



**LANCASTER**  
**CITY COUNCIL**

*Promoting City, Coast & Countryside*

# **COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, 14 November 2018 -  
6.00 p.m. (or at the rise of the  
Extraordinary meeting, whichever  
is the later).**

**Morecambe Town Hall**

Susan Parsonage,  
Chief Executive,  
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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 November 2018 commencing at 6.00 p.m. (or at the rise of the Extraordinary Meeting, whichever is the later), 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 26<sup>th</sup> September 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**

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. **PETITION - MUSICIANS CO-OPERATIVE**

To receive a petition to Council, notification of which has been received by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Members are advised that the petition has in excess of 400 signatures and a motion relating to the same topic is already scheduled for debate at item 12.

Petition from residents of Bulk and Castle;

*The Musicians' Co-op in Lodge Street has for 33 years provided up and coming bands in the Lancaster area with rehearsal rooms, technical support and equipment at minimal cost. This has supported a thriving music scene in the city, which brings in thousands of visitors annually who contribute to the local economy. The city council has served a notice of eviction on the Co-op without offering any alternative accommodation or any offer of help with the repairs the council says the Co-op must pay for, which includes re-roofing.*

*What we would like the City Council to do:*

*We, the petitioners, request that:*

1. *Lancaster City Council withdraw the notice of eviction issued to the Musicians' Co-op on 12 October 2018.*
2. *Lancaster City Council work with the Musicians' Co-op to create an attractive, sustainable venue from which the Co-op can continue to support the music and musicians of Lancaster area.*
3. *The City Councillors discuss this matter at the next full council meeting.*

An officer briefing note is to follow.

9. **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**

10. **CANAL QUARTER PROGRESS UPDATE** (Pages 4 - 11)

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

**MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

11. **MOTION ON NOTICE - REDUCING CLIMATE CHANGE EMISSIONS FROM NEW-BUILD HOMES BY IMPROVING THEIR MINIMUM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARD**

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors Tim Hamilton-Cox, Caroline

Jackson, Jon Barry and Kevin Frea.

*“Motion on reducing climate change emissions from new-build homes by improving their minimum energy efficiency standard.*

*This Council notes:*

- *the Government announcement in July 2018 that Council could set their own energy efficiency standards for new buildings beyond those set in Part L of the Building Regulations;*
- *the October 2018 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) highlighting that we only have around 12 years to reduce climate change emissions in order to limit global warming to 1.5 C. degrees above pre-industrial levels, for the reasons set out in the IPCC's report;*
- *that local authorities are best placed to take a lead on, and implement, many of the measures needed to reduce climate change emissions.*

*This Council believes:*

- *that one such measure is to improve the energy efficiency standards in new buildings, not only to reduce carbon emissions, but also to keep money that would otherwise go to energy companies circulating in our local economy;*
- *that improving energy efficiency in new buildings is just one part of a strategy to reduce emissions in our district but is an important step to take that should be part of a wider strategy to be set out in a further motion in December following cross-party discussion.*

*This Council resolves:*

- *to instate Level 4 of the Sustainable Homes Code as the minimum standard on all new homes and include this direction in the draft Local Plan;*
- *to require a Passivhaus standard, as exemplified by the Lancaster Co-housing development in Halton, for all new homes built on council-owned land (following the lead of councils in Norwich and Cambridge, which have mandated higher standards of sustainability for homes on council-owned land);*
- *to expand the range of housing specified in the Canal Quarter section of the draft Local Plan to include social and affordable homes and that these homes match the Passivhaus standard at Halton.”*

An officer briefing note to follow.

## 12. **MOTION ON NOTICE - MUSICIANS CO-OPERATIVE**

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors Kevin Frea, Cllr. Jon Barry, Cllr. Amara Betts-Patel, Cllr. Carla Brayshaw, Cllr. Dave Brookes, Cllr. Rob Devey, Cllr. Melanie Guilding, Cllr. Tim Hamilton-Cox, Cllr. Colin Hartley, Cllr. Caroline Jackson, Cllr. Abi Mills, Cllr. Jean Parr, Cllr. John Reynolds, Cllr. Oliver Robinson, Cllr. David Whitaker, Cllr. Nicholas Wilkinson and Cllr. Peter Williamson.

*“This Council recognises the incredible value that the Musician's Coop has brought to the culture and economy of Lancaster for more than 30 years.*

*This Council resolves that:*

1. *The eviction notice issued to the Musicians' Co-op on Friday 12th October is immediately rescinded.*
2. *An urgent meeting between the Musicians' Co-op and the Council, including interested Councillors, is arranged to review the situation, and explore possible future arrangements that support the long-term future of the Co-op.*
3. *An action plan is formulated to address the building condition report issues and how best the funds to pay for them could be raised, with the Council accepting responsibility for the most significant urgent structural repairs needed to make the building safe. This acknowledges the Council's position as landlord and the many years of uncertainty that the redevelopment proposals have cast over the future of this building and the wider area.*
4. *If the Musicians' Co-op has to move out in the short-term for repairs to be carried out, then the Council will work with the Musicians Co-op to find suitable alternative premises close to Lancaster City Centre."*

An officer briefing note is to follow.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

13. **ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS** (Pages 12 - 17)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

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

Group Administrators to report any changes to Committee Membership.

15. **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.



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