

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston,
on Thursday, 24th February, 2022

Present:

County Councillor Barrie Yates (Chairman)

County Councillors

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

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Alan Hosker.

County Councillors Stephen Clarke, Michael Green and Sobia Malik joined the meeting virtually.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

3. Question Time

County Councillor Matthew Salter asked his question as follows:

No.	Question From	Subject	For Answer By
1.	County Councillor Matthew Salter	Recovery of Nature in Lancashire	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, replied.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meeting held on 16 December 2021 and from the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 24 January 2022

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 December 2021 and of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 24 January 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Report of the Cabinet (Part A) - Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021-22

County Councillor Sue Whittam moved a report asking Full Council to consider the recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021-22.

Resolved: - That the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2021-22, now presented, be noted.

6. Members' Allowance Scheme 2022/23

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the 2022/23 Members' Allowance Scheme as presented at Appendix 'A'.

Resolved: - That the 2022/23 Members' Allowance Scheme, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be approved.

7. Localism Act 2011 - Pay Policy Statement 2022/23

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the council's proposed 2022/23 Pay Policy Statement, as presented at Appendix 'A'.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The proposed Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) Agreement be given that, should it be required, the application of the uplifted Foundation Living Wage rate for 2022/23, may be delayed until a national pay agreement for Local Government Services for 2021/22 is reached but backdated to 1 April 2022, as set out in the report, now presented.
- (iii) Subject to the views of the recognised trades unions, it be agreed that the method by which the Foundation Living Wage is paid moves to a supplement model by April 2023, as set out in the report, now presented.

8. Financial Threshold for Key Decisions

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the financial threshold above which decisions should be treated as Key Decisions as defined in Standing Order C19 (1) (a).

Resolved: - That the financial threshold for Key Decisions, for the purposes of Standing Order C19 (1) (a), as set out in the report, now presented, be increased to £1.8m for 2022/23.

9. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

10. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 20 January 2022 and 3 February 2022.

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

11(a) The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 31 January 2022.

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

11(b) The Employment Committee

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Employment Committee from its meetings on 6 December 2021 and 26 January 2022.

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

11(c) 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 - 7 December 2021 and 18 January 2022

External Scrutiny Committee - 29 November 2021 and 11 January 2022

Health Scrutiny Committee - 1 February 2022

Internal Scrutiny Committee - 21 January 2022

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

11(d) The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

County Councillor Sue Whittam moved the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board from its meeting on 25 January 2022.

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

12. Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor David O'Toole moved the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meeting on 13 December 2021.

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

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

1. It was moved by County Councillor Andrea Kay and seconded by County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick that:

Lancashire County Council highly commends the work done by all those involved with the SEND Partnership Board to address the 12 areas of concern that were highlighted by Ofsted following its inspection of the council and its partners in early 2017. Lancashire County Council, along with partners from Health, Parents and Young People worked together and at considerable pace to reduce this number to five following the inspection immediately before the pandemic. The Department for Education placed us under monitoring with regular reviews and at the final review meeting late last year, they concluded that we have made

sufficient progress to no longer require future monitoring visits as the areas of concern once again stands at 0.

There is much more we want to do to continue to improve our provision and a follow-up development plan is currently being agreed with our partners.

This council requests that the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills write to staff, partners, and all those in Lancashire who have worked so hard to improve the lives of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their families to thank them for all their efforts.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was CARRIED and it was therefore:

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2. It was moved by County Councillor Azhar Ali and seconded by County Councillor Julie Gibson that:

Transport for the North

Council expresses its concern that the recent Integrated Rail Plan falls short of delivering a first-class service for Lancashire and that, in comparison to other areas, Lancashire, loses out.

Council will:

- (i) Call for an immediate meeting with the Department for Transport to discuss our concerns.
- (ii) Support an all-party delegation including Borough and County Councillors and Lancashire MPs for this meeting.

(iii) Put forward the case for Lancashire to get its fair share.

The following friendly Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Charles Edwards in accordance with Standing Order B42:

Transport for the North

Council notes the Integrated Rail Plan, the £96 billion investment in rail in the North of England, and the view that, in comparison to other areas, Lancashire receives less in new funding for rail-based infrastructure.

Council further notes that in order to improve the Integrated Rail Plan there are opportunities to further improve East-West connectivity and capacity for freight and Lancashire should be at the forefront of these discussions. Lancashire's comments on this have already been fed into the Transport for the North's response to the Integrated Rail Plan at both a Member and Officer level.

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- (i) Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Department for Transport to set out our response to the Integrated Rail Plan, as has already been raised with Transport for the North.
- (ii) Share the response with all County Councillors, as well as Borough Councillors and Lancashire MPs, and encourage them to support our position.
- (iii) Continue to put forward the case for Lancashire to get its fair share of funding for rail.

The friendly Amendment was accepted by County Councillor Ali and became the substantive Motion.

The substantive Motion, as amended by County Councillor Edwards's friendly Amendment, was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

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3. It was moved by County Councillor Andy Fewings and seconded by County Councillor Gina Dowding that:

This Council notes:

- Lancashire's guidance on 20mph limits states "The 20mph speed limits can and will be enforced in the same way that any other speed limit is. We are working closely with the police, and enforcement will take place in the same way it does on any other road."
- Between December 2020 and December 2021 no enforcement action has been taken against any driver by Lancashire Police for exceeding a 20mph limit.
- Kent Police, a similar sized force to Lancashire, issued 11 Fixed Penalty Notices and 4 Summonses for exceeding a 20mph limit between December 2020 and December 2021. The Metropolitan Police have taken action against over 30,000 drivers for exceeding a 20mph limit in the same period, with over 38,000 additional offences currently ongoing.
- That the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, Andrew Snowden, has included Dangerous Driving in his Police and Crime Plan as a Priority for 2021-2025.

This Council believes:

- That speeding drivers should not have impunity in a 20mph zone, which is currently the case.
- That while education and warnings alone are not enough to curb the high level of dangerous driving within 20mph zones, there has been a severe lack of both, and that a multi-agency approach is needed to tackle the issue of education and enforcement.

This Council resolves:

That the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council will write to:

- The Chief Constable of Lancashire Police to ask that Lancashire Police start to enforce 20mph limits across Lancashire in the same manner as they enforce other speed limits.
- To the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership to ask them to give greater prominence to tackle the problem of speeding, particularly in 20mph limits and to ensure that enforcement action is taken where necessary.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner to ask him to (i) support the enforcement of 20mph limits, (ii) consider forming a much wider multi-agency action group involving others including Leaders of Lancashire's District Councils to tackle dangerous driving in 20mph zones and (ii) report back with a plan of action and timetable to this council as soon as practical.

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- That the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, Andrew Snowden, has included Dangerous Driving in his Police and Crime Plan as a Priority for 2021-2025. As part of this plan, he has commenced a review of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and has already agreed with the Chief Constable that enforcement in 20mph zones is a requirement.

This Council believes:

That while education and warnings alone are not enough to curb the high level of dangerous driving within 20mph zones, there has been a severe lack of both, and that a multi-agency approach is needed to tackle the issue of education and enforcement.

This Council resolves:

- (i) To participate fully in the review of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership which will establish a clear set of guidelines to determine the enforcement in 20mph zones.
- (ii) That the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council will write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to note our support for his Police and Crime Plan and to ask him to keep Councillors informed on the progress of correcting the historical issues he inherited.

Following a brief adjournment, the original motion was withdrawn.

4. It was moved by County Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite and seconded by County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe that:

Lancashire County Council welcomes the recent announcement by Andrew Snowden, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, of his Police and Crime Plan which includes the largest investment into Lancashire Police in living memory, with a £300m, 10-year commitment to overhaul police critical infrastructure, including, police stations and training facilities, digital and cyber capabilities, alongside hundreds of extra police officers delivered through the Government's uplift programme.

Five key priorities were announced in the plan including Getting Tough on Anti-Social Behaviour, as well as commitments to Disrupting and Dismantling Organised Crime, Tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, Cracking Down on Burglary and Robbery and Targeting Dangerous Drivers.

Last year Lancashire Constabulary received 96,000 reports of anti-social behaviour and this Council welcomes the Police and Crime Commissioner's commitment to 'Getting Tough' on this blight on our communities.

This Council:

- (i) Welcomes the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2021 - 2025, particularly in tackling Anti-Social Behaviour.
- (ii) Requests the Chief Executive to write to Andrew Snowden, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, and invite him to present his Police and Crime Plan at a briefing for all Councillors, with a particular focus on his commitment to Getting Tough on Anti-Social Behaviour.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Azhar Ali and seconded by County Councillor Clifford:

ADD POINT (iii)

Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary Priti Patel MP & the Chancellor Rishi Sunak MP to grant Lancashire the resources to replace the 600

police officers cut from Lancashire Constabulary due to government cuts over the last 10 years.

Following a period of debate, 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 (31)

Aldridge	Clifford	Fillis	Khan, H	Serridge
Ali	Collinge	Gibson	Khan, N	Snape
Arif	Cox	Hennessy	Mein	Tomlinson
Barnes	Dad	Hindle	Oakes	
Beavers	De Molfetta	Holgate	Pate	
Berry	Dowding	Howarth	Pattison	
Brown	Fewings	Iqbal	Potter	

Against (41)

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

Abstain (0)

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

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

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