



Minutes

COUNCIL

Date:	Monday, 11 April 2016
Venue:	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham St Annes.
Members:	Mayor (Councillor Peter Hardy) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Heather Speak) Councillors Ben Aiken, Christine Akeroyd, Peter Anthony, Mark Bamforth, Keith Beckett ISO, Julie Brickles, Karen Buckley, Maxine Chew, Alan Clayton, Delma Collins, Peter Collins, Michael Cornah, David Donaldson, David Eaves, Susan Fazackerley, Trevor Fiddler, Tony Ford JP, Richard Fradley, Gail Goodman, Shirley Green, Neil Harvey, Paul Hodgson, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Kiran Mulholland, Barbara Nash, Edward Nash, Graeme Neale, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Sandra Pitman, Albert Pounder, Richard Redcliffe, Louis Rigby, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood, John Singleton JP, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Richard Taylor, Raymond Thomas, Thomas Threlfall, Vivienne Willder
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Morrison, Ian Curtis, Ross McKelvie, Katharine McDonnell, Sharon Wadsworth
Other Attendees:	Seven members of the public were in attendance.

Prayers

Prayers were offered by Mr Ian Curtis, Head of Governance.

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 March 2016 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

3. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor expressed his thanks to those members who attended the Mayoral Ball on 11 March 2016. He advised that it had been a very enjoyable and successful evening.

4. Chief Executive's Communications

There were no communications from the Chief Executive.

5. Questions from Members of the Council

There were no questions from members of the Council.

6. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

Decisions Items:

7. Notice of Motion – Councillor Mark Bamforth

The notice of the motion was deferred.

8. Appointment of Leader and Deputy Leader 2016/17

Councillor Roger Small proposed that Councillor Susan Fazackerley and Councillor Karen Buckley be invited to accept the appointment of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council respectively for the municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor Trevor Fiddler seconded the proposal, and it was RESOLVED to

1. Appoint Councillor Susan Fazackerley as Leader of Fylde Borough Council for the municipal year 2016/17; and
2. Appoint Councillor Karen Buckley as Deputy Leader of Fylde Borough Council for the municipal year 2016/17.

9. Appointment of Independent Persons

Councillor John Singleton introduced the report regarding the appointment of Independent Persons. Councillor Singleton advised that it was a requirement for local authorities, under the Localism Act, to appoint an Independent Person to advise on standards matters. The Council had previously agreed for a recruitment process to be undertaken, which had produced three successful candidates.

He recommended the candidates to Council for approval and explained that in addition to advising the Audit and Standards Committee, the Independent Persons would also advise the Chief Officers Employment Committee in the event of a disciplinary matter being considered. The appointment to that committee would be dealt with under agenda item 10.

Councillor David Donaldson seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED:

1. To appoint Mr Tony Mozley, Mr Brian Horrocks and Mrs Helen Broughton as statutory Independent Persons pursuant to Section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011, for a period of 3 years starting from 1 May 2016 until 30 September 2019;
2. To confirm the continuation of the sharing arrangement with Blackpool Council for the use of the Independent Persons; and
3. To request the Chairman of Audit and Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer write a joint letter on behalf of the Council to Mr Tony Elwood, to thank him for his service as an Independent Person over the previous 3 years and to wish him well for the future.

10. Confirmation of Committees and Allocation of Membership 2016/17

Councillor Susan Fazackerley, Leader of the Council, introduced the report regarding the confirmation of committees and allocation of membership. Councillor Fazackerley explained that the

allocation of the committee membership had been undertaken in accordance with the principles of political balance where applicable.

Councillor Karen Buckley seconded the proposal.

It was therefore RESOLVED:

1. To appoint the committees as set out below for the municipal year 2016-17, with the terms of reference as presently set out in the constitution, save for the Chief Officer's Employment Committee;
2. Amend the terms of reference of the Chief Officers' Employment Committee to read as follows:
 - "1. The definition of those posts which are regarded as Chief Officer posts is listed in Part 7 of this Constitution.*
 - 2. The appointment of:*
 - (i) The Officer designated as the Head of the Authority's Paid Service;*
 - (ii) A statutory Chief Officer within the meaning of Section 2(6) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989; and*
 - (iii) A non-statutory Chief Officer*
 - 3. The dismissal of, or disciplinary action against, any Officer referred to in paragraph (i) to (iii) above or the consideration of any appeals, grievances or other matters in relation to any such officer where it should be expedient for the committee to deal with them."*
3. To allocate the committee seats in accordance with the principles of political balance as set out in the table below;

Committee	Total seats	Con	Ind	Lib Dem	Others
Finance and Democracy	12	7	3	1	1
Environment, Health and Housing	12	8	4	0	0
Operational Management	12	7	3	1	1
Tourism and Leisure	12	8	3	0	1
Development Management	12	7	3	1	1
Public Protection	11	7	3	0	1
Audit and Standards	9	6	3	0	0
Chief Officers Employment	6	4	2	0	0

4. That the following Councillors be appointed to the following committees, with the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen (as indicated below) be duly appointed, and that in accordance with legislation that Mr T Mozley, Mrs H Broughton and Mr B Horrocks be appointed as Independent Persons to the Chief Officers Employment Committee.

Audit and Standards Committee

M Bamforth	D Donaldson (VC)
D Collins	R Lloyd
P Collins	E Nash
G Neale	J Singleton (C)
R Small	

Chief Officer Employment Committee

K Beckett	J Brickles
K Buckley (VC)	S Fazackerley (C)
R Small	R Taylor

Development Management Committee

C Akeroyd	P Collins
M Cornah	T Fiddler (C)
T Ford	N Harvey
K Mulholland	B Nash
L Nulty	L Oades
A Pounder	R Redcliffe (VC)

Environment, Health and Housing Committee

B Aitken (C)	M Chew
D Collins	G Goodman
S Green	R Lloyd
G Neale	L Rigby
H Speak	R Taylor
T Threlfall	V Willder (VC)

Finance and Democracy Committee

K Buckley (C)	D Donaldson
T Ford	A Jacques
K Mulholland	L Nulty
L Oades	R Redcliffe
V Settle	E Silverwood
R Small (VC)	R Taylor

Operational Management Committee

F Andrews	J Brickles
A Clayton	P Anthony
D Eaves (C)	R Fradley
K Henshaw	P Hodgson
E Nash	A Pounder (VC)
S Pitman	

Public Protection Committee

F Andrews	J Barker
K Beckett	B Blackshaw
A Clayton	G Goodman
S Green	P Hardy
N Harvey	A Jacques (C)
B Nash (VC)	

Tourism and Leisure Committee

C Akeroyd	T Ashton (VC)
J Barker	B Blackshaw
J Brickles	M Chew
R Fradley	P Hodgson
C Little (C)	S Pitman
V Settle	R Thomas

5. To appoint the following members to the Licensing Committee, which was not required to be politically balanced:

F Andrews	J Barker
K Beckett	B Blackshaw
A Clayton	P Collins
D Donaldson	G Goodman
S Green	P Hardy
N Harvey	A Jacques (C)
B Nash (VC)	R Thomas

6. To appoint the following members to the Member Development Steering Group:

E Nash (C)	F Andrews (VC)
J Barker	J Brickles
Delma Collins	B Nash
G Neale	S Pitman

11. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Councillor Susan Fazackerley introduced the report. She advised that the council made a number of appointments to outside bodies, which were confirmed each year by the council.

Councillor Karen Buckley seconded the proposal.

It was RESOLVED to:

1. To confirm nominated appointments to outside bodies for the 2016/17 municipal year, as shown in appendix 1 of the report;
2. To appoint Councillor Gail Goodman to the Council for Voluntary Services and Councillor Vivienne Willder be appointed to the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board; and
3. To approve the changes to the Outside Bodies Protocol (Part 5f of the Council's Constitution), as recommended by the Audit and Standards Committee.

12. A Combined Authority for Lancashire Membership

Councillor Susan Fazackerley introduced the report. She explained that for the previous eighteen months local authorities across Lancashire had been discussing the establishment of a Combined Authority. The Council had previously agreed, in principle, to Fylde becoming a constituent member of the Combined Authority.

Councillor Fazackerley explained that following further discussions with other Lancashire local authorities and a public consultation, the recommendation was for Fylde to become a constituent member of the Lancashire Combined Authority. The potential benefits would give Fylde a voice within Lancashire and the ability to assist in the shaping of regional policy.

Councillor Roger Small seconded the proposal.

Following a discussion, it was RESOLVED that:

1. The contents of the report be noted;
2. The response to the public consultation on the Combined Authority proposals included as Appendix 1 be noted;
3. Fylde Council agreed to become a constituent member of a Lancashire Combined Authority and submit proposals to do so to the Secretary of State;
4. In the interim period, Fylde Council agreed to form a shadow Lancashire Combined Authority; and
5. Any proposals for a Devolution Deal with the Government be brought back to Council for agreement.

13. Five Year Housing Supply – Addressing the Shortfall

Councillor Trevor Fiddler introduced the item, advising that the notice of motion proposed and deferred at the 8 February 2016 Council meeting, had been discussed by Development Management committee as agreed, at its meeting on 9 March 2016. The discussion was to recommend which of two methodologies to use to account for the accrued shortfall in housing delivery.

Councillor Fiddler advised that the difference between the two approaches was essentially that the 'Liverpool' method was to spread the shortfall across the life of the plan, whereas the 'Sedgefield' approach addressed the housing shortfall over the first five years of the plan.

He advised that the Development Management committee had considered that where there was a persistent undersupply of housing, the government was clear in the National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Guidance, guidance from the Secretary of State and the Planning Inspectorate, that the 'Sedgefield' method should be used. The recommendation from the Development Management Committee was to continue to use the 'Sedgefield' method.

Councillor Fiddler concluded by stating that as the matter had been discussed at length at the Development Management committee, he proposed that the council proceed to the next business.

Councillor Richard Redcliffe seconded the proposal.

A recorded vote, having been requested by five or more members under council procedure rule 154.5(i), followed.

Recorded vote:

Votes for the motion to proceed to next business (28): Aiken, Akeroyd, Anthony, Bamforth, Buckley, D Collins, Cornah, Donaldson, Eaves, Fazackerley, Fiddler, Fradley, Goodman, Green, Harvey, Jacques, Little, B Nash, E Nash, Neale, Pitman, Pounder, Redcliffe, Settle, Small, Thomas, Threlfall, Willder

Votes against the motion to proceed to next business (12): Beckett, Brickles, Chew, Clayton, P Collins, Ford, Hodgson, Nulty, Oades, Rigby, Silverwood, Speak

Abstentions (3): Hardy, Singleton, Taylor

The motion, having been AGREED, the meeting proceeded to the next business and the motion originally proposed by Councillor P Collins, at the 8 February 2016 Council meeting, was deemed to have been lost.

(Councillor Mulholland left the meeting during the consideration of the above item)

14. Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre Economic Development Company Governance Arrangements

Councillor Trevor Fiddler introduced the item advising that the Development Management Committee had requested that Council considered the governance arrangements for the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Development Company (EDC).

Councillor Fiddler explained that the original purpose of the EDC was to deliver the economic objectives of the Multi Area Agreement (MAA). The current governance arrangements state that the membership of the EDC comprises two senior officers from each Fylde Coast local authority to include the Chief Executives, the Leaders of those Councils and business leaders. However Councillor Fiddler stated that one of the criticisms of the MAA and the EDC was that it paid lip service to the elected member involvement.

Therefore Councillor Fiddler proposed that an early meeting of the EDC leaders group was requested to ensure greater political engagement and transparency in its delivery of its economic objectives.

Councillor Susan Fazackerley seconded the proposal.

After a brief discussion, it was RESOLVED to note the report and seek an early meeting of the EDC leaders group to ensure greater political engagement and transparency in its delivery of its economic objectives.

(Councillor Brickles left the meeting before the conclusion of this item)

15. Capital Strategy

Councillor Karen Buckley introduced the item, advising that the only change in the revised strategy was contained in Section 4 of the Strategy. She further advised it sought to clarify that parks schemes would be considered eligible to bid for capital funding, once the project had reached stage 7 of the 10 stage process.

Councilor Cheryl Little seconded the proposal.

After a brief discussion, it was RESOLVED to adopt the revised Capital Strategy with effect from the 2017/18 budget cycle.

(Councillor Nulty left the meeting before the conclusion of the consideration of the above item).

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