

## PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held in the Town Hall, Morecambe, at 6.10 p.m. on Wednesday, 26 April 2023, when the following Members were present:-

Joyce Pritchard (Mayor)

Tony Anderson

Fabiha Askari

Mandy Bannon

Gerry Blaikie

Victoria Boyd-Power

Keith Budden

Darren Clifford

Roger Dennison

Andrew Gardiner

Mike Greenall

Mel Guilding

Colin Hartley

Caroline Jackson

Debbie Jenkins

Geoff Knight

Jack Lenox

Sally Maddocks

Abi Mills

Margaret Pattison

Robert Redfern

Alistair Sinclair

Sandra Thornberry

David Whitaker

John Wild

Peter Yates

Ross Hunter (Deputy Mayor)

Paul Anderton

Richard Austen-Baker

Phillip Black

Alan Biddulph

Dave Brookes

Roger Cleet

Tim Dant

Gina Dowding

Jake Goodwin

June Greenwell

Tim Hamilton-Cox

Tricia Heath

Joan Jackson

Mandy King

Sarah Knight

Erica Lewis

Cary Matthews

Jean Parr

Faye Penny

Oliver Robinson

Malcolm Thomas

Sue Tyldesley

Anne Whitehead

Jason Wood

Joanna Young

**155 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Abbott Bryning, Jason Firth, Kevin Frea, Stuart Morris, Paul Stubbins and Luke Taylor.

**156 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**157 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**158 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported the sad death of Honorary Alderman David Kerr following a long battle with cancer.

Honorary Alderman Kerr was elected in 1999 and served in Harbour Ward and later Westgate ward. He stood down from the Council in 2015.

**Members stood in a minute's silence in his memory.**

**159 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11**

The Mayor advised that no questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11.

**160 PETITIONS AND ADDRESSES**

The Mayor informed Members that no petitions or requests to address Council had been received from members of the public.

**161 LEADER'S REPORT**

The Leader presented her report updating Members on various issues since her last report to Council.

***Resolved:***

That the report be noted.

**162 MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

In accordance with Part 1, paragraph 7.1(i) of the Constitution, the Mayor presented her Annual Report for 2022/23.

She agreed to provide a written answer to Councillor Robinson, who asked how much she had raised for her chosen charities in her Mayoral year.

***Resolved:***

That the report be received.

**163 CABINET ANNUAL REPORT**

In accordance with Part 2, Section 4 paragraph 3.1(j) of the Constitution, the Leader and each Member of Cabinet had produced a written progress report for 2022/23.

The Leader presented her annual report and answered a number of questions.

Councillors Brookes, Dowding, Hamilton-Cox, Heath, Matthews, Thornberry, Whitehead and Wood then presented their annual reports and responded to Members' questions.

Councillor Frea was not present to speak to his report, having given apologies for the meeting. Councillor Gardiner asked about electric vehicle explosions, requesting information on how staff are safeguarded and what health and safety training they have received in this regard.

***Resolved:***

That the reports of Cabinet Members Councillors Brookes, Dowding, Frea, Hamilton-Cox, Heath, Matthews, Thornberry, Whitehead and Wood be received.

**164 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT**

In accordance with Part 2, Section 5 paragraph 9.13 of the Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2022/23 had been published and was presented to Council by the Chairman, Councillor Austen-Baker.

Councillor Joan Jackson presented the content relating to the Budget and Performance Panel.

***Resolved:***

That the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report be received.

**165 AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

In accordance with Part 3, Section 5 paragraph 6.30 of the Council's Constitution, the Chairman, Councillor Stubbins, had submitted the 2022/23 Annual Report of the Audit Committee.

Councillor Stubbins was not present at the meeting, having given apologies. Vice-Chair Councillor Yates presented the report on Councillor Stubbins' behalf.

***Resolved:***

That the report be received.

**166 APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

There were no changes to report.

**167 QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

No questions had been submitted.

**168 MINUTES OF CABINET**

Council considered the Cabinet minutes of the meetings held on 28 February and 14 March 2023.

***Resolved:***

That the minutes be noted.

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Mayor

(The meeting finished at 7.10 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these minutes,  
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