

**LANCASTER AND SOUTH
CUMBRIA JOINT COMMITTEE**

**THIS WAS A 'VIRTUAL' MEETING
HELD VIA TEAMS LIVE EVENTS**

3.00 P.M.

22ND JULY 2020

PRESENT:- Councillors Giles Archibald and Robin Ashcroft (South Lakes DC),
Kevin Frea and Erica Lewis (Lancaster CC) and Ann Thomson (Barrow BC)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Derek Brook (Barrow BC)

Officers in attendance:

Lawrence Conway	Chief Executive (South Lakes DC)
Kieran Keane	Chief Executive (Lancaster CC)
Sam Plum	Chief Executive (Barrow BC)
Steph Cordon	Director of People and Place (Barrow BC)
Anne Marie Harrison	Head of Economic Regeneration (Lancaster CC)
David Sykes	Director of Strategy, Innovation and Resources (South Lakes DC)
Debbie Chambers	Deputy Monitoring Officer/Secretary to the JC (Lancaster CC)

THE MEETING STARTED AT 3PM AND ADJOURNED IMMEDIATELY AS PARTICIPANTS WERE EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH REMOTE ACCESS. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 3.25PM WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS PRESENT EITHER BY VIDEO OR TELEPHONE LINK.

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Archibald proposed that Councillor Lewis be appointed Chair of the Joint Committee for twelve months, to reflect Lancaster City Council's role as host authority. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Frea.

There were no further nominations.

Resolved:

That Councillor Erica Lewis be appointed Chair of the Joint Committee from 22 July 2020 to 21 July 2021.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Brooks' apologies were noted.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

4 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Archibald proposed that Councillor Thomson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee. Councillor Lewis seconded the proposal.

There were no further nominations.

Resolved:

That Councillor Ann Thomson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee from 22 July 2020 to 21 July 2021.

5 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the Committee, as set out in the Joint Committee's Procedure Rules, were noted.

6 DRAFT BAY AREA PROSPERITY AND RESILIENCE STRATEGY

Mr Darren Wisher, Managing Director of Hatch Regeneris presented the draft report which the authorities had jointly commissioned "The Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy".

It was noted that the report could make more of the area's cultural and heritage assets and the visitor economy. It was agreed that a sub-group of two Councillors and two officers should meet to look at revising the draft Strategy with this aim in mind and that the meeting should take place as soon as possible bearing in mind that summer breaks would be coming up.

Resolved:

That Councillors Ashcroft and Lewis meet as soon as possible with the Chief Executive of Barrow BC and the Head of Economic Development at Lancaster City Council to revise the draft Strategy.

7 TACKLING INEQUALITIES, DEVELOPING COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING AND ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

Agenda items 7 (Tackling Inequalities and Developing Community Wealth Building) and 8 (Addressing Climate Change) were taken together, these being three priority areas for the Joint Committee. There were no accompanying reports, the topics were for discussion.

It was noted that all three authorities had declared a climate emergency and were committed to reducing inequality for their residents. There was a discussion regarding taking this work forward and how a wider group of Councillors, businesses and other organisations could also be involved.

Councillor Frea reported that he had spoken to Dr Andy Knox, Director of Population Health and Engagement for Morecambe Bay, who was keen to link the discussions about the economy and 'building back' after COVID-19. Dr Knox had indicated that he would like to take part in the conversation around those areas. Councillor Frea offered to lead on

addressing Climate Change issues regarding renewable energy resources around the Bay and money available for insulation.

For community wealth building, South Lakeland offered to lead on financial resilience and poverty alleviation and take forward things that which could be done in the area. It was suggested that South Lakeland Councillor Suzie Pye could be asked to lead on this as the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Financial Resilience.

Barrow's CE reported that the Borough Council were doing lots of work around poverty and inequality and working with the Poverty Truth Commission so would be very keen to be involved in those issues, too.

Resolved:

- (1) That Lancaster City Council lead on Climate Change.
- (2) That South Lakeland Council lead on Poverty.
- (3) That Barrow Borough Council lead on Health and Wellbeing.

**NOTE REGARDING THE LEAD AUTHORITIES ON EACH OF THE THREE AREAS:
*Due to communication problems at the meeting, these will be confirmed at the next meeting, once all Leaders are able to join the meeting in full.***

Chair

(The meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.)

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