

Council Meeting

Date	26 September 2005
Venue	Our Lady Star of the Sea Social Centre, St. Annes
Councillors	<p>The Mayor (Councillor Ronald Wilson) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Peter Hardy)</p> <p>Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, John Bennett, Harold Butler, George Caldwell, Stephen Carpenter, Deborah Clarke, Elizabeth Clarkson, Peter Collins, John Coombes, John Dolan, Kevin Eastham, Susan Fazackerley, Dr. Trevor Fiddler, Patricia Fieldhouse, Richard Fulford- Brown, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw, (A.D.K MALAYSIA) Karen Henshaw J.P, Keith Hyde, Alfred Jealous NP, Derek Lancaster, John Longstaff, Stephen Mason, Kiran Mulholland, Ray Norsworthy, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Janine Owen, 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, Andrea Whittaker, Fabian Wilson, Hilda Wilson, Keith Wright.</p>
Officers	Ken Lee, Philip Woodward, Dave Joy, Brian White, Ian Curtis, Paul Walker, David Wilkinson, Oliver Shimell, Peter Welsh, Alan Blundell.
Others	Gareth Winstanley (Audit Commission), Michael Ogden (Turner & Townsend consultants)

34. 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.

35. Mayor's announcements

1. **North West In Bloom** - The Mayor reported that Fylde Borough Council had been awarded the RHS Environmental Quality Award from the North West In Bloom Awards held on Friday 23rd September at The Reebok Stadium, Bolton and presented the award to councillor Alfred Jealous, (Environment brief holder).

The Mayor also announced the following award winners-

Best Small Coastal Resort - Overall winner, Lytham
Best Small Village - Runner up -Treales, Roseacre & Wharles
Best Large Village - 2nd runner up - Wrea Green
Best Town - 2nd runner up - Kirkham

2. Message of congratulations - The Mayor informed members that he had sent a message of congratulations to Andrew Flintoff following his magnificent performances for England during the victorious Ashes series.
3. Coffee Morning - The Mayor reported that a charity coffee morning for Clifton hospital would be held at the Town Hall on 1 October and urged members to support the event.

36.Chief Executive's communications

Nil.

37. Final accounts - SAS 610

Gareth Winstanley (Audit Commission) presented the 2004/05 financial statements report (SAS 610). (A copy of the report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting).

Members raised a number of issues relating to the financial statements and following discussion the Council RESOLVED to note the report.

38. Structure report

Members considered the recommendations of the Policy and Service Review Community Forum who had conducted a large consultation task to look into a range of options as to how the Council could be restructured for the benefit of the public.

Full details of the consultation process and supporting evidence were circulated with the Council agenda.

After a lengthy and detailed debate, and following a recorded vote, it was RESOLVED -

1. That the Council endorses recommendation 1 of the structure report, namely: -
 1. That the Notice of Motion to go back to the Policy Committee structure be not upheld on the grounds that the evidence gathered did not support this action.

Votes for the recommendation (25) - Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, Harold Butler, Deborah Clarke, Elizabeth Clarkson, John Coombes, John Dolan, Susan Fazackerley, Dr. Trevor Fiddler, Patricia Fieldhouse, Richard Fulford- Brown, Keith Hyde, Alfred Jealous NP, Kiran Mulholland, Ray Norsworthy, Janine Owen, Albert Pounder, Dawn

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Votes against the recommendation (22) - Councillors John Bennett, George Caldwell, Stephen Carpenter, Peter Collins, Kevin Eastham, Peter Hardy, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw, (A.D.K MALAYSIA) Karen Henshaw J.P, Derek Lancaster, John Longstaff, Stephen Mason, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Barbara Pagett, Louis Rigby, Heather Speak, Thomas Threlfall, Stephen Wall, Hilda Wilson, Ronald Wilson, Keith Wright.

Abstentions (2) - Councillors William Thompson, Colin Walton.

2. That the Council endorses recommendation 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the structure report, namely:-

2. That the authority moves towards an executive system on the leader and cabinet model.
3. The new system of governance should include area committees covering the whole district.
4. That consultation required to move to such a system is begun at the earliest opportunity.
5. Revise the constitution to reflect the principles set out in the report for discussion at a future meeting of the forum and adoption by a future meeting of the council

Votes for the recommendations (26) - Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, Harold Butler, Deborah Clarke, Elizabeth Clarkson, John Coombes, John Dolan, Susan Fazackerley, Dr. Trevor Fiddler, Patricia Fieldhouse, Richard Fulford- Brown, Keith Hyde, Alfred Jealous NP, Kiran Mulholland, Ray Norsworthy, Janine Owen, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, John Prestwich, Simon Renwick, Paul Rigby, Roger Small, Martin Taylor, William Thompson, Andrea Whittaker, Fabian Wilson.

Votes against the recommendations (21) - Councillors John Bennett, George Caldwell, Stephen Carpenter, Peter Collins, Peter Hardy, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw, (A.D.K MALAYSIA) Karen Henshaw J.P, Derek Lancaster, John Longstaff, Stephen Mason, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Barbara Pagett, Heather Speak, Thomas Threlfall, Stephen Wall, Colin Walton, Hilda Wilson, Ronald Wilson, Keith Wright.

Abstentions (2) - Councillors Kevin Eastham, Louis Rigby.

39. Exclusion of the public

RESOLVED - That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

40. Council accommodation

Philip Woodward (Executive Director) informed members that the Council had previously resolved to receive reports relating to the location and design of the replacement Civic Suite and make decisions thereon. Several suggestions had been made on what should be

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included in the Suite and where it could be located.

The report (which was circulated with the agenda) presented the detailed feasibility and options appraisal work undertaken to investigate the options proposed. As some of the options impinged upon the provision of the proposed new back-office facility, the report also contained information about the potential impact on this element of the Council's wider accommodation project. Details of various accommodation options together with costings were also included in the report for consideration.

After discussing the various options available, and following a recorded vote, it was RESOLVED -

1. That the Council agree in principle to option 2 (that the back office facility be located at Wesham and that a new full commercial civic suite be built on the public offices site).
2. That officers be instructed to find the most practicable options to realise the best rental return from marketing this facility for public use.
3. That the final design of the Civic Suite be subject to the final approval of the full Council, with the Executive committee being updated on progress along the way
4. The Leader's and opposition leader's office, along with the Mayor's secretary to be located in the back office facility
5. That the Chief Executive be authorised to appoint agents to deal with the marketing of the Council's development sites identified as contributing to the funding of the accommodation project.

Votes for the proposal (25) - Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Tim Ashton, Harold Butler, Deborah Clarke, Elizabeth Clarkson, John Coombes, John Dolan, Susan Fazackerley, Dr. Trevor Fiddler, Patricia Fieldhouse, Richard Fulford- Brown, Keith Hyde, Alfred Jealous NP, Kiran Mulholland, Ray Norsworthy, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, John Prestwich, Simon Renwick, Paul Rigby, Roger Small, Martin Taylor, William Thompson, Andrea Whittaker, Fabian Wilson,

Votes against the proposal (20) - Councillors John Bennett, George Caldwell, Stephen Carpenter, Peter Collins, Kevin Eastham, Peter Hardy, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw, (A.D.K MALAYSIA) Karen Henshaw J.P, Derek Lancaster, John Longstaff, Stephen Mason, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Heather Speak, Thomas Threlfall, Stephen Wall, Hilda Wilson, Ronald Wilson, Keith Wright.

Abstentions (3) - Councillors Barbara Pagett, Louis Rigby, Colin Walton,