



LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL

Promoting City, Coast & Countryside

COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, 14 December 2016 -
6.00 p.m.
Morecambe Town Hall**

Susan Parsonage,
Chief Executive,
Town Hall,
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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, 14 December 2016 commencing at 6.00 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 9th November, 2016 (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 9 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 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. 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.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

9. MOTION ON NOTICE - BUS SERVICES BILL (Page 4)

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors Ronnie Kershaw, Carla Brayshaw, Rob Devey and John Reynolds:-

This council notes:

1. That the Bus Services Bill currently passing through Parliament includes Clause 21 that will effectively "prohibit a local authority from forming a company for the purposes of providing a local bus service".
2. That the Localism Act (2011) provides general powers of competence to local authorities.
3. That municipal bus companies like Reading and Nottingham provide some of the best bus services in the country and have a successful track record of increasing bus passenger numbers and providing high quality bus services.
4. That polling by We Own It found that a majority of the public (57%) oppose clause 21, whilst just 22% support it. The opposition to Clause 21 is consistent across voters from all political parties.

This council believes:

1. Clause 21 contradicts the general powers of competence and the spirit of the Localism Act 2011.
2. If there is a need and a demand from their public, then Councils should be able to provide their own bus services.
3. Should they wish, Councils should be legally able to follow the model developed by Reading and Nottingham.
4. Consequently Clause 21 should be omitted from the Bus Services Bill.

This council resolves:

1. To write to Lord Ahmad and to call on the Department for Transport to omit Clause 21 from the final legislation.
2. To write to local MPs Cat Smith and David Morris to ask them to oppose clause 21 when the Bus Services Bill reaches the House of Commons and ask them to write to Lord Ahmad and the Department of Transport to raise concerns about Clause 21.
3. To work with any organisations such as We Own It to publicise our opposition to clause 21 in local media.

An officer briefing note is attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. **DRAFT STRATEGIC POLICIES & LAND ALLOCATIONS AND REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS [LOCAL PLAN FOR LANCASTER DISTRICT]** (Pages 5 - 25)

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

Councillors please note: Appendices 1 and 2 of this report and the policy maps are published electronically and can be found on the Council website at:

<https://committeeadmin.lancaster.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=305&MId=6692&Ver=4>

Paper copies will be available in the Members' Rooms at Morecambe and Lancaster Town Halls. If you require your own paper copy please contact Democratic Services on 582132.

11. **LOCALISED COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2017/18** (Pages 26 - 50)

To consider the report of the Chief Officer (Resources)

12. **COMMUNITY POOLS UPDATE** (Pages 51 - 53)

To consider the report of the Chief Officer (Health & Housing)

13. **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR ELECT**

To appoint a Mayor Elect to be put forward for election by the City Council in May 2017, for the municipal year 2017/18.

14. **QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12**

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.

15. **MINUTES OF CABINET** (Pages 54 - 64)

To receive the Minutes of Meeting of Cabinet held on 2nd November, 2016.



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Chief Executive

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