



LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL

Promoting City, Coast & Countryside

COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, 18 July 2018 - 6.00
p.m.
Morecambe Town Hall**

Susan Parsonage,
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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, 18 July 2018 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 Meetings of the City Council held on 11th May and 14th May 2018 (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** (Pages 1 - 3)

To receive an Address from Ms Desna Mackenzie, notification of which has been received by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Council's Constitution. Copy of Ms Mackenzie's address is attached.

ITEMS DEFERRED FROM THE APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

8. **MOTION ON NOTICE - CLIMATE CHANGE** (Page 4)

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors Frea and Clifford:-

"This Council acknowledges;

- the historic commitments made at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris toward the future of renewable energy;*
- our responsibility to help secure an environmentally sustainable future for our residents and in relation to the global effects of anthropogenic climate change.*

This Council subsequently notes that;

- despite the Paris Agreement placing no binding commitments upon Local Government institutions, we as a Council can still play our part in the global movement towards a sustainable energy future;*
- additional benefits of the development of green industries include the potential for create well-paid, high-skilled employment locally, regionally and nationally;*
- the UK100 Agreement pledge outlines the ambition for the UK regions to exceed the Paris Climate targets through achieving 100% 'clean energy' usage by 2050.*

In light of this, this Council, therefore, resolves to;

- match the ambitions of the UK100 Agreement by pledging to achieve 100% clean energy across Lancaster City Council's Council's full range of functions by 2050.*
- work in partnership with our residents and business community to deliver against the commitments made nationally and internationally at the 2015 Paris Summit;*
- turn these commitments into reality through developing a 'route map' to a sustainable future, working together with the business, educational and residential communities of Lancaster and Morecambe as part of an integrated approach to a shared sustainable future".*

An officer briefing note is attached.

9. **EXECUTIVE ANNUAL REPORT** (Pages 5 - 11)

To receive the Executive Annual Report from the Portfolio Holder for Property Services, Car Parking, ICT, Digital Strategy, Customer Services in accordance with Article 7.06 (j). The report was deferred from the April meeting of Council.

10. **CABINET MINUTES** (Pages 12 - 20)

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 20th March 2018.

11. **LEADER'S REPORT** (Pages 21 - 24)

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

REPORTS REFERRED FROM CABINET, COMMITTEES OR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

12. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Council is recommended to pass the following recommendation in relation to the following item:-

"That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act."

Members are reminded that, whilst the following item has been marked as exempt, it is for Council itself to decide whether or not to consider it in private or in public. In making the decision, Members should consider the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and also whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. In considering their discretion Members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

13. **CANAL QUARTER PROGRESS UPDATE**

To consider the report of the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning.

Report to follow.

14. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Council please note that while the following report is public some of the appendices are exempt under Paragraph 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Should it be necessary to refer to those appendices it is recommended that Council resolves to exclude the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

It is for Council itself to decide whether or not to consider the matter in private or in public. In making the decision, Members should consider the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and also whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. In considering their discretion Members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

15. **EXECUTIVE TEAM STRUCTURE** (Pages 25 - 95)

Referral from Cabinet.

16. **AMBITIONS: OUR COUNCIL PLAN 2018-22** (Pages 96 - 116)

Referral from Cabinet.

17. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2017/18** (Pages 117 - 131)

Referral from Cabinet.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

18. MOTION ON NOTICE - CHILDREN'S CENTRES (Pages 132 - 133)

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors Kevin Frea, Robert Redfern, David Whitaker and Nathan Burns.

- "1) Lancaster City Council acknowledges the fantastic work carried out by children's centres in the Lancaster district by dedicated local people and the importance of this service. Examples include midwife sessions, parenting programmes, language development and safeguarding. A recent Oxford University study found that by supporting parents and families, children's centres help to mitigate the effects of disadvantage on life chances – and that by offering open-access, walk-in activities they encourage vulnerable families to take part because they do not feel there is a stigma attached to using the centres. The research, based upon interviews with parents and staff, found that preventative work with families could head off more serious problems that could otherwise lead to them needing support from social services, the NHS and other agencies.*
- 2) Lancaster City Council expresses its concern at the proposals by Lancashire County Council to close the Appletree Children's Centre in Lancaster and Halton Children's Centre in Halton as part of plans to save £1.2m as a result of Conservative Government cuts. The council believes there is a clear risk support for and therefore also outcomes for local families will suffer if these closures go ahead. Comments by a county council director in the local press suggest support will be delivered in other community locations and in the home. However, this council expresses scepticism that the same level of support can be provided, notes the lack of signposting to more detailed information about this as part of the online consultation and fears these proposals appear to be underpinned more by the need to save money than the best interests of families.*
- 3) Lancaster City Council asks our chief executive to write to Lancashire County Council as part of the ongoing consultation, which runs until Friday 3 August, to make clear this council's opposition to closure of children's centres in the Lancaster district for the reasons set out in 1) and 2) and to urge the county council to reconsider these proposals.*
- 4) Lancaster City Council acknowledges that damaging cuts like those proposed to children's centres are not only a result of local party political decisions, but also impossible choices being forced upon local councils of all political persuasions by the Conservative Government. The council notes concerns raised by the Local Government Association that council children's services departments will face a £2bn funding shortfall by 2020, putting more children and families at risk of reaching crisis point as early intervention services like children's centres are cut. Children's centres were set up by a Labour Government and in 2009, there were around 3,600 centres across the country. Since then, and coinciding with the arrival of a Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition Government in 2010, an estimated 1,000 children's centres have closed. Accordingly, Lancaster City Council asks our chief executive to write the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, highlighting this council's concern about the proposed children's centre closures in the Lancaster district and urging him to urgently address the shortfall in children's services funding."*

An officer briefing note is attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

19. **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2018 - 2019** (Pages 134 - 135)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

20. **ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS** (Pages 136 - 141)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

21. **AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - SCHEME OF DELEGATION FOR NON-EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS** (Pages 142 - 146)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer.

22. **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - MORECAMBE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)** (Pages 147 - 148)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

23. **APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Group Administrators to report any changes to Committee Membership.

24. **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.

25. **MINUTES OF CABINET** (Pages 149 - 183)

To receive the Minutes of Meetings of Cabinet held on 24th April, 15th May, 26th June and the 3rd July 2018.



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