

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston,
on Thursday, 26th May, 2022

Present:

County Councillor Barrie Yates (Chairman)

County Councillors

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

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Cox, Fewings, Hartley, Haythornthwaite, Hosker and Jones.

Announcements

Lancashire County Council Merchandise

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson drew Full Council's attention to various items of county council merchandise which were now available including pin badges which had been put out on seats for each councillor.

Executive Director of Growth, Environment and Transport

The Chairman welcomed Phil Green to his first meeting of Full Council following his recent appointment as Executive Director of Growth, Environment and Transport.

Deaths

The Chairman reported the recent deaths of former County Councillor David Keeley, who sadly passed away on Sunday 10 April 2022, and former County Councillor Janice Hanson, who sadly passed away on Sunday 8 May 2022.

The Council observed a one-minute silence.

Recognitions

- Local Government Chronicle Awards

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Phillippa Williamson and County Councillor Graham Gooch drew Full Council's attention to the recent shortlisting of the county council in the Local Government Chronicle Awards in the categories of Most Improved Council and Health and Social Care.

- Sugarwise Gold Award

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Jayne Rear drew Full Council's attention to the recent success by the Schools Catering Team which had recently achieved the 'Sugarwise Gold Award' in recognition of the Spring/Summer menu 2022.

- Lancashire Apprenticeship Awards

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Alan Vincent drew Full Council's attention to the recent success by a number of county council apprentices in the Lancashire Apprenticeship Awards 2022.

- Information and Records Management Society

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Peter Buckley drew Full Council's attention to the recent success by the Records Management Services which had been shortlisted for two industry awards by the Information and

Records Management Society and had subsequently won the Innovation of the Year Award for the COVID-19 Inquiry Records Project.

Full Council congratulated and thanked all those involved in the achievement of these awards.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item Number	Nature of Interest (non-pecuniary unless stated)
Julie Gibson	25	Director of Lancashire County Developments Ltd

3. Question Time

County Councillors Paul Rigby and Gina Dowding asked their questions as follows:

No.	Question From	Subject	For Answer By
1.	County Councillor Paul Rigby	School Meals - Healthy and Balanced Diet	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
2.	County Councillor Gina Dowding	Carbon Reduction Targets	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

County Councillor Jayne Rear, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, and County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, replied.

4. Election of Chairman

County Councillor Barrie Yates, the retiring Chairman of the County Council, presided for this item.

It was moved by County Councillor Anne Cheetham, and seconded by County Councillor Tim Ashton, that County Councillor Peter Britcliffe be elected Chairman of the County Council.

There being no other nominations, it was:

Resolved: - That County Councillor Peter Britcliffe be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting of the Full Council in 2023.

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

5. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was moved by County Councillor David O'Toole, and seconded by County Councillor John Shedwick, that County Councillor Keith Iddon be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

Resolved: - That County Councillor Keith Iddon be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting of the Full Council in 2023.

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

6. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meetings held on 17 February 2022 and 24 February 2022

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the Meetings held on 17 February 2022 and 24 February 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

7. Non-Attendance of County Councillor

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report asking Full Council to consider the non-attendance of County Councillor Alan Hosker at meetings of the council and committees.

Resolved: - That the non-attendance of County Councillor Alan Hosker at meetings of the council and committees for reasons of illness, for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, until 13 October 2022 be approved.

8. Report of the Cabinet (Part A) - Constitutional and Governance Updates

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report setting out the recommendations of Cabinet in respect of Constitutional and Governance updates, together with a revised timetable of meetings for the period 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023 inclusive following the proposed changes to the scrutiny functions set out at Appendix 'A' to the report.

County Councillor Azhar Ali moved the following amendment which was seconded by County Councillor Lorraine Beavers:

Add at the end of recommendation (ii) "including that all scrutiny committee deputy chairs will be from opposition groups".

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 amendments to the Constitution to reflect the changes to the Cabinet Member portfolio descriptions as set out at Annex '1' of Appendix 'A', of the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) The proposals for the changes to the scrutiny function as set out at Appendix 'A', of the report, now presented, be approved.
- (iii) Subject to the approval of (ii) above, the revised timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for the period 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023 inclusive as set out at Appendix 'B', of the report, now presented, be approved.
- (iv) The necessary amendments to the Constitution to reflect the changes made to the title of Lead Member for Highways and Active Travel, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (v) The revised meeting frequency of the Political Governance Working Group to meet quarterly to be a forum for matters relating to the political management of the authority, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

9. Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee - Members' and Co-opted Members' Code of Conduct

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved a report setting out the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 25 April 2022 regarding the Members' and Co-opted Members' Code of Conduct.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The threshold at which councillors must declare gifts and hospitality offered or received in their roles as councillors, as set out in the report, now presented, be increased from £25 to £50.
- (ii) Subject to (i) above, the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to make the consequential changes to the county council's Constitution.

10. Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee - Code of Corporate Governance 2022/23

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved a report setting out the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 25 April 2022 regarding the updated Code of Corporate Governance for 2022/23.

Resolved: - That the updated Code of Corporate Governance for 2022/23, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

11. Constitution of the County Council 2022/23

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report asking Full Council to approve the council's Constitution for the year ahead and to note the changes made since the Annual General Meeting in 2021.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The changes made to the Constitution since the Annual General Meeting in 2021, 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 these changes.
- (iv) The Constitution of the county council for the year 2022/23, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

12. Membership of Committees and Related Appointments 2022/23

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report setting out details of the membership of committees and related appointments for 2022/23.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The Constitution and membership of the committees of the county council for 2022/23, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) The appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those committees for 2022/23, as set out in the report, now presented, and as set out below, be approved.

Committee	Chair	Deputy
Urgency	P Williamson	A Vincent

Overview and Scrutiny

Scrutiny Management Board	D Westley	R Swarbrick
Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny	A Kay	J Berry
Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny	G Mirfin	J Shedwick
Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny	R Swarbrick	M Salter
Health and Adult Services Scrutiny	D Westley	L Collinge

Other Committees

Audit, Risk and Governance Conduct	A Schofield	J Singleton
Development Control	A Vincent	P Buckley
	M Maxwell-Scott	P Rigby
Employment	P Williamson	A Vincent
Independent Transport Appeals Panel	A Cheetham	S Hind
Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board	M Green	<i>Non-CC Appointment</i>
Pension Fund Committee	E Pope	A Schofield
Political Governance Working Group	A Cullens	D O'Toole
Regulatory	S Hind	M Salter

With Full Council's agreement, items 13 - 17 inclusive were considered en bloc and County Councillor Alan Vincent moved the appointments as follows:

13. Appointments to the Local Government Association's General Assembly, Boards and Special Interest Groups for 2022/23

Representatives to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly for 2022/23; the appointment of representatives to serve on a number of the Local Government Association's Special Interest Groups for 2022/23; and to note the arrangements for appointments to the Local Government Association's Boards.

14. Lancashire Combined Fire Authority - Appointment of County Council Representatives for 2022/23

The appointment of 19 members to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for 2022/23 on the basis of 11 Conservative members, 7 Labour members, and 1 member from either the Liberal Democrats or Greens.

15. Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire - Appointment of a County Council Representative for 2022/23

The appointment of the county council's representative, and a substitute representative, to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire for 2022/23.

16. Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee - Appointment of County Council Representatives for 2022/23

The appointment of the county council's representatives, and substitute representatives, to serve on Transport for the North's Board and Partnership Board and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee for 2022/23.

17. Appointments to the County Councils Network for 2022/23

The appointment of the county council's representatives to serve on the County Councils Network for 2022/23.

Resolved: - That the following county councillors be appointed to serve as the county council's representatives on the outside bodies specified for 2022/23:

Local Government Association's General Assembly, Boards and Special Interest Groups

LGA General Assembly

- County Councillor Phillippa Williamson (to carry the county council's 12 votes)
- County Councillor Alan Vincent
- County Councillor Graham Gooch
- County Councillor Azhar Ali

LGA Special Interest Group - Coastal Issues

- County Councillor Stephen Clarke

LGA Special Interest Group - Rural Services Network

- County Councillor Shaun Turner

LGA Special Interest Group - Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum

- County Councillor Aidy Riggott

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Conservative (11)	Labour (7)	Liberal Democrat (1)
S Clarke	L Beavers	D Howarth
A Kay	M Dad	
S Morris	N Hennessy	
D O'Toole	H Khan	
P Rigby	J Mein	
S Rigby	M Pattison	
J Shedwick	S Serridge	
J Singleton		
A Sutcliffe		
R Woollam		
B Yates		

Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire

- County Councillor Ged Mirfin
- County Councillor Tim Ashton (Substitute)

Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee

Transport for the North Board and Partnership Board

- County Councillor Charles Edwards
- County Councillor Aidy Riggott (Substitute)

Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee

- County Councillor Matthew Salter
- County Councillor Rob Bailey (Substitute)

County Councils Network

- County Councillor Phillippa Williamson,
- County Councillor Alan Vincent,
- County Councillor Graham Gooch
- County Councillor Azhar Ali

18. Delegation of Pension Administration Functions: London Borough of Bexley to Lancashire County Council

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report asking Full Council to agree to the London Borough of Bexley delegating its pension fund administration function to

Lancashire County Council pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) Full Council agrees to the London Borough of Bexley delegating its pension fund administration function to Lancashire County Council from 1st April 2024 onwards pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, subject to the council entering into appropriate legal agreements with the parties.
- (ii) The Director of Corporate Services be authorised to agree the final legal agreement on behalf of the county council.

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 3 March 2022, 7 April 2022 and 5 May 2022, together with details of an urgent Key Decision 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 decisions 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 25 April 2022.

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 15 February 2022, 14 March 2022, 31 March 2022, 7 April 2022 and 28 April 2022.

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 11 March 2022.

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 - 22 February 2022, 16 March 2022 and 20 April 2022

External Scrutiny Committee - 1 March 2022

Health Scrutiny Committee - 22 March 2022

Internal Scrutiny Committee - 21 January 2022, 4 March 2022 and 22 April 2022

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 8 March 2022.

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 David O'Toole moved the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meetings on 21 February 2022 and 25 April 2022.

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

There were no Notices of Motion submitted for consideration.

24. Exclusion of Press and Public

County Councillor Williamson moved a proposal to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the consideration of agenda item 25.

Resolved: - That 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 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated against the heading to the item.

25. Companies Annual Report 2022/23

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contains information relating to any individual; information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report setting out details of all the companies that the county council either owns or has an interest in for 2022/23.

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

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive and Director
of Resources

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