

**COUNCIL BUSINESS  
COMMITTEE**

6.00 P.M.

25TH JUNE 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillors Janet Hall (Chairman), Eileen Blamire, Tracy Brown, Joan Jackson, Roger Mace, Abi Mills (substitute for Sam Armstrong) and Andrew Warriner

Apologies for Absence  
Councillor Sam Armstrong

Officers in attendance  
Debbie Chambers                      Democratic Services Manager  
Maurice Brophy                      Planning and Housing Policy Manager  
Paul Hatch                              Senior Planning Policy Officer  
Peter Baines                            Senior Democratic Support Officer

Also in attendance  
Councillor Janice Hanson (observing as Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Planning)

**1        APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of Council Business Committee for the 2015/16 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Mills that Councillor Mace be appointed to the position. Subsequently, it was proposed by Councillor Blamire and seconded by Councillor Brown that Councillor Warriner be appointed to the position.

Upon being put to the vote, three members voted in favour of Councillor Mace and four in favour of Councillor Warriner, whereupon the Chairman declared that Councillor Warriner be appointed to the position.

***Resolved:***

That Councillor Warriner be appointed Vice-Chairman of Council Business Committee for the 2015/16 municipal year.

**2        MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.

**3        ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There were no items of urgent business.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5 CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT MASTERPLAN FOR LANCASTER DISTRICT**

The Committee considered a consultation on the Lancaster District Draft Transport Masterplan, issued by Lancashire County Council, with a view to informing the city council's formal response.

The Planning and Housing Policy Manager gave a presentation which outlined the proposed improvements set out in the consultation. Members were encouraged to give their feedback on the consultation, and establish a preference for one of three main options set out by Lancashire County Council to deliver the transport vision for Lancaster:

- i. Business as usual;
- ii. Improve what we have; or
- iii. Improve and extend.

In the course of discussion, members agreed on the need to encourage a modal shift away from private motorised transport in favour of increased use of public transport, walking and cycling. Option three, to improve and extend transport infrastructure in the district, was discussed as the only feasible option to bring about that modal shift, although members were concerned that the short term implications could worsen existing problems on the local road network.

***Resolved:***

- (1) That the preparation of a Highways and Transport Masterplan by Lancashire County Council be acknowledged as an important and necessary step in understanding the transport issues in Lancaster District, and the interventions which could be delivered to address these issues;
- (2) That the council's draft response should support Option 3: to improve and extend transport infrastructure in the district;
- (3) That a draft consultation response be prepared on the basis of members' comments and the issues set out in Section 4 of the officer's report, and circulated to all members of the Committee for comment and agreement via email.

**6 REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF CABINET MEETING DATE**

The Committee considered a request from the Leader of the Council to reschedule a Cabinet meeting from 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to the 4<sup>th</sup> August, as she was not available to attend on the current date.

Having established that Cabinet members were content to move the meeting, it was proposed by Councillor Mace and seconded by Councillor Jackson that: "the Cabinet meeting scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be re-arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015". Upon being

put to the vote, members voted unanimously in favour and the motion was carried.

***Resolved:***

That the Cabinet meeting scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be moved to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

**7 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP**

***Resolved:***

That the following appointments to committees from the Green group be approved:

- (1) That Councillors Armstrong and Wilkinson be appointed as substitute members of Budget and Performance Panel;
- (2) That Councillors Hamilton-Cox and Mills be appointed as a substitute members of Personnel Committee;
- (3) That Councillor Novell be replaced on Licensing Act Committee by Councillor Wilkinson.

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Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7:35pm)

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