

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston,
on Thursday, 27th May, 2021

Present:

Mrs Susie Charles (Chairman)

County Councillors

T Aldridge
A Ali OBE
U Arif
T Ashton
N Aziz
R Bailey
S Barnes
L Beavers
J Berry
P Britcliffe
M Brown
P Buckley
J Burrows
A Cheetham
S Clarke
M Clifford
L Collinge
J Couperthwaite
L Cox
A Cullens
M Dad
F De Molfetta
G Dowding
C Edwards
A Fewings
J Fillis
J Gibson

G Gooch
M Goulthorp
M Green
H Hartley
C Haythornthwaite
N Hennessy
S Hind
A Hindle
S Holgate
D Howarth
T Hurn
K Iddon
M Iqbal MBE
S Jones
A Kay
H Khan
N Khan
E Lewis
S Malik
M Maxwell-Scott
J Mein
G Mirfin
D O'Toole
J Oakes
J Parr
L Pate
M Pattison

E Pope
J Potter
J Purcell
J Rear
P Rigby
S Rigby
A Riggott
M Salter
A Schofield
S Serridge
J Shedwick
J R Singleton JP
S Smith
K Snape
A Sutcliffe
R Swarbrick
M Tomlinson
C Towneley
S Turner
A Vincent
D Westley
S Whittam
P Williamson
R Woollam
B Yates

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Alf Clempson, Andrew Gardiner, Alan Hosker, Stuart Morris and Yousuf Motala.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

3. Report of the Returning Officer - Persons Elected County Councillor on 6 May 2021

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Chief Executive and Director of Resources presented a report setting out details of the persons elected as county councillors on 6 May 2021.

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

4. Election of Chairman

Former County Councillor Susie Charles, the retiring Chairman of the County Council, presided for this item.

It was moved by County Councillor Michael Green, and seconded by County Councillor Alan Schofield, that County Councillor Barrie Yates be elected Chairman of the County Council.

There being no other nominations, it was:

Resolved: - That County Councillor Barrie Yates be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting of the Full Council in 2022.

County Councillor Yates then took the Chair and made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was moved by County Councillor Tim Ashton, and seconded by County Councillor Charles Edwards, that County Councillor Peter Britcliffe be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

It was subsequently moved by County Councillor Azhar Ali, and seconded by County Councillor Lorraine Beavers, that County Councillor Hasina Khan be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

On being put to the vote, the nomination for County Councillor Peter Britcliffe was CARRIED.

Resolved: - That County Councillor Peter Britcliffe be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General meeting of the Full Council in 2022.

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

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 February 2021 and of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 8 April 2021

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 February 2021 and of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 8 April 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

7. Election of Leader of the County Council

It was moved by County Councillor Graham Gooch, and seconded by County Councillor David O'Toole, that County Councillor Phillippa Williamson be elected Leader of the County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for the County Council.

There being no other nominations, it was:

Resolved: - That County Councillor Phillippa Williamson be elected Leader of the County Council.

County Councillor Williamson then formally announced the appointment of the following Members of her Cabinet:

County Councillor Alan Vincent – Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader)
County Councillor Peter Buckley – Community and Cultural Services
County Councillor Charles Edwards – Highways and Transport
County Councillor Graham Gooch – Adult Social Care
County Councillor Michael Green – Health and Wellbeing
County Councillor Jayne Rear – Education and Skills
County Councillor Aidy Riggott – Economic Development and Growth
County Councillor Cosima Towneley – Children and Families
County Councillor Shaun Turner – Environment and Climate Change

8. Constitution of the County Council 2021/22

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report setting out the county council's Constitution for the year ahead, noting changes made since the Annual General Meeting in 2020.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor Azhar Ali, seconded by County Councillor Lorraine Beavers:

After recommendation (iv) add:

(v): Establish an urgent cross-party meeting to discuss ways and means to open up transparency and scrutiny of Council decision making that reports back to the next Full Council meeting in July. This meeting looks at all opportunities including revisiting the decision not to allow Councillors to speak at Cabinet as well as implementing the 'Councillor First' protocol.

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 changes made to the Constitution since the Annual General Meeting in 2020, as set out in the report, now presented, be noted.
- (ii) Consideration be given to any 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 any changes.
- (iv) The Constitution of the county council for the year 2021/22, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

9. Membership of Committees and Related Appointments 2021/22

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report setting out the membership of committees and related appointments for 2021/22.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The Constitution and membership of the committees of the county council for 2021/22, as set out at a) in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) The appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those committees for 2021/22, as set out at b) in the report, now presented, and as set out below, be approved.

Committee	Chair	Deputy
Urgency	P Williamson	A Vincent
Overview and Scrutiny		
Internal Scrutiny	D O'Toole	J Shedwick
External Scrutiny	P Britcliffe	R Swarbrick
Education and Children's Services Scrutiny	A Kay	J Berry
Health Scrutiny	D Westley	C Haythornthwaite
Budget Scrutiny Review Panel	D Westley	A Schofield

Other Committees

Development Control	M Maxwell-Scott	P Rigby
Regulatory	S Hind	M Salter
Audit, Risk and Governance	A Schofield	R Swarbrick
Pension Fund	E Pope	A Schofield
Student Support Appeals	A Cheetham	H Hartley
Employment	P Williamson	A Vincent
Conduct	A Vincent	P Buckley
Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board	M Green	<i>Non-CC</i>

10. Report of the Cabinet (Part A) - Community Safety Agreement

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report setting out the recommendation of the Cabinet in respect of approving the Community Safety Agreement, as determined by the county council's Policy Framework.

Resolved: - That the recommendation of the Cabinet in respect of approving the Community Safety Agreement, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

11. Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee - Code of Corporate Governance 2021/22

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved a report setting out the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee in respect of the updated Code of Corporate Governance for 2021/22.

Resolved: - That the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee in respect of approving the updated Code of Corporate Governance for 2021/22, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

12. Appointment of Scheme Member Representative to the Lancashire Local Pension Board

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report setting out a proposal to appoint Mr Kevin Ellard as Scheme Member Representative to the Lancashire Local Pension Board to fill the current vacancy following the resignation of Mr Keith Wallbank.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The appointment of Mr Kevin Ellard as the Scheme Member Representative on the Lancashire Local Pension Board with effect from 27 May 2021 for a period of 4 years, with an option to extend for a further four years in accordance with the terms of reference of the Board, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

- (ii) That the London Pensions Fund Authority Board be informed of the decision specified at (i) above.

13. Lancashire Combined Fire Authority - Appointment of County Council Representatives for 2021/22

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of 19 members to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for 2021/22 on the basis of 11 Conservative members, 7 Labour members, and 1 member from either the Liberal Democrats or Greens.

It was noted that the nominations from the Conservative Group had not yet been fully confirmed.

Following a brief adjournment, it was:

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The following county councillors be appointed to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for 2021/22:

Labour (7)

Liberal Democrat/Green (1)

M Dad

D Howarth

F De Molfetta

N Hennessy

H Khan

J Mein

M Pattison

S Serridge

- (ii) The nominations from the Conservative Group, 11 in total, be approved as soon as practical under the Urgency Committee's Urgent Business Procedure.

14. Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire - Appointment of a County Council Representative for 2021/22

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of the county council's representative, and a substitute representative, to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire for 2021/22.

County Councillor Vincent proposed that County Councillor Phillippa Williamson be appointed as the county council's representative, and that County Councillor Vincent be appointed as the county council's substitute representative.

Resolved: - That County Councillor Phillippa Williamson be appointed to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire and that County Councillor Alan Vincent be appointed to serve as the substitute representative for 2021/22.

15. Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee - Appointment of County Council Representatives for 2021/22

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of the county council's representatives, and substitute representatives, to serve on Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22.

County Councillor Vincent proposed that County Councillors Aidy Riggott and Matthew Salter be appointed as the county council's representatives, and that County Councillors Charles Edwards and Rob Bailey be appointed as the county council's substitute representatives.

Resolved: - That:

The following Members be appointed to serve on Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22:

Transport for the North

County Councillor Aidy Riggott
County Councillor Charles Edwards (Substitute)

Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee

County Councillor Matthew Salter
County Councillor Rob Bailey (Substitute)

16. Appointments to the Local Government Association's General Assembly, Boards and Special Interest Groups for 2021/22

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of representatives to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly for 2021/22; the appointment of representatives to serve on a number of the Local Government Association's Special Interest Groups for 2021/22, 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 2021/22 be approved as follows:

LGA General Assembly (4)

Conservative (3) Labour (1)

G Gooch A Ali
A Vincent
P Williamson

LGA Special Interest Group - Coastal Issues (1)

S Clarke

LGA Special Interest Group - Rural Services Network (1)

S Turner

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

A Riggott

- (ii) That the County Council's 12 votes be carried by County Councillor Philippa Williamson.
- (iii) That the arrangements for appointments to the Local Government Association's Boards as set out in the report, now presented, be noted.

17. Appointments to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of the county council's representatives to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority until the next county council elections in May 2025.

County Councillor Vincent proposed that County Councillor Stephen Clarke be appointed as one of two county council representatives, with the Labour group proposing County Councillor Jean Parr as the additional county council representative.

Resolved: - That

- (i) County Councillors Stephen Clarke and Jean Parr be appointed to serve on the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority until the next county council elections in May 2025.
- (ii) The Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, be authorised to approve any changes to the appointments at (i) above which may become necessary before May 2025.

18. Local Pensions Partnership Ltd - Appointment of a County Council Shareholder Representative

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of the county council's shareholder representative on the Board of the Local Pensions Partnership Ltd until the next county council elections in May 2025.

County Councillor Vincent proposed that County Councillor Alan Schofield be appointed as the county council's shareholder representative.

Resolved: - That

- (i) County Councillor Alan Schofield be appointed to serve as the county council's shareholder representative on the Board of the Local Pensions Partnership Ltd until the next county council elections in May 2025.
- (ii) The Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, be authorised to approve any changes to the appointment at (i) above which may become necessary before May 2025.

19. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

20. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 4 March and 1 April 2021, 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.

21(a) The Urgency Committee

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Urgency Committee setting out details of the decision taken by the Director of Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) 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.

21(b) The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 26 April 2021.

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

21(c) The Employment Committee

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Employment Committee from its meetings on 8 March and 12 April 2021.

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

21(d) The Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 12 March 2021.

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

21(e) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee - 9 February and 11 March 2021

External Scrutiny Committee - 16 March 2021

Health Scrutiny Committee - 23 March 2021

Internal Scrutiny Committee - 5 March 2021

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

21(f) The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

County Councillor Michael Green moved the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board from its meeting on 9 March 2021.

Resolved: - That the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, now presented, be noted.

22. Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor Frank De Molfetta moved the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meetings on 22 February and 26 April 2021.

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

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

The Chairman informed Full Council that the Notice of Motion, submitted by County Councillor Sobia Malik, had been withdrawn and would be re-submitted for the next meeting on 15 July 2021.

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive and Director
of Resources

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