



LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL

Promoting City, Coast & Countryside

COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, 15 November 2017 -
6.00 p.m.
Morecambe Town Hall**

Susan Parsonage,
Chief Executive,
Town Hall,
Dalton Square,
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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, 15 November 2017 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 27th September 2017 (previously circulated) and 31st October 2017 (to be 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.

REPORTS REFERRED FROM CABINET, COMMITTEES OR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

9. **MOTION ON NOTICE - HOLIDAY HUNGER** (Pages 4 - 5)

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors John Reynolds, Tracey Brown, Margaret Pattison, Claire Cozler, Darren Clifford, Carla Brayshaw and Robert Redfern.

"The Council is concerned at reports by teachers' unions and others concerning the growth of "holiday hunger" amongst children.

Holiday hunger occurs when families who are usually entitled to free school meals during term time have that provision taken away during school holidays. This is most acute during the long summer holidays with an extra cost to families affected of an average of £30 to £40 per week to feed their children.

This Council notes:

- 1. A survey led by the NUT (National Union of Teachers) found that as many as four in five staff reported a rise in "holiday hunger" over the past two years. 78% of teachers polled said that they recognised children arriving at school hungry. More than a third went as far as to say that pupils were returning after the school holidays showing signs of malnutrition.*
- 2. That Mark Hendrick MP has sponsored a Private members' Bill by Frank Field MP which places a legal duty on local authorities to ensure the provision of free meals and activities during school holidays. This would be paid for by earmarking 10p from every pound raised from the sugar tax on soft drinks.*
- 3. It has been reported that the Bill has received a certain amount of cross party support with 14 Conservative MPs publicly backing the Bill, which means that more Private Members' Bills are likely to become law if the government gives support to them.*

This Council resolves:

- 1. To support the Bill and asks the Chief Executive to write to our two MPs namely Cat Smith and David Morris to explain the Councils support and request that they also offer their support and actively persuade the Conservative led government to put Mr Field's Bill into law.*
- 2. The Chief Executive writes to all Council Leaders across Lancashire asking them to support the Bill and requesting them to write to their own Members of Parliament to offer support for the Bill.*
- 3. The Chief Executive writes to Mark Hendrick thanking him for sponsoring the Bill*

and making him aware it has the support of Lancaster City Council. The Council should also publicise its support for the Bill.”

An officer briefing note is attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. **ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS** (Pages 6 - 10)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

11. **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – THE DUKES BOARD, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LANCASTER CHARITY** (Pages 11 - 13)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

12. **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.

13. **MINUTES OF CABINET** (Pages 14 - 21)

To receive the Minutes of Meeting of Cabinet held on 3rd October 2017.



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Chief Executive

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