

Council Meeting



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| Date | 5 December 2005 |
| Venue | Our Lady Star of the Sea Social Centre, St Annes |
| Councillors | <p>Mayor (Councillor Ron Wilson)</p> <p>Deputy Mayor (Councillor Peter Hardy)</p> <p>Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, Eric Bamber, John Bennett, Harold Butler, George Caldwell, Stephen Carpenter, Maxine Chew, Elizabeth Clarke, Elizabeth Clarkson, Peter Collins, John Coombes, John Dolan, Kevin Eastham, Dr Trevor Fiddler, Patricia Fieldhouse, Richard Fulford-Brown, Paul Hayhurst, Keith Hyde, Alfred Jealous NP, Derek Lancaster, John Longstaff, Stephen Mason, Kiran Mulholland, Raymond Norsworthy, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Barbara Pagett, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, John Prestwich, Simon Renwick, Louis Rigby, Paul Rigby, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Martin Taylor, William Thompson, Thomas Threlfall, Stephen Wall, Colin Walton, Fabian Wilson, Hilda Wilson, Keith Wright</p> |
| Officers | Philip Woodward, Dave Joy, Ian Curtis, Alan Blundell, Lyndsey Lacey |
| Others | County Councillor Doreen Pollitt, Cliff Matthias, Ben Spinks, Debbie Thompson |

59. 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.

60. Mayor's announcements

The Mayor indicated that the next mayoral concert would be held on Saturday 10 December at Lowther Pavilion, Lytham and would feature the Nogel players in Aladdin. The Mayor asked members to contact Anne McVittie for tickets.

61. Acting Chief Executive's communications

Phil Woodward indicated that he had no communications to report.

62. Member of the Public Question

Nil

63. Committee minutes

RESOLVED - To receive the minutes of the following committee meetings:

| Committee | Held on |
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| Public Protection Committee | 29 Sept 2005 |
| Public Protection Committee | 5 Oct 2005 |
| Policy & Service Review Community Forum | 6 Oct 2005 |
| Full Council | 10 Oct 2005 |
| Public Protection Committee | 11 Oct 2005 |
| Development Control Committee | 12 and 19 Oct 2005 |
| Community Outlook Forum | 17 Oct 2005 |
| Performance Improvement Community Forum | 24 Oct 2005 |
| Executive Committee | 26 Oct 2005 |
| Special Council | 31 Oct 2005 |
| Development Control Committee | 2 Nov 2005 |
| Policy & Service Review Community Forum | 3 Nov 2005 |

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| Special Executive Committee | 10 Nov 2005 |
| Community Outlook Forum | 14 Nov 2005 |
| Public Protection Committee | 16 Nov 2005 |
| Special Executive Committee | 16 Nov 2005 |
| Performance Improvement Community Forum | 21 Nov 05 |
| Development Control Committee | 23 Nov 05 |
| Executive Committee | 23 Nov 05 |

(Councillor John Bennett requested that his name be recorded against the Special Executive Committee minutes held on 16 November 2005)

64. Notice of Motion

Philip Woodward (Acting Chief Executive) reported that in accordance with rule 11.1 he had received a Notice of Motion that had been lodged by ????. The Notice of Motion, which was detailed on the agenda, sought to overturn the decision by the council to cease with immediate effect the Equitable Taxation model.

After the motion had been proposed and seconded the Mayor indicated that he was minded to apply council procedure 11.1.4.1 and allow the motion to stand referred to the Executive Committee for consideration. The Mayor invited the council to endorse his proposed action and the council RESOLVED to do so.

65. Appointment of Returning Officer and Registration Officer

Ian Curtis (Legal and Democratic Service Manager) reported that in the absence of the appointed Officer it was necessary to update the Council's existing appointments in respect of elections of Councillors and the registration of electors

It was RESOLVED that until such time as a Chief Executive was appointed and in office that Philip Woodward (Acting Chief Executive), be appointed:

1. Under the provisions of Section 35(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as the Returning Officer for the elections of Councillors of the Borough and for the elections of Parish Councillors
2. Under the provisions of Sections 83 and 84 of the Local Government Act 1972, as the Proper officer of the District Council, to receive Declarations of Acceptance of Office of Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor, and any notice of resignation from those offices
3. Under the provisions of Section 89(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, as the Proper Officer of the Borough Council to receive notice of a casual vacancy in the office of councillor
4. That Mr. Peter Welsh be appointed to perform the duties allocated to Mr. Woodward under paragraphs (2) and (3) above in the event of his incapacity to act or in his absence
5. That Mr. Woodward be appointed under the provisions of Section 8(2)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to be registration officer for the part of the Fylde Parliamentary Constituency contained in the District of Fylde and that Mr. Welsh be appointed to perform the duties herein before allocated to Mr. Woodward in the event of his incapacity to act or in his absence.
6. That following the appointment of a new Chief Executive the above designations be subject to a further review.

66. Allocation of Committee Membership

It was RESOLVED to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

67. Members Choice Debate (Lancashire Locals)

At the last council meeting, Councillor Christine Akeroyd had been selected to lead the members' choice debate.

Councillor Akeroyd had invited representatives from Lancashire County Council to address members on Lancashire Local in Fylde. In attendance were, Councillor Council Doreen Pollitt (Deputy Leader LCC) Ben Spinks (District Partnership Officer for West Lancs) Debbie Thomson (District Partnership Officer for Fylde) Cliff Matthias (Director of Highway Consultancy)

The presentation focused on the thinking behind and the main features of Lancashire Local; what decisions were likely to be devolved; the opportunities for District Councils; some frequently asked questions and proposed action from December onwards.

At the conclusion of the presentation there was an opportunity for a question and answer session following which the Mayor thanked all concerned for their informative presentation.