

## Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 15th December, 2022

### Present:

County Councillor Peter Britcliffe (Chairman)

### County Councillors

T Aldridge	J Gibson	M Pattison
A Ali OBE	G Gooch	E Pope
U Arif	M Goulthorp	J Rear
T Ashton	M Green	P Rigby
N Aziz	C Haythornthwaite	S Rigby
R Bailey	N Hennessy	A Riggott
S Barnes	S Hind	M Salter
L Beavers	A Hindle	A Schofield
M Brown	S Holgate	S Serridge
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	M Iqbal MBE	A Sutcliffe
M Clifford	S Jones	R Swarbrick
L Collinge	A Kay	M Tomlinson
J Couperthwaite	E Lewis	C Towneley
L Cox	M Maxwell-Scott	S Turner
A Cullens BEM	J Mein	A Vincent
M Dad BEM JP	G Mirfin	D Westley
F De Molfetta	S C Morris	S Whittam
C Edwards	D O'Toole	P Williamson
J Fillis	J Oakes	R Woollam
A Gardiner	J Parr	B Yates

### 1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Julia Berry, Howard Hartley, Nweeda Khan and Sobia Malik.

County Councillors Gina Dowding, Andy Fewings, Hasina Khan, Yousuf Motala, Lian Pate and John Potter joined the meeting virtually.



## Announcements

### Deaths

The Chairman reported the recent death of former County Councillor Colonel Sir Simon Towneley KCVO JP DL who sadly passed away on Friday 11 November 2022.

The Council observed a one-minute silence.

### New Executive Director

The Chairman welcomed Mark Wynn, recently appointed Executive Director of Resources, to his first Full Council meeting.

At this point, County Councillor Tim Ashton raised a Point of Order under Standing Order B18(1) relating to industrial action and non-receipt of agenda papers for the meeting. County Councillor Julie Gibson declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion.

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

None declared.

## **3. Question Time**

County Councillors Julie Gibson, Lizzi Collinge, Mark Clifford, Tim Ashton, and Samara Barnes asked their questions as follows:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Question From</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>For Answer By</b>
1.	County Councillor Julie Gibson	Windfall Tax on Renewable Energy	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
2.	County Councillor Lizzi Collinge	Employment of Nurses	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
3.	County Councillor Mark Clifford	Full Council and Cabinet Question Time	Leader of the County Council
4.	County Councillor Tim Ashton	Establishing an Investment Zone in Lancashire	Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth
5.	County Councillor Samara Barnes	SEND Provision in East Lancashire	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills



County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change; County Councillor Michael Green, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing; County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Leader of the County Council; County Councillor Aidy Riggott, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth; and County Councillor Jayne Rear, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, replied.

Due to a limit of 30 minutes for Question Time, the following questions were not asked and were subject to a written response copied to all councillors:

6.	County Councillor John Singleton	Bus Service Improvement Plan	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
7.	County Councillor Matthew Salter	Extra Care Housing in Burnley and Wyre	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

#### **4. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meeting held on 13 October 2022**

**Resolved:** - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 October 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **5. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel - 2022/23 Members' Allowance Scheme**

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report setting out the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the council's Members' Allowance Scheme for 2022/23, following an informal meeting of the Panel on 22 November 2022 and subsequent written confirmation of the Panel's recommendation.

**Resolved:** - That:

- (i) The recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel, as set out in the report and at Appendix 'A', now presented, relating to the county council's Members' Allowance Scheme, be noted.
- (ii) The revised Members' Allowance Scheme for 2022/23, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved and the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Constitution.

#### **6. Appointment of New Employer and Member Representatives on the Lancashire Local Pension Board**

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report relating to the appointment of new employer and scheme member representatives on the Lancashire Local Pension Board.

**Resolved:** - That:



- (i) The appointment of two new employer representatives and two new scheme member representatives on the Lancashire Local Pension Board, and the length of the terms, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) All new Board members are bound by the county council's Code of Conduct with immediate effect.

## **7. Local Government Reform Cumbria Pension Arrangements**

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report proposing that Lancashire County Council agreed the Westmoreland and Furness Council delegating its pension fund administration function to Lancashire County Council pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**Resolved:** - That:

- (i) The delegation of the pension fund administration function of Westmoreland and Furness Council to Lancashire County Council pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 subject to the council entering into appropriate legal agreements with the parties, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) The Director of Corporate Services be authorised to agree the final legal agreements on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

## **8. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business to be considered.

## **9. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)**

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 6 October 2022, 3 November 2022 and 1 December 2022.

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

## **10(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.

## **10(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 17 October 2022.

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



### **10(c) The Employment Committee**

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Employment Committee from its meetings on 30 September 2022, 3 November 2022 and 17 November 2022.

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

### **10(d) The Pension Fund Committee**

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 25 November 2022.

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

### **10(e) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

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

Scrutiny Management Board - 8 November 2022

Children, Families and Skills - 26 October 2022

Health and Adult Services - 2 November 2022

Environment, Economic Growth and Transport - 20 October 2022

Community, Cultural and Corporate Services - 29 September 2022 and 10 November 2022

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

### **10(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 15 November 2022.

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

## **11. 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 3 October 2022.

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



## **12. To consider Notices of Motion Submitted under Standing Order B36**

1. It was moved by County Councillor Nikki Hennessy and seconded by County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson that:

Liverpool has been selected as the host City for the 67<sup>th</sup> Eurovision Song Contest. Following the war in Ukraine, Britain opened its doors to welcome thousands of Ukrainians into our communities and homes in Lancashire.

Lancashire has a proud tradition of warmly welcoming refugees from all parts of the world and is proud of the way communities have welcomed and supported our Ukrainian visitors.

These people have been, and continue to be, an inspiration to all of us having left loved ones to fight against the aggression of Putin.

This Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotherham, and the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, asking them to provide 'free' complimentary tickets to Ukrainian refugees from Lancashire for events in and around Eurovision 2023.

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

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This Council also resolves to ask Officers to explore the use of Homes for Ukraine Funding provided to Lancashire County Council, to support Ukrainian communities in Lancashire to establish and host their own events on and around the night of the Eurovision final.

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



The substantive motion, as amended by County Councillor Buckley'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 Azhar Ali and seconded by County Councillor Jean Parr that:

170,000 people carry the 'Just Can't Wait Card' across the Country including in Lancashire where the number is rising. Thousands of people across Lancashire suffer from illnesses/conditions which can be debilitating ranging from incontinence to stoma surgery. These conditions can lead to them needing the emergency use of toilet facilities urgently.

The Bladder and Bowel community have established the 'Just Can't Wait Toilet Scheme' which enables people to carry a card and enables businesses and organisations to allow emergency access to toilet facilities.

People have told the Bladder and Bowel Community that they are trapped in their own homes due to the lack of public toilets and the fear of being caught short. There are over 14 million people in the UK living with a bladder condition and 6.4 million with a bowel condition with thousands suffering across Lancashire desperately in need of emergency access to toilet facilities.

Therefore, this Council resolves:



- (i) That Lancashire County Council becomes a partner for the 'Just Can't Wait Card' scheme and commits to making all Lancashire County Council public buildings accessible for those carrying this card.
- (ii) To promote the scheme to other Local Authorities in Lancashire, partners and businesses, including via social media.

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

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Therefore, this Council resolves:

- (i) That Lancashire County Council commits to a campaign, including social media, to raise awareness with its staff and across Lancashire of the 'Just Can't Wait Card' scheme and commits to making all Lancashire County Council public buildings, where practical, accessible for those carrying this card.
- (ii) To ask the Scrutiny Management Board to consider how we might further promote the scheme and request that the Leader makes the next Lancashire Leaders meeting aware of this motion by placing it on the agenda and asking them to give it their support.

The friendly amendment was accepted by County Councillor Ali, subject to the inclusion of 'including social media' in resolution (i), with which County Councillor Green was in agreement, 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:

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3. County Councillor Sue Whittam informed Full Council that her Notice of Motion in respect of Suicide Awareness in Schools was being deferred to the next meeting of Full Council.
4. It was moved by County Councillor Tim Ashton and seconded by County Councillor Matthew Salter that:

### **Nature-based solutions in tackling the impacts of climate change**

This authority notes the importance of nature-based solutions in tackling the impacts of climate change and the collaborative work with partner organisations needed to help with nature recovery and reducing emissions.

Lancashire County Council has recently helped restore 755 Hectares of peatland and planted 150,000 trees on its estate over the past decade. It is crucial we progress this work to help achieve our corporate priority to protect our environment and play our part in meeting the government commitment to net zero by 2050.

This authority resolves that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change will:

- (i) Prepare a comprehensive strategy for nature recovery for Lancashire.



- (ii) Continue to work with partner organisations to build on the excellent work to date and prepare large-scale tree planning and peatland restoration programmes in Lancashire.
- (iii) Invite the Scrutiny Management Board to consider including engagement in the development of the strategy in the scrutiny work programme.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Mark Clifford and seconded by County Councillor Jackie Oakes:

At the end of (i) add "that contributes to achieving Lancashire's target of becoming carbon net zero by 2030".

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 Amendment and those who abstained are set out below:

For (25)

Aldridge	Brown	Fillis	Howarth	Parr
Ali	Clifford	Gibson	Iqbal	Pattison
Arif	Collinge	Hennessy	Lewis	Serridge
Barnes	Dad	Hindle	Mein	Snape
Beavers	De Molfetta	Holgate	Oakes	Tomlinson

Against (47)

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

Abstain (0)

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

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

**Resolved:** - That:

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Chief Executive

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