



LANCASTER
CITY COUNCIL

Promoting City, Coast & Countryside

COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, 30 January 2019 –
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, 30 January 2019 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 19th December 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 - THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF LANCASTER DISTRICT DECLARE A 'CLIMATE EMERGENCY'

To receive a petition to the 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 1,500 signatures and meets the trigger level for a Council debate. A motion relating to the same topic is already scheduled for debate at item 16.

The young people of Lancaster District declare a 'climate emergency'.

We, the young people of Lancaster, are the generation which will feel the effects of global warming, yet there is little action to reduce these effects. As a generation, we have never lived in a time of stable climate conditions. We are seeing its devastating effects in many ways already; sea levels are rising, habitats are being destroyed and our future is uncertain. If the current global trend continues, it is very likely that the earth's temperature will rise by 2 degrees Centigrade. The consequences will be disastrous. As a society, we need to involve the opinions of young people in the decision-making processes to tackle this climate emergency, to help protect our future.

We the undersigned, live, work or study in the district and petition the Council to:

1. Declare a "climate emergency".
2. Conduct a consultation with young people of all ages, by young people of all ages, for what they want for a sustainable future in Lancaster district.
3. Include consultation ideas in council plans to make Lancaster District carbon neutral by 2030.
4. Create a young person's climate panel to review and support Council climate strategies.

An officer briefing note is attached to Item 16.

ITEMS DEFERRED FROM THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

9. 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.

10. **MINUTES OF CABINET** (Pages 1 - 20)

To receive the Minutes of Meetings of Cabinet held on November 6th 2018 and December 4th 2018.

11. **LEADER'S REPORT** (Pages 21 - 23)

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. **DESIGNATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (SECTION 151 OFFICER) RESPONSIBILITY** (Pages 24 - 26)

Referral from Personnel Committee.

13. **BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK UPDATE 2019/20 TO 2023/24** (Pages 27 - 59)

Referral from Cabinet

14. **PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY** (Pages 60 - 62)

Referral from Cabinet

15. **PROPOSALS FOR THE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INVESTMENT DECISIONS** (Pages 63 - 73)

Referral from Cabinet

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

16. **MOTION ON NOTICE - CLIMATE CHANGE AND LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL** (Pages 74 - 80)

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillors Kevin Frea, Andrew Kay, Caroline Jackson and Tim Hamilton-Cox;

“Full Council Notes:

Lancaster City Council has already committed to reducing carbon emissions to zero by 2050, but the recent IPCC Report shows it is imperative that this target is reached much sooner. Lancaster City Council can play its role. Business as usual is clearly no longer an option. We need local wisdom to increase our resilience and to prepare for the climate changes already in the system.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 1.5°C report, published in October 2018, humanity has 12 years for “ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities” to deliver the “rapid and far-reaching transitions in land, energy, industry, buildings, transport, and cities” needed to turn this around, so we can avoid reaching tipping points where we no longer have the ability to avoid extreme weather events.

It is vital that rural communities play their part in reducing carbon emissions.

Bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, new income streams, and localising wealth generation; as well as improved well-being for people locally and worldwide.

Our inspiration:

A number of City & District Councils, together with the Mayor of London, have passed motions declaring a 'Climate Emergency'.

We, the undersigned, therefore call on Lancaster City Council to

- 1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';*
- 2. Support the setting up of a Climate Change Advisory Board immediately, involving Councillors, residents, businesses, experts from the two Universities and other relevant parties. Over the following 6 months, the Board will revisit and update the 2010 Lancaster City Council Climate Change Strategy and help the Council develop a new carbon budget taking into account both production and consumption emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3) and set a target date of 2030, to:*
 - make the Council's activities net-zero carbon;*
 - Consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities;*
 - increase local resilience to climate impacts already in the system;*
 - maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as health, agriculture, transport and the economy;*
 - support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the Lancaster District zero carbon within the same timescale.*

We recognize the current financial constraints that the Council faces and expect that both the development and implementation of a carbon budget are likely to need a significant measure of additional external funding. Some of the potential actions may have a positive or neutral financial impact.

Actions that could be recommended include: increasing the energy efficiency of buildings; prioritizing these measures for council housing and private sector housing to address fuel poverty; building solar and other renewable energy generating and storage plant; requiring all new housing and commercial developments to be low carbon; replacing the vehicle fleet with electric and/or hydrogen powered vehicles; switching to 100% renewable energy; setting up a council run energy company (eg. Robin Hood Energy) and adapting the Council's purchasing policy.

- 3. Prepare a report on methods for conducting a consultation with young people and creating a young people's climate panel.*
- 4. Task a director level officer with responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities;*
- 5. Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible;*
- 6. Work with partners across the district, county and region to help deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies, plans and shared resources;*

7. *Require all officer reports to Cabinet and Full Council to contain Impact assessments on Climate Change that include Carbon Emission Appraisals, including presenting alternative approaches which reduce emissions wherever possible;*
8. *Produce a report to the next Full Council on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have;*
9. *Amend the Council's Investment Strategy to give due weight to climate change targets in the portfolio of investments.*
10. *Report to full Council by the end of 2019 with a fully costed action plan to address this emergency."*

An officer briefing note is attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

17. **GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY 2019- 2022**
(Pages 81 - 134)

To consider the report of the Director for Communities and the Environment.

18. **APPOINTMENT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER** (Pages 135 - 137)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

19. **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR ELECT**

To appoint a Mayor Elect to be put forward for election by the City Council in May 2019, for the municipal year 2019/20.

20. **APPOINTMENT TO AN OUTSIDE BODY MORECAMBE FC COMMUNITY SPORTS CHARITY** (Pages 138 - 139)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive.

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

Group Administrators to report any changes to Committee Membership.

22. **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.

23. **MINUTES OF CABINET** (Pages 140 - 155)

To receive the Minutes of Meetings of Cabinet held on 18th December 2018 and 15th January 2019*.

**Please note the decisions contained within these minutes are subject to a call-in period up to the 29th January 2019.*



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Chief Executive

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