



**LANCASTER**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

*Promoting City, Coast & Countryside*

# **COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, 11 September 2013**  
**2.00 p.m.**  
**Morecambe Town Hall**

Mark Cullinan,  
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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, 11 September 2013 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 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 (previously circulated).

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations by Members of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Whilst not a legal requirement, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 and in the interests of clarity and transparency, Members should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, at this point in the meeting.

In accordance with Part B Section 2 of the Code Of Conduct, Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any other interests as defined in paragraphs 8(1) or 9(2) of the Code of Conduct.

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 12**

To receive questions in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rules 12.1 and 12.3 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. **PETITIONS AND ADDRESSES**

To receive any petitions and/or addresses from members of the public which have been

notified to the Chief Executive in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

8. **LEADER'S REPORT** (Pages 1 - 3)

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

**REPORTS REFERRED FROM CABINET, COMMITTEES OR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

9. **PROVISIONAL REVENUE, CAPITAL AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2012/13** (Pages 4 - 24)

To consider the recommendations of Cabinet from its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013.

**MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

10. **MOTION ON NOTICE - LONG TERM RAIL STRATEGY CONSULTATION** (Page 25)

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillors Rollins, Dennison, Hamilton-Cox and Whitaker:

"The combined Local Authorities in the North of England with responsibility for transport have produced a Long-term Rail Strategy for the North of England. This document is now open for consultation.

The Council requests the appropriate officer(s) to respond to this consultation and request that the electrification of the Lancaster-Morecambe rail line be included in that strategy."

An officer briefing note is attached.

11. **MOTION ON NOTICE - LEGAL AID BUDGET CUTS** (Pages 26 - 27)

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Whitaker, Ian Pattison and Redfern:

"This Council notes with deep concern the coalition government's cut to the national legal aid budget by £350 million, depriving many people of legal aid advice.

Council is additionally concerned that claimants including vulnerable residents needing help in cases of medical negligence, employment and welfare will no longer be entitled to legal aid.

These people will be denied justice as their cases will be unheard without the support of a legal aid lawyer.

This Council believes legal aid cuts in addition to the government cuts to public services are a further blow to those people already enduring hardship. Council believes that the impact of the cuts to legal aid will result in a two tier legal aid system.

This Council resolves to write to the Justice Minister urging him to reverse these cuts and to also urge the two MPs to lobby for this cut to be reversed in accordance with the well being of their constituents."

An officer briefing note is attached.

## OTHER BUSINESS

12. **LOCAL PLAN FOR LANCASTER DISTRICT: PROPOSED FORMAL PUBLICATION AND SUBMISSION OF DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND MORECAMBE AREA ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS** (Pages 28 - 295)

To consider the report of Chief Officer (Regeneration and Planning).

***Councillors please note: The appendices to this report are in excess of 400 pages and copies have not been printed with the agenda as a matter of course. If you would like a full paper copy for the meeting, please ask Democratic Services to send one out to you.***

***Copies of the full sets of papers, including the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Habitats Regulations Assessment for the Morecambe Area Action Plan, are available for Councillors to read in the Members' Rooms at Morecambe and Lancaster Town Halls and also in Democratic Services. An electronic version can be accessed via the agenda for this meeting accessible through the usual link on the Council Website:-***

***<http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/a-to-z/m/meetings-minutes-agendas/>***

13. **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – LANCASTER DISTRICT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD** (Pages 296 - 298)

To consider the report of Chief Officer (Governance).

14. **QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 13.2**

To receive questions in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rules 13.2 and 13.4 which require a Member to give at least 3 working days notice, in writing, of the question to the Chief Executive.

15. **MINUTES OF CABINET** (Pages 299 - 305)

To receive the Minutes of Meeting of Cabinet held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013.



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