

Council Meeting

Date	10 October 2005
Venue	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Councillors	<p>The Mayor (Councillor Ronald Wilson) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Peter Hardy)</p> <p>Tim Ashton, Eric Bamber, John Bennett, Harold Butler, George Caldwell, Stephen Carpenter, Maxine Chew, Deborah Clarke, 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, Stephen Mason, Kiran Mulholland, Ray Norsworthy, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Barbara Pagett, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, John Prestwich, Louis Rigby, Paul Rigby, Roger Small, Martin Taylor, William Thompson, Thomas Threlfall, Stephen Wall, Colin Walton, Andrea Whittaker, Fabian Wilson, Hilda Wilson, Keith Wright.</p>
Officers	Ken Lee, Philip Woodward, Ian Curtis, David Wilkinson, Tony Donnelly, Oliver Shimell, Peter Welsh, Alan Blundell.
Others	Julie Goulding, Chief Executive, Fylde Primary Care Trust.

41. 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.

Councillor Elizabeth Oades declared an interest in the members choice debate on the Fylde Primary Care Trust.

42. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the council meetings held on 28 July and 26 September 2005 as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

43. Mayor's announcements

1. Previous events - The Mayor thanked members for supporting the charity coffee morning held on 8 October and the charity luncheon held on 9 October.
2. Coffee Morning - The Mayor reported that a charity coffee morning for the League of Friends of Lytham hospital would be held at the Town Hall on 15 October commencing at 10:30am.
3. Cosmetics evening - A Virgin cosmetics evening would take place at the Town Hall on 27 October commencing at 7:15pm
4. Viennese Strauss gala evening would take place at Lowther Pavilion on 26 November commencing at 7:30pm

44. Chief Executive's communications

Nil.

45. Member Of The Public - Question

The following question from a member of the public was received from Peter Savic-

Question from Mr Peter Savic:

The Council has gained outline planning permission for redevelopment of the Town Hall and Council Offices in St Annes which will result in the demolition of the buildings. This will also result in the loss of a total of 105 public car park spaces currently provided at both sites.

The Council has previously submitted an outline application to planning develop the land at North Shore Car Park (North Beach Car Park) which if granted would result in the loss of a further 150 car park spaces.

The Dunes Management Plan recommends the closure of car parks within the dunes system which although not identified is interpreted as being North Promenade Car Park and the South Beach Car Park which would result in the loss of another 300 car park spaces.

The Fylde Borough Council Car Park Strategy and Lancashire Joint Planning Strategy suggest there should be no loss of car park facility in tourist areas.

Is it still the intention of the Council to sell the North Beach Car Park for private development and if so where does the Council propose that visitors to the area will park their cars?

The economy briefholder (councillor Roger Small) responded. Councillor Small informed members that in a reply to a similar question at a recent Council meeting councillor

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Coombes had confirmed that the Council had submitted an outline planning application for the residential development of the car park next to the coastguard station in St Annes.

That application was subsequently withdrawn in response to requests made by the Environment Agency for more information on the flood risk exposure of the site.

Because we need to demonstrate that the council is making the best use of all its assets, it is likely that the Council will resubmit the application when this additional information has been prepared. It will be for the Development Control Committee to decide whether residential use is appropriate or not for the site.

If planning permission were to be granted, the Council would then need to decide on an appropriate future for the site. The potential impact on local parking facilities would, inevitably, be one of the issues taken into consideration during the decision-making process.

### 46. Committee minutes

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

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Held on</u>
Executive Committee	20 July 2005
Performance Improvement Community Forum	25 July 2005
Policy & Service Review Community Forum	26 July 2005
Development Control	3 August 2005
Public Protection Committee	22 August 2005
Licensing Committee	22 August 2005
Development Control Committee	24 August 2005
Policy & Service Review Community Forum	24 August 2005
Community Outlook Forum	8 September 2005
Policy & Service Review Community Forum	15 September 2005
Performance Improvement Community Forum	19 September 2005
Development Control	21 September 2005
Executive Committee	28 September 2005

### 47. Community forum membership

~~Public/Exempt item~~

~~This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.~~

Councillor John Coombes (the leader of the council) proposed that the membership of the Policy and Service Review Community Forum and the Performance Improvement Community Forum be increased by two to nine members each.

Because the new seats affected the overall political balance calculations for the council, there were some consequential changes to the membership of the Community Outlook Community Forum and the Public Protection Committee.

Councillor Coombes also proposed that councillor Trevor Fiddler replace Councillor Barbara Pagett as Vice Chairman of the Development Control committee.

Following a full debate Council RESOLVED -

1. To increase the membership of the Policy and Service Review Community Forum and the Performance Improvement Community Forum to nine.
2. To make appropriate changes to the council's constitution.
3. To re-allocate seats on the Community Outlook Community Forum and the Public Protection Committee to reflect the amended political balance calculations in accordance with the table in the report.
4. To invite the political groups to make nominations to fill new and re-allocated seats.
5. To appoint Councillor Fiddler as vice chairman of the Development Control committee.

48. Membership of Licensing and Public Protection committees

Ian Curtis (Legal & Democratic Services Manager) requested members to appoint members to the Licensing Committee to replace councillors Mulholland, Bamber and Ron Wilson. Councillors were also asked to appoint a vice-chairman for the Licensing Committee and Public Protection Committee.

Following consideration Council RESOLVED -

1. That three councillors be appointed to the Licensing Committee to replace councillors Bamber, Mulholland and Ron Wilson and that political groups be invited to submit nominations.
2. That councillor Albert Pounder be appointed vice-chairman of the Licensing Committee and the Public Protection Committee

49. New Fylde Housing: representation

Ian Curtis (Legal & Democratic Services Manager) reported that New Fylde Housing had been asked to reduce the number of council representatives on its board from five to four. Councillor Renwick had agreed to step down. The council was asked to endorse this action.

Council RESOLVED to amend the council's representation on the board of New Fylde Housing to councillors Paul Rigby, Roger Small, Keith Wright and Albert Pounder and

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thanked councillor Renwick for his service on the board of New Fylde Housing.

50. Citizens Advice Bureau - representation

Members were asked to appoint a member to represent the Council on the Citizens Advice Bureau (Management Committee) (Kirkham & Fylde) in place of councillor Louis Rigby.

That councillor Linda Nulty be appointed to represent the Council on the Citizens Advice Bureau (Management Committee) (Kirkham & Fylde).

51. Fylde Borough Local Plan Alterations Review

Tony Donnelly (Local Plans Manager) reported that an Inquiry into objections to the Alterations Review of the Local Plan had taken place between 26<sup>th</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2005. It was a statutory requirement for the adoption of the Alterations Review to be formally advertised so that persons could have the opportunity to challenge the adoption in the High Court.

Following a full debate Council RESOLVED -

1. That the content of the Alterations Review as amended by the Inspector's recommendations be adopted;
2. That the Built Environment Manager be given delegated authority to make typographical, grammatical and minor factual corrections to the alterations review.
3. That the relevant parts (superseded by the Alterations Review) of the adopted Local Plan (May 2003) be abandoned;
4. That the Unit Business Manager give notice by advertisement of the adoption of the Alterations Review;
5. That the September 2004 Supplementary Planning Guidance Note 'New Residential Development in Fylde Borough' be abandoned.

52. Members' allowances

Ian Curtis (Legal & Democratic Services Manager) reported that the independent remuneration panel had agreed on recommendations for councillors' allowances for the financial year 2005-6. The recommendations generally allowed a small increase to cover inflation.

The table below compared basic and special responsibility allowances presently payable with those that would be payable if the panel's recommendations were accepted.

Allowance	Existing scheme £	New scheme £
<u>Basic allowance</u>	3,000	3,100
<u>Special responsibility allowance:</u>		
Leader of the council	3,000	4,500

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Vice-chairman of executive committee	1,500	1,550
Members of executive committee	3,000	3,100
Chairmen of community forums	3,000	3,100
Vice-chairmen of community forums	1,500	1,550
Chairman of development control committee	3,000	3,100
Vice-chairman of development control committee	1,500	1,550
Chairman of public protection committee	1,800	1,550
Vice-chairman of public protection committee	900	775
Chairman of licensing committee		1,550
Vice-chairman of licensing committee		775
Chairman of standards committee	1,800	1,850
Vice-chairman of standards committee	900	925
Member champions	250	250
Leader of each political group	30 per group member	31 per group member

Following a full debate Council RESOLVED -

1. To defer the recommendations of the independent remuneration panel with the exception that the proposed payments for the Chairman of the Public Protection committee and Licensing committee be adopted and backdated to 1st April 2005.
2. That the proposed payments for the Vice Chairman of the Public Protection committee and Licensing committee be adopted with effect from 10th October 2005.

(Councillors Bennett, Carpenter, Chew, Collins, Hayhurst, Henshaw H, Henshaw K, Lancaster, Nulty, Oades, Rigby L, Threlfall, Wall requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the above resolution).

### 53. Members choice debate

At the last meeting of the Council, the Mayoress, councillor Hilda Wilson had been selected to lead the members' choice debate.

Councillor Wilson had invited Julie Goulding, Chief Executive of the Fylde Primary Care to make a presentation on proposed changes to the structure of primary care trusts.

The presentation by Miss Goulding focused on radical changes to primary care trusts aimed at moving them from an organisation that simply delivered services to one which

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was totally patient led. Patient choice would be the deciding factor in respect of which services were commissioned & provided. Waiting wouldn't be the issue; it would be quality & clinical outcomes with free choice from 2008 and extended choice from 2006.

As a result of the proposed changes the Strategic Health Authority were proposing changes to structures to be in place by next year. This involved fewer PCT's with proposals for one Cumbria wide PCT, retaining the "unitary" PCT's of Blackburn with Darwen & Blackpool and one PCT across the rest of Lancashire with one strategic Health Authority across the NW.

Fylde PCT believed one PCT across Lancashire was too big to commission and provide effective local services to meet patients/carers needs here on the Fylde. Fylde PCT was, however, supportive of change and believed three PCT's across Lancashire, one PCT across Cumbria and the two unitary PCT's would be close enough to the local populations, particularly with good locality structures to commission and deliver local services to local people.

Fylde PCT believed three Lancashire PCT's can still achieve the economies of scale required and at the same time mirror the County Council footprint of three divisions as well as the borough structure that would be mirrored in the twelve localities proposed by Fylde thus better enabling partnership working to deliver the LSP and the multiplicity of partnership objectives.

At the end of the presentation a question and answers session took place following which the Mayor thanked Miss Goulding for her informative presentation.

### 54. Members choice debate - Next meeting

The Mayor made the draw to select the councillor to lead the members' choice debate at the next council meeting. Councillor Christine Akeroyd was selected.