

## **Minutes**

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 15th July, 2021

### **Present:**

County Councillor Barrie Yates (Chairman)

### **County Councillors**

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

### **1. Apologies and Announcements**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Lizzi Collinge, Alan Hosker, Stewart Jones and Sue Whittam.

## Announcements

The Director of Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) informed Full Council that the Chief Executive and Director of Resources had decided to withdraw from the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest arising from her former role as a Director of the City of Culture 2025 Bid.

The Director of Corporate Services further advised Full Council of the need to observe confidentiality during the debate on item 3 due to the confidentiality clause within the agreement between the county council and two partners in respect of the bid for City of Culture status.

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

None declared.

### **3. Motion Submitted by County Councillor Azhar Ali OBE**

This Council is concerned that a unilateral decision to withdraw support from Lancashire's bid to secure City of Culture status in 2025 will cost the Lancashire economy millions in lost investment and jobs. Therefore, Council resolves to:

- (i) Call an urgent meeting of key stakeholders including Leaders of all political groups on the Council, the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, Marketing Lancashire, Downtown Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen Council, Blackpool Council and other partners to discuss ways in bidding for the City of Culture 2025.
- (ii) Hold urgent discussions with Lancashire MPs and Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to secure support for the bid.

Following a period of debate, the following friendly amendment was proposed by County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal in accordance with Standing Order B42:

To add the following additional, third, resolution:

'(iii) Support the City of Culture 2025 bid'

County Councillor Ali accepted the friendly amendment which then became the substantive motion.

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 (31)

|          |             |          |        |           |
|----------|-------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Aldridge | Cox         | Hennessy | Lewis  | Serridge  |
| Ali      | Dad         | Hindle   | Motala | Snape     |
| Arif     | De Molfetta | Holgate  | Oakes  | Tomlinson |

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| Beavers  | Dowding | Howarth | Parr     |  |
| Berry    | Fewings | Iqbal   | Pate     |  |
| Brown    | Fillis  | Khan, H | Pattison |  |
| Clifford | Gibson  | Khan, N | Potter   |  |

Against (43)

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

Abstain (1)

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| Gardiner |
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The Motion was therefore LOST.

Angie Ridgwell  
Chief Executive and Director  
of Resources

County Hall  
Preston