



**LANCASTER**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

*Promoting City, Coast & Countryside*

# **COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009**  
**2.00 p.m.**  
**Morecambe Town Hall**

Mark Cullinan  
Chief Executive  
Town Hall  
LANCASTER





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Sir/Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Lancaster City Council to be held in the Town Hall, Morecambe on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2009 commencing at 2.00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **MINUTES**

To receive as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 (previously circulated).

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

4. **ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements which may be submitted by the Mayor or Chief Executive.

6. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11**

To receive questions in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rules 11.1 and 11.3 which require members of the public to give at least 3 days' notice in writing of questions to a Member of Cabinet or Committee Chairman.

7. **QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12.2**

To receive questions in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rules 12.2 and 12.4 which require a Member to give at least 3 working days notice, in writing, of the question to the Chief Executive.

8. **LEADER'S REPORT** (Pages 1 - 4)

To receive the Cabinet Leader's report on proceedings since the last meeting of Council.

9. **MAYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT** (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive the Annual Report from the Mayor.

10. **EXECUTIVE ANNUAL REPORT** (Pages 9 - 58)

To receive the Executive Annual Report containing the Business Progress Reports of the Leader and each Cabinet Member in accordance with Article 7.06 (j).

Whilst the Executive Report will be published as a separate document in due course the individual reports are included in the agenda and will be presented by the relevant Cabinet Member at the meeting.

11. **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT**

To receive the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report presented by the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Article 6.03 (c).

***The Overview and Scrutiny Annual report has been published separately. Please bring your copy to the meeting.***

12. **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09** (Pages 59 - 65)

To receive the Annual Report of the Audit Committee presented by the Chairman in accordance with Section 8.13 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

13. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT** (Pages 66 - 67)

To receive the Annual Report of the Standards Committee, presented by the Independent Chairman, Mr. Stephen Lamley.

**MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

14. **CANAL CORRIDOR NORTH - PLANNING INQUIRY** (Pages 68 - 69)

To consider the following Motion, notice of which has been received from Councillors John Whitelegg, Morgwn Trolinger, Maia Whitelegg and Jon Barry:

"That in the light of the decision by the developer "not to appear" at the forthcoming public inquiry into its proposals for the canal corridor [letter of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 from Montagu Evans to the Planning Inspectorate informing the Inspectorate "We write on behalf of our client, Centros, to confirm that Centros will not be appearing at the above Inquiry which will consider the above applications."]

Lancaster City Council resolves:

- (1) To co-operate with the inquiry in handing over documents, explaining relevant local planning policy and answering questions about local planning policy and its own documentation presented to planning committee in October 2008.
- (2) To identify one or more appropriate senior officers of the planning department and make them available for the duration of the inquiry to be present at the inquiry and to be of assistance to the Inspector.
- (3) To inform Centros that in the view of the Lancaster City Council the requirements of the Secretary of State in calling this inquiry are best served by Centros itself presenting evidence to that inquiry and answering questions from all parties on that evidence.

- (4) Not to commission, engage or consult with external legal advisers, barristers, consultants or any other external person, company or organisation and thus incur expenditure on the part of this Council.'

***An Officer Briefing Note is attached.***

15. **INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GAMES** (Pages 70 - 71)

To consider the following Motion, notice of which has been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.1, since the motion proposes the reversal of a decision taken within the last six months (Minute No. 119 refers).

The Notice of Motion has been signed by Councillors Mace, Blamire, Bray, Brown, Bryning, Charles, Denwood, Fishwick, Gilbert, Hanson, Helme, Histed, Johnson, Redfern, Roe, Rogerson, Sands, Sherlock, Sowden, Thomas and Williamson.

'The decision to withdraw funding from the International Youth Games in 2009-10 was taken reluctantly by Cabinet last December, due to the severe constraints then affecting the City Council's budget. This decision was taken at an early stage in the 2009-10 budget process as Lancaster was to have been the host in 2009, and detailed plans needed to be finalised to send to our participating twin Cities.

There was no debate or discussion at the Budget Council meeting on 4 March on the decision to withdraw support from the International Youth Games in the years 2010-11 and 2011-12, and Council now affirms its long term commitment to the International Youth Games, and asks Cabinet in the forthcoming budget process to propose restoring funding for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12.'

***An Officer Briefing Note is attached.***

16. **MINUTES OF CABINET** (Pages 72 - 86)

To receive the Minutes of Meetings of Cabinet held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

*(Note: The Appendix to the Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> March has not been included on the agenda. A copy can be obtained from Democratic Services on request.)*



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