

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston,
on Thursday, 14th July, 2022

Present:

County Councillor Peter Britcliffe (Chairman)

County Councillors

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

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Dad, Gardiner, Hartley, Lewis, Malik, Potter and Purcell.

County Councillors Aziz, Gibson, Iqbal, N Khan, Pate and Serridge joined the meeting virtually.

Announcements

Death

The Chairman reported the recent death of former County Councillor and Honorary Alderman Richard Shepherd, who sadly passed away on Saturday 28 May 2022.

The Council observed a one-minute silence.

The Queen's Birthday Honours 2022

The Chairman extended the Full Council's congratulations to County Councillor Alan Cullens BEM who had recently been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2022 for political service.

Recognitions

- Trading Standards Service

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Michael Green drew Full Council's attention to the recent success by the Trading Standards Service which had won the Community Alcohol Partnership's Parental Education award for tackling underage drinking as part of the 'Where's The Harm?' Campaign.

- Schools and Residential Care Catering Team

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Jayne Rear drew Full Council's attention to the recent success by the Schools and Residential Care Catering Team which had won an Institute of Hospitality award for service resilience during COVID-19.

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

Informal Reception

The Chairman invited Members to join him for an informal reception in the Assembly Hall on the rising of the meeting.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared

3. Question Time

County Councillors Shedwick, Maxwell-Scott, Oakes and Swarbrick asked their questions as follows:

No.	Question From	Subject	For Answer By
1.	County Councillor John Shedwick	Lancashire Choir of the Year Competition	Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services
2.	County Councillor Matthew Maxwell-Scott	Industrial Action on the Rail Network	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
3.	County Councillor Jackie Oakes	Lancashire Footpath Access Committee	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
4.	County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick	Improving Access to Services (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services; County Councillor Charles Edwards, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport; (also on behalf of County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change); and County Councillor Graham Gooch, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, replied.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meeting held on 26 May 2022

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 May 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Report of the Political Governance Working Group

County Councillor Alan Cullens moved a report setting out the recommendations of the Political Governance Working Group from its meeting on 22 June 2022.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The Terms of Reference for the Political Governance Working Group, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be agreed.
- (ii) The amended Appendix P of the Constitution - Protocol on webcasting, recording and reporting on meetings as set out at Appendix 'B' to the report, now presented, be agreed.

6. Report of the Pension Fund Committee - Revised Terms of Reference of the Investment Panel and the Committee

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report setting out the recommendations of the Pension Fund Committee regarding the revised Terms of Reference of the Investment Panel and the Pension Fund Committee respectively.

Resolved: - That the revised Terms of Reference of the Investment Panel and the Pension Fund Committee, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

7. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

8. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Cabinet from its meeting on 9 June 2022, together with the annual reports of the Lead Members considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 7 July 2022.

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

9(a) The Employment Committee

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Employment Committee from its meetings on 27 May 2022 and 14 June 2022.

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

9(b) The Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 17 June 2022.

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

9(c) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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

The former Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee - 17 May 2022

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

9(d) The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

County Councillor Michael Green moved the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board from its meeting on 10 May 2022.

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

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

1. It was moved by County Councillor Jayne Rear and seconded by County Councillor Peter Buckley that:

To mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen, this Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to make the necessary arrangements to rename the Assembly Hall located between the council chamber ('County Hall') and Committee Room A ('The Tudor Room') and for it to be known henceforth as 'The Platinum Jubilee Hall'.

The following friendly amendment was proposed by County Councillor John Fillis, in accordance with Standing Order B42:

To mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen, this Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to make the necessary arrangements to rename the Assembly Hall located between the council chamber ('County Hall') and Committee Room A ('The Tudor Room') in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

The friendly amendment was accepted by County Councillor Rear and became the substantive motion.

The substantive motion, as amended by County Councillor Fillis's friendly amendment, was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

Resolved: - That:

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

This Council notes:

1. The cost-of-living crisis is hitting thousands of Lancashire households and is expected to get worse as the Bank of England is predicting inflation will climb to 11% by the autumn even after interest rate increases.
2. The impact of domestic fuel and food price rises will adversely affect the health and well-being of many Lancashire residents, with some people having to choose between heating or eating.
3. Local authorities have a duty to promote and protect the health and well-being of the public, and to prevent avoidable harm.

Lancashire County Council therefore:

- (i) Instructs the Chief Executive:
 - a. to develop a deliverable plan which ensures that every community in Lancashire has access free of charge to a 'warm and welcome' public building where people can keep warm and comfortable this coming autumn and winter.
 - b. to work with district councils and other partner organisations to identify locations and public and community buildings for this purpose.
 - c. where possible to ensure such 'warm and welcome' public spaces should offer additional support and information to aid individuals to access other services to alleviate hardship.
- (ii) Resolves that funding be made available from existing budgets and reserves to enable this service to be in place by the autumn 2022.

Following a brief adjournment, the following friendly amendment was proposed by County Councillor Michael Green, and seconded by County Councillor Samara Barnes, in accordance with Standing Order B42:

Lancashire County Council resolves to:

- a) Provide for members a list of opening times and locations of publicly accessible County Council buildings that are free of charge and offer a warm and welcome place where people can keep warm and comfortable this coming autumn and winter.
- b) To ask district councils to identify other locally-based VCFSE (voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise) provision that offers similar support and for that list to be shared with members.
- c) To ensure such 'warm and welcome' public spaces should offer additional support and advice services to support individuals and families to access other services to alleviate food and fuel poverty.
- d) To place this resolution before the Lancashire Leaders and Health and Wellbeing Board meetings later this month, and work with districts to develop a deliverable plan as soon as possible and report on progress to September Cabinet with a view to reporting final arrangements to the October Cabinet with, where possible, all sources of funding for the scheme being identified at that meeting.
- e) And further, to ask Scrutiny Management Board to form a cross-party task and finish group with immediate effect to identify and adopt best practice, and work in delivering warm hubs and welcoming space schemes and report the same to Cabinet.

The friendly amendment was accepted by County Councillor Dowding and became the substantive motion.

The substantive motion, as amended by County Councillor Green's friendly amendment, was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

Resolved: - That:

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Angie Ridgwell
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