

Minutes

COUNCIL

Date:	Monday, 8 February 2016
Venue:	Lowther Pavilion, Lowther Gardens, Lytham St Annes.
Members:	Mayor (Councillor Peter Hardy) Councillors Ben Aiken, Christine Akeroyd, Frank Andrews, Peter Anthony, Tim Ashton, Jan Barker, Keith Beckett ISO, Brenda Blackshaw, 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, Shirley Green, Neil Harvey, Paul Hayhurst, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, Angela Jacques, Cheryl Little, Roger Lloyd, Kiran Mulholland, Barbara Nash, Edward Nash, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Sandra Pitman, Albert Pounder, Richard Redcliffe, Louis Rigby, Vince Settle, Elaine Silverwood, John Singleton JP, Roger Small, Richard Taylor, Thomas Threlfall, Vivienne Willder.
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Morrison, Alex Scrivens, Ross McKelvie, Sharon Wadsworth, David Oxley and Katharine McDonnell
Other Attendees:	Thirteen members of the public

Prayers

Prayers were offered by Councillor Sue Fazackerley, Leader of the Council.

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.

Councillors Oades and Hayhurst declared a personal interest in agenda item 7, Consultation Period Regarding the Proposed Closure of Libraries and Museums by Lancashire County Council. The nature of the interest being that they were County Councillors.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 December 2015 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

3. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor thanked those Councillors who attended the Charity night held at the Dalmeny Hotel on 31 January 2016. He also invited Councillors to attend the Mayoral Ball on 11 March 2016 to be held at Ribby Hall.

He advised that donations for the silent auction would be gratefully received and tickets for the Mayoral Ball could be purchased from the Mayor's Secretary.

4. Chief Executive's Communications

Allan Oldfield, Chief Executive had no announcements on this occasion.

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 on this occasion.

Decision Items

7. Notice of Motion – Consultation Period Regarding the Proposed Closure of Libraries and Museums by Lancashire County Council

Following notice given under rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules, the following Motion was proposed by Councillor Tim Ashton.

"Lancashire County Council is known for having one of the best library services in the country and it also owns some important museums which are a significant part of the county's heritage.

Following the recent Lancashire County Council Cabinet meeting, Fylde Council is concerned that there will be an insufficient consultation period before the closure of libraries and museums are made. Fylde Council therefore resolves that the chief executive writes to Lancashire County Council to ask for an extended consultation period to be implemented to allow alternative delivery mechanisms to be explored. The options to be considered should include amongst others, charitable trusts, the private sector, voluntary sector and partnerships."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Richard Fradley.

Following a discussion, a vote was taken by way of a show of hands and the motion was CARRIED.

8. Notice of Motion – Five Year Housing Supply

Following notice given under rule 12 of the Council Procedure Rules, the following Motion was proposed by Councillor Peter Collins.

"That, with immediate effect, this Council adopts the 'Liverpool' approach in applying the shortfall in delivery of the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) identified in the Housing Requirement Paper (2015) to the calculation of Fylde's five year housing supply position, i.e. the shortfall would be applied over the plan period and NOT over the first five years of the plan (the 'Sedgefield' approach)."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Linda Nulty.

During the course of the debate, Councillor Trevor Fiddler proposed the following amendment;

"The council defers the motion to allow for a full report on this matter to be considered by the Development Management Committee prior to 31 March 2016, with a report on this matter coming back to the next available Council meeting on 11 April 2016."

It was seconded by Councillor Richard Redcliffe.

Following a further discussion a vote was taken on the amended motion, by way of a show of hands the amendment was CARRIED.

A further vote was then taken on the substantive motion, and the motion was CARRIED.

9. Invitation to Accept Appointment as Mayor 2016/17

Councillor Roger Small proposed that Councillor Christine Akeroyd be invited to accept the appointment of Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor Vivienne Willder seconded the proposal, and it was RESOLVED unanimously to appoint Councillor Christine Akeroyd as Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the municipal year 2016/17, at the next Annual Meeting.

10. Invitation to Accept Appointment as Deputy Mayor 2016/17

Councillor Christine Akeroyd proposed that Councillor Angela Jacques be invited to accept the appointment of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Karen Buckley seconded the proposal and it was RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Angela Jacques as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the municipal year 2016/17, at the next Annual Meeting.

11. Financial Forecast Update (Position as at January 2016)

Councillor Karen Buckley introduced the financial forecast update (position as at January 2016) which had been updated to reflect the impact of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement announcement.

She advised that the core grant was being phased out by 2020 and 100% retention of the business rates revenue would be introduced. In the meantime the current Business Rate retention scheme would continue. With the financial settlement, the government were proposing a 4 year financial settlement which was welcomed but was conditional on the council publishing an efficiency plan.

She further advised that the settlement was a reduction in the council's core spending of 14% over four years and factored in a suggested council tax rise of 1.75%.

Councillor Buckley proposed and Councillor Small seconded the proposal.

Following a show of hands in favour of the proposal, it was RESOLVED that Council approve the updated financial forecast.

12. The Corporate Plan

Councillor Sue Fazackerley introduced the Corporate Plan for 2016-2020. She advised that the draft Plan had been circulated to all committees. It was also circulated to staff and key partners such as the police and fire services, BAE, Council for Voluntary Services (CVS), and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) amongst others.

The Corporate Plan was a statement of intention for the direction of the council's work over the life of the Council which would be regularly reviewed.

Councillor Buckley seconded the proposal.

Councillor Oades proposed an amendment to the motion, "That this incarnation of the corporate plan is received but not accepted by full council as its corporate plan for the years 2016-2020."

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Nulty.

In accordance with Rule 15.5(i) of the Council's Procedure Rules, a recorded vote on the amendment was taken;

For the amendment - Barker, Beckett, Brickles, Chew, Clayton, P Collins, Ford, Hayhurst, Henshaw, Hodgson, Lloyd, Nulty, Oades, Rigby, Silverwood, Hardy (16)

Against the amendment – Aitken, Akeroyd, Andrews, Anthony, Ashton, Blackshaw, Buckley, D Collins, Cornah, Donaldson, Eaves, Fazackerley, Fiddler, Fradley, Green, Harvey, Jacques, Little, Mulholland, B Nash, E Nash, Pitman, Pounder, Redcliffe, Settle, Singleton, Small, Taylor, Threlfall, Willder (30)

The amendment was LOST.

Following a further discussion it was RESOLVED to approve the Corporate Plan for the period 2016-2020 and to receive annual updates on the progress of the plan.

13. Pay Policy Statement 2016.

Councillor Karen Buckley presented the report that provided details of the Pay Policy Statement for Fylde Council which was required to be adopted annually.

Councillor Small seconded the proposal, and it was RESOLVED to approve the Pay Policy Statement for Fylde Council.

14. Schedule of Meetings 2016/17

Councillor Fazackerley presented the proposed schedule of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor Buckley seconded the proposal.

Following a show of hands in favour of the proposal, it was RESOLVED to approve the schedule of meetings for 2016/17, subject to any necessary amendments.

15. Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) Policy

Councillor John Singleton introduced the report detailing the requirements the council must have in place for a system of authorising, recording and reviewing any surveillance that it wish to carry out under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. The Council system must comply with the act, regulations and codes of practice and must have its own RIPA policy. Legislation under RIPA requires annual review and re-adoption of the RIPA guidance by the full council.

Councillor Singleton proposed to adopt the policy, as detailed within the agenda papers. It was noted that the council had not used RIPA during 2014/15 or during 2015/16 to date.

Councillor David Donaldson seconded the proposal, and it was RESOLVED to

1. Note the information provided regarding the council's use of surveillance powers; and
2. To endorse the RIPA Policy.

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