwick
P Buckley	A Hosker	J R Singleton JP
J Burrows	D Howarth	S Smith
A Cheetham	T Hurn	K Snape
S Clarke	M Iqbal MBE	A Sutcliffe
A Clempson	H Khan	R Swarbrick
M Clifford	N Khan	M Tomlinson
L Collinge	E Lewis	C Towneley
J Couperthwaite	S Malik	S Turner
L Cox	M Maxwell-Scott	A Vincent
S Cunliffe	J Mein	D Westley
M Dad BEM JP	G Mirfin	A Whittaker
F De Molfetta	D O'Toole	S Whittam
G Dowding	J Oakes	P Williamson
C Edwards	J Parr	R Woollam
J Fillis	M Pattison	B Yates
A Gardiner	E Pope	
J Gibson	J Potter	

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies were received from County Councillors Terry Aldridge, Matthew Brown, Stewart Jones, Andrea Kay, Stuart Morris and Yousuf Motala.

County Councillor Lian Pate joined the meeting virtually.



Announcements

Deaths

The Chairman reported the recent deaths of former County Councillor John Lucas, who sadly passed away on 18 February 2024; former County Councillor Ron Shewan, who sadly passed away on 28 February 2024; and former County Councillor and Honorary Alderman Ruth Henig, Baroness Henig of Lancaster, who sadly passed away on 29 February 2024.

The Council observed a one-minute silence.

Recognitions

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Jayne Rear drew Full Council's attention to the recent following successes:

- The People Services Apprenticeship Team was awarded the Platinum Partner Award 2024 by Blackpool and the Fylde College in recognition of the team's apprenticeship collaboration work and commitment to apprenticeship delivery and development of young people and Council employees.
- Amanda Barbour, Head of Service for the Fostering Service, Adoption Lancashire Blackpool, and Children's Residential Services, has been awarded Degree Apprentice of the Year 2024 by Blackpool and the Fylde College for her significant commitment and achievement of the Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship.

Amanda Barbour, together with Sarah Hadcroft and Louise Price from the Skills, Learning and Development Service, joined the meeting virtually.

Full Council congratulated and thanked all those involved.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

County Councillor Michael Green declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5 (Lancashire Combined County Authority and Devolution Deal) as a Member of South Ribble Borough Council.

County Councillor Alan Schofield declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14 (Local Pensions Partnership Governance Review) as a Shareholder Director of Local Pensions Partnership Ltd.

County Councillor Charles Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14 (Local Pensions Partnership Governance Review) as a Shareholder Director of Local Pensions Partnership Ltd.

3. Question Time

County Councillors David O'Toole, Sue Whittam, John Fillis, and Julie Gibson asked their questions as follows:



	Question From	Subject	Answered By
1.	County Councillor David O'Toole	Incorrect Disposal of Batteries	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
3.	County Councillor Sue Whittam	Food Labelling	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
4.	County Councillor John Fillis	Skelmersdale Train Station	Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth
5.	County Councillor Julie Gibson	Net Zero Targets for Businesses	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

It was noted that Question 2 (from CC Serridge to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport), had been withdrawn.

County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change; County Councillor Michael Green, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing; and County Councillor Aidy Riggott, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth, replied.

Due to a time limit of 30 minutes for Question Time, the following questions were not asked and were subject to a written response copied to all councillors:

6.	County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal	Funding for Local Government	Leader of the County Council
7.	County Councillor Jean Parr	Libraries in Schools	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
8.	County Councillor Gina Dowding	Multi-Agency Response to Supa Skips Fire	Leader of the County Council

4. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meetings held on 14 December 2023 and 23 February 2024

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the Meetings held on 14 December 2023 and 23 February 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Lancashire Combined County Authority and Devolution Deal

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report setting out a proposal to create the Lancashire Combined County Authority for the areas of Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, seconded by County Councillor Noordad Aziz:

That the proposal document be amended to reflect the concerns raised in the consultation about district council involvement and powers as follows:



1. Voting rights for District Councils:

- Page 13
 - After "...who would also have specified consenting rights in respect of the exercise of some powers by the LCCA", add "as well as two non-constituent members on the LCCA with full voting rights."
- Page 43
 - on the diagram amend "non-voting representation from the district councils and other stakeholders" to "voting representation from the district councils and non-voting representation from other stakeholders"
- Page 44
 - amend: "The four constituent members would have full voting rights" to "The four constituent members and two non-constituent district members would have full voting rights"
 - after "to nominate two individuals to represent their interests on the proposed LCCA as non-constituent members", add "with full voting rights."

2. UKSPF:

- Page 30
 - Amend "In carrying out this role, the proposed LCCA and the constituent councils will work closely with the Lancashire District Leaders Forum in an advisory capacity. Delivery of these functions will build on existing district-led delivery arrangements for UKSPF and align with the Lancashire 2050 strategy, as agreed by all Local Authorities in Lancashire to ensure that the needs of residents can be effectively addressed. Priorities for UKSPF will be evidence-based and funds will be directed towards areas of need." to "In carrying out this role, the proposed LCCA and the constituent councils will delegate funding and delivery arrangements for the UKSPF to district councils in line with current arrangements to ensure that the needs of residents can be effectively addressed. Priorities for UKSPF will be evidence-based and funds will be directed towards areas of need."

(Page references are to the Proposal document itself)

Following a period of debate the Amendment was put to the vote and in accordance with 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 (29)

Ali	Collinge	Hennessy	Mein	Whittaker
Arif	Cunliffe	Hindle	Oakes	
Aziz	Dad	Holgate	Parr	
Barnes	De Molfetta	Iqbal	Pattison	



Beavers	Dowding	Khan, H	Serridge	
Berry	Fillis	Khan, N	Snape	
Clifford	Gibson	Lewis	Tomlinson	

Against (45)

Ashton	Cullens	Hurn	Salter	Westley
Bailey	Edwards	Maxwell-Scott	Schofield	Whittam
Britcliffe	Gardiner	Mirfin	Shedwick	Williamson
Buckley	Gooch	O'Toole	Singleton	Woollam
Burrows	Goulthorp	Pope	Smith	Yates
Cheetham	Green	Purcell	Sutcliffe	
Clarke	Hartley	Rear	Swarbrick	
Clempson	Haythornthwaite	Rigby, P	Towneley	
Couperthwaite	Hind	Rigby, S	Turner	
Cox	Hosker	Riggott	Vincent	

Abstain (3)

Howarth
Malik
Potter

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

The Chairman proposed the suspension of Standing Order B15 to allow county councillors to remain seated whilst speaking.

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

There being no further Amendments, the substantive Motion was put to the vote and in accordance with 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 (46)

Ashton	Cunliffe	Hurn	Riggott	Vincent
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Bailey	Edwards	Maxwell-Scott	Salter	Westley
Britcliffe	Gardiner	Mirfin	Schofield	Whittam
Buckley	Gooch	O'Toole	Shedwick	Williamson
Burrows	Goulthorp	Pope	Singleton	Woollam
Clarke	Green	Potter	Smith	Yates
Clempson	Hartley	Purcell	Sutcliffe	
Couperthwaite	Haythornthwaite	Rear	Swarbrick	
Cox	Hind	Rigby, P	Towneley	
Cullens	Howarth	Rigby, S	Turner	

Against (28)

Ali	Clifford	Gibson	Khan, N	Serridge
Arif	Collinge	Hennessy	Lewis	Snape
Aziz	Dad	Hindle	Mein	Tomlinson
Barnes	De Molfetta	Holgate	Oakes	Whittaker
Beavers	Dowding	Iqbal	Parr	
Berry	Fillis	Khan, H	Pattison	

Abstain (0)

Resolved: - That:

- i. The outcomes of the consultation on the draft Proposal published in November 2023, as set out in this report, now presented, and its appendices be noted;
- ii. The updated Proposal (the Proposal) attached at Appendix B to this report, now presented, taking into consideration and having due regard to the consultation responses and the Public Sector Equality Duty, to create the Lancashire Combined County Authority (LCCA) for the areas of Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council be approved;
- iii. How the Proposal has been amended to take account of the results of the Consultation, as set out in this report, now presented, and in more detail within Appendix B (the Summary of the Consultation and the Constituent Councils' Response), Appendix C (Executive Summary of the Ipsos Consultation Report), and Appendix D (the Summary of Communications and Engagement Activity) be noted;
- iv. Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to submit the Proposal to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (Secretary of State) after consultation with the Chief Executives of the other two constituent councils to confirm that all constituent councils approve the amended proposal for submission;



- v. Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to approve any typographical or technical amendments to the Proposal which the Chief Executives of the other two constituent councils also agree on, on behalf of Lancashire County Council, prior to submission; and
- vi. Consent be given to the making of the necessary Regulations to create the Lancashire Combined County Authority in accordance with the arrangements and principles set out in the report, now presented, and the Chief Executive be delegated, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, and subject to the approval of the other two Constituent Councils, to give final approval of the draft Regulations, subject to those regulations reflecting the principles agreed in the Proposal document and this report.

6. Financial Threshold for Key Decisions

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report setting out, for 2024/25, the proposed financial threshold above which decisions should be treated as Key Decisions as defined in Standing Order 19 (1) (a).

Resolved: - That Full Council approves that the financial threshold for Key Decisions, for the purposes of Standing Order C19 (1) (a), be increased to £2.2m for 2024/25, as set out in the report, now presented.

7. Review of the County Council's Constitution

County Councillor Peter Buckley moved a report setting out the outcome of the Political Governance Working Group's review of the Constitution and a revised and updated Constitution was now presented for consideration by Full Council.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Lorraine Beavers, seconded by County Councillor Erica Lewis:

(This amendment refers to the text on pages 356-7 in the Full Council agenda pack)

That a revised Section C paragraph 34 and a new Section C paragraph 35 in the Cabinet and Cabinet Committees Procedural Standing Orders be included in the new constitution as follows:

34. Speaking at Cabinet

- 34.1. At each Cabinet meeting there shall be up to 30 minutes set aside for speaking by any members of the council who are not Cabinet members.
- 34.2. A speech made by a member of the council under SO 34 (1) must:
 - a. Relate to an item on the Cabinet agenda; and
 - b. Relate to the County Councillor's division, or, where they are a named shadow portfolio holder, relate to an item within that portfolio.
- 34.3. Each County Councillor may speak for no more than 3 minutes, but may speak on multiple issues within the agenda in line with SO 34 (2) above



- 34.4. Councillors will notify the Chair of their intention to speak by raising their hand.
- 34.5. Speeches will be taken in the order determined by the Chair.
- 34.6. A member of the council may speak more than once, at the discretion of the Chair.
- 34.7. If a member wishes to speak on a Part II item, they should indicate during the 30 minutes speaking time, but reserve their speech until the Part II section of the agenda. The Chair will invite them to speak before the item is presented by the Cabinet Member

35. Questions in writing

- 35.1. A County Councillor or any person who lives or works in the county, or is affected by the work of the County Council, may ask the Leader or a Cabinet Member a written question on any matter which relates to any item on the Cabinet agenda for that meeting.
- 35.2. Each County Councillor or member of the public may only submit one question per meeting.
- 35.3. A written copy of the question must have been delivered to Democratic Services by 12 noon two clear working days before the date of the meeting, specifying the full question and the agenda item to which it relates.
- 35.4. Questions may be ruled out of order by the Monitoring Officer if they are considered to be:
 - a. Not related to an item on the agenda;
 - b. Defamatory, frivolous, vexatious or offensive;
 - c. Substantially the same as a question that has been asked and answered by the Cabinet or Council in the past six months;
 - d. Related to a matter due to be determined by the Development Control or Regulatory Committees
 - e. Requiring the disclosure of confidential or exempt information
- 35.5. Questions will receive a written reply. The question and answer will be published within 5 clear working days following the date of the Cabinet meeting.
- 35.6. An urgent written question may be asked by a County Councillor about any item on the Cabinet agenda for that meeting, which the Chair considers could not have been reasonably submitted by the deadline for the receipt of written questions, provided that they give notice of the question to Democratic Services by 12 noon the day before the meeting.

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:

Full Council:

- i. Approves the revised Constitution as set out at Appendix 'A'.
- ii. Agrees that a further report is brought to the meeting of Full Council on 23 May to approve revised Finance rules.

8. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

9. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings held on 7 December 2023, 18 January 2024 and 8 February 2024.

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

10(a) The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting held on 29 January 2024.

Resolved: - That the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee, now presented, be noted.

10(b) The Employment Committee

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Employment Committee from its meeting held on 25 January 2024.

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

10(c) The Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meetings held on 1 December 2023 and 9 February 2024.

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

10(d) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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

- Scrutiny Management Board (16 January 2024)
- Children, Families and Skills (13 December 2023 and 31 January 2024)



- Community, Cultural and Corporate Services (12 December 2023 and 6 February 2024)
- Environment, Economic Growth and Transport (5 December 2023 and 25 January 2024)
- Health and Adult Services (4 December 2023 and 22 January 2024)

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

11. Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor David O'Toole moved the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meetings held on 18 December 2023 and 19 February 2024.

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

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

Notice of Motion 1

The Chairman informed Full Council that Notice of Motion 1, to have been moved by County Councillor Azhar Ali, had been withdrawn.

Notice of Motion 2

It was moved by County Councillor Barrie Yates and seconded by County Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite that:

Sanitary Bins for Male Toilets

This Council notes that three to six million people in the UK experience urinary incontinence. This is often seen as a women's issue, but it is time to break the silence around male incontinence.

1 in 25 men aged over forty will experience some form of urinary leakage every year and 1 in 20 men aged sixty or over will experience bowel incontinence. As many as 69% of men may experience urinary incontinence following surgery for prostate cancer, the most common cancer in men.

Men who need to dispose of their sanitary waste often have no direct access to a sanitary bin in male toilets and are often forced to carry their own waste in a bag.

This Council believes that men should be able to dispose of incontinence products hygienically, safely, easily and with dignity wherever they go, and that men who need to dispose of their sanitary waste should have direct access to a sanitary bin in male toilets.

This Council resolves:



- (i) To support Prostate Cancer UK's 'Boys need Bins' campaign and ask the Leader of the Council to write on behalf of the Council to our local MPs seeking their support for this campaign and Prostate Cancer UK's request for Government to update any necessary regulations to ensure that 'suitable means for the disposal of sanitary dressings' is provided in all toilets.
- (ii) That Lancashire County Council should introduce the provision of sanitary bins in all county council male toilets in both public and in council buildings.
- (iii) To encourage other providers of public and workplace toilets in our area to make male sanitary bins available in their facilities.

On being put to the vote the Motion was Carried.

It was therefore:

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Notice of Motion 3

It was moved by County Councillor Jean Parr and seconded by County Councillor Lizzi Collinge that:

Improving Women's Health

Genitourinary Syndrome of Menopause (GSM) causes a change in the microbiome of the vagina from good bacteria and lactobacilli to pathogenic ones. This is the primary cause of Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) in older women. UTIs cause pain, irritation, and incontinence to many thousands of older women in Lancashire. Many are so affected that they require hospital admission, and some die through UTI related sepsis.

In the last 5 years, almost 40,000 women in Lancashire were hospitalised with UTIs. Many more go to their GPs, and many others suffer in silence. The current advice is to tell women to increase hydration, washing and finally to have antibiotics, which have some success, albeit temporary, in dealing with the condition. This comes with the ever-present risk of making the infection antibiotic resistant.

For the majority of women, the use of vaginal oestrogen is a highly successful treatment and can be applied in a variety of ways. Unfortunately, its efficacy is not well signposted by the medical profession, perhaps because until this year training on the menopause was not compulsory in medical schools.

This council requests that the Chief Executive writes to the Health Secretary and the Shadow Health Secretary, requesting the following action:

- All leaflets and online information on this subject are updated advising sufferers that vaginal oestrogen is available and effective, and removing other out of date advice.
- All GPs are made aware of the treatment and encouraged to prescribe it.
- All GPs make a discrete record of the incidence of UTIs in their patients, and the effectiveness of prescribed treatment.

This council also requests that the Chief Executive:

- Contacts the management of care homes within Lancashire and advises them of this treatment.
- Arranges training for all social workers and supporting staff to ensure that they are aware of this treatment when assessing people for social care and updating their care plans.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was Lost.

Notice of Motion 4

It was moved by County Councillor Gina Dowding and seconded by County Councillor David Howarth that:



Lancashire County Council notes:

The Eden Morecambe Project is widely recognised to have a potential hugely beneficial impact on the local economy, across Lancashire and the North more widely - creating jobs, skills, training and supply chains in the green economy. The plans are now moving forward at pace.

Meanwhile the announcement last month that Lancashire will receive a huge funding boost of £494m over 7 years from 2025 to transform transport across the County offers the opportunity to guarantee that Eden Morecambe as a state of the art sustainable visitor attraction is supported by an efficient, reliable, quality low carbon transport system, to and within Morecambe as a visitor destination. Additional funding for transport attached to the devolution proposal for a new Combined County Authority will enhance the sustainable transport offer even further.

The County Council therefore resolves:

Subject to government guidance on the use of the funding, to strive to ensure that investment is prioritised in:

- Public transport options including electrification of the Lancaster - Morecambe - Heysham rail line/or battery alternatives.
- Active travel infrastructure for walking, wheeling and cycling including pedestrianisation/reduced traffic flows in streets of high areas of footfall.
- Reducing on street parking in residential areas to avoid disruption to residents.
- Infrastructure for public transport and cycling and walking in Lancaster city centre in order to maximize the public realm benefits across the whole Lancaster district while fulfilling the spirit of the County's obligations within the Development Consent Order attached to the opening of the Bay Gateway to Morecambe.

During the course of the debate, the Vice-Chairman assumed the Chair as the Chairman had a prior engagement.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was Lost.

13. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: - That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

14. Local Pensions Partnership Governance Review

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report setting out details of a review of the governance of Local Pensions Partnership Limited.



Resolved: - That the recommendations as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive

County Hall
Preston

