

Council Meeting



Date	31 March 2008
Venue	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Members	Mayor (Councillor John Prestwich) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Richard Fulford-Brown) Brenda Ackers, Ben Aitken, Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, Keith Beckett, John Bennett, Karen Buckley, David Chedd, Maxine Chew, Elizabeth Clarkson, Peter Collins, John Coombes, Michael Cornah, Fabian Craig-Wilson, John Davies, Kevin Eastham, David Eaves, Susan Fazackerley, Trevor Fiddler, Patricia Fieldhouse, Tony Ford, Lyndsey Greening, Kathleen Harper, Paul Hayhurst, Ken Hopwood, Keith Hyde, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Kiran Mulholland, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Janine Owen, Barbara Pagett, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, Simon Renwick, Louis Rigby, Paul Rigby, Elaine Silverwood, John Singleton, Roger Small, Heather Speak, William Thompson, Thomas Threlfall.
Officers	Phil Woodward, Bernard Hayes, Ian Curtis, Peter Welsh, Andy Cain, Jo Christiansen.

82. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

83. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes (as amended below) of the Council meeting held on 3 March 2008 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

Minute 74

1. The removal of councillor Eastham's name from the list of those members having their votes recorded as voting in favour of amendments, except in relation to amendment number 3.

2. The insertion of 'Medlar-with-Wesham - £160.73' in the table in paragraph 2, viii, (h).

84. Mayor's announcements

- The Mayor thanked his Mayoress and daughter Lauraine for all their support during the last twelve months.
- Kirkham and Wesham A.F.C. - The Mayor congratulated the achievements of Kirkham and Wesham A.F.C. in reaching the F.A. Vase cup final at Wembley and wished them every success.
- Paraplegic Olympics - The Mayor in conjunction with the Lions Club was hosting a coffee morning on 12 April in aid of Shelley Wood's Paraplegic Olympic Fund.
- Mayors Command Performance - The Mayor provided details of the Command performance which would take place at Lowther Pavilion on 18 April.
- Christian Aid - The Mayor was hosting a coffee morning on 26 April in support of Christian Aid.

85. Chief Executive's Communications

The Chief Executive reported that there were no communications.

86. Questions from Members of the Council

There were no questions from members of the Council.

87. Questions for members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

88. Invitation to accept appointment as Deputy Mayor 2008/2009

It was moved by Councillor Susan Fazackerley and seconded by Councillor Louis Rigby and:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY - That Councillor Janine Owen be invited to accept election by the Council at the 2008 Annual Meeting as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

89. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Councillor Albert Pounder, Cabinet Portfolio for Customer Relations and Partnerships presented a report on the appointments to outside bodies and a proposed review of these appointments.

Each year the council appointed a number of elected members to outside bodies. The current list of appointments was attached to the report and the council was requested to re-affirm the appointments and consider any vacancies.

It is also reported that it would be useful to review the appointments to outside bodies to ensure that the councillor's relationship with outside bodies continued to be effective.

The Council RESOLVED:

1. To confirm the appointments to outside bodies (as amended) as detailed in the report and that nominations be sought to fill any outstanding vacancies.
2. That the Community Outlook Scrutiny Committee be requested to re-evaluate the effectiveness of council membership on outside bodies.

90. Review of Financial Services

Councillor Paul Rigby, Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder presented the report on Financial Services which advised that in order for the Council to operate its financial arrangements within the requirements of the law it was necessary to ensure continuity of the Section 151 Officer role. Discussions with the current interim service providers indicated that it would be possible to “roll forward” the current arrangements, on the basis of the existing service level agreement, on a month by month basis until the next meeting of the Cabinet when a detailed options paper could be considered on a long-term solution.

The report indicated that the ongoing costs of the service would be contained within the existing budget provision agreed by Council on 3rd March.

Following a full debate it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve the recommendations of the Cabinet on 12th March and agree to the following approach -
 - (i) That the current arrangements for implementing the Council’s Section 151 Officer role and the financial services supporting this function be “rolled forward” on a month by month arrangement based on the existing service level agreement.
 - (ii) That the Chief Executive be authorised to agree detailed operational matters with the service provider during this “rolled forward” period, subject to remaining within the approved budgetary framework.
 - (iii) That the position be reviewed at the next meeting of the Cabinet for reporting back to the full Council.

During the course of the debate the following amendment was moved (by Councillor Hayhurst, seconded by Councillor Chedd) and lost-

That this item be deferred until such time as the information can be provided to the council on how much this agreement will cost.

91. Capital Programme - Tourism Board Project

Councillor Roger Small, Cabinet Portfolio for Development and Regeneration introduced the item on the 2008-2011 capital programme which was agreed by the Council on 3rd March. Councillor Small reported that confirmation had been received since the publication of the agenda for that meeting of a grant offer of £200,000 from the Northwest Development Agency (NWDA) via the Lancashire & Blackpool Tourist Board (LBTB) towards the ‘Visitor Infrastructure Project’ as part of the St Annes on Sea Regeneration Programme.

This allocation of funds was committed to two main areas; Garden Street, in order to connect the major regeneration efforts in The Square with the comprehensive restoration work in Ashton Gardens, and in the approach to the Pier from Clifton Drive as a forerunner to the restoration plan for the Promenade Gardens.

The Council RESOLVED to note the award of a £200,000 grant from the North West Development Agency via the Lancashire & Blackpool Tourist Board and confirm the fully funded scheme within the capital programme.

92. Allocation of Committee Membership

Ian Curtis (Monitoring Officer) presented a report on the Allocation of Committee Membership. The council's constitution required that, in a year when there were no ordinary elections to the council, the council must decide, at the meeting before the annual meeting, which committees to establish for the following municipal year, the size and terms of reference of those committees and the allocation of committee seats to political groups.

The report recommended that the present committees continue, with the same size and terms of reference, except as set out. It also set out the allocation of seats which the council had to adopt under the political balance rules.

Following consideration of the report it was RESOLVED:

1. To continue the existing committees of the council with their sizes as presently constituted.
2. To allocate committee seats in accordance with the principles of political balance as detailed below.

COMMITTEE		CON	IND	RATE	LIBL DEM	NON-ALIGNED
PLANNING POLICY	SCRUTINY	5	2	1	0	1
COMMUNITY OUTLOOK	SCRUTINY	5	2	0	1	1
POLICY AND SERVICE	REVIEW SCRUTINY	6	2	0	1	0
PERFORMANCE	IMPROVEMENT SCRUTINY	5	2	1	0	1
DEVELOPMENT	CONTROL	9	4	1	1	1
PUBLIC PROTECTION		6	3	1	0	1
AUDIT		5	3	0	0	1

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3. Invite the political groups (if they have not already done so) to submit their nominations to the seats allocated to them in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and regulations made under it.

93. Schedule of Meetings - Revision

Councillor Susan Fazackerley, Corporate Performance and Development Portfolio Holder reported that the Schedule of Meetings had been agreed earlier in the year by the council. Since that time the council had received a report from the Planning Advisory Service, which had recommended that there should be a review of arrangements for Development Control Committee as the current cycle of meetings was overly demanding on resources.

Following consideration it was RESOLVED that the amended schedule of meetings detailed in the report be approved for the municipal year 2008/09.

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