

**COUNCIL BUSINESS  
COMMITTEE**

**6.00 P.M.**

**19TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors David Whitaker (Chair), Suhir Abuhajar, John Livermore, Sarah McGowan, Paul Stubbins and Prof Chris Harris (Substitute)

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Matthew Black (Vice-Chair) and Jean Parr

Officers in attendance:

Maurice Brophy	Service Manager - Planning and Housing Strategy
Paul Hatch	Principal Planning Policy Officer
Rebecca Richards	Planning Policy Officer
Jenny Kay	Civic & Ceremonial Democratic Support Officer
Liz Bateson	Principal Democratic Support Officer, Democratic Services
Phillip Abel	Democratic Support Officer

**7 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 30 May 2024 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**8 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR**

There were no items of urgent business.

**9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**10 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The Committee discussed the report of the Senior Manager, Democratic Support and Elections that asked them to consider whether the Council wished to take over the management of the Holocaust Memorial Service and the following event within the Town Hall. The Committee was also asked to make recommendations with regard to the resourcing of the event.

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Livermore and agreed unanimously that the Council should take over the organisation of the Holocaust Memorial Service at Lancaster Town Hall and furthermore that More Music be requested to provide a handover period for the January 2025 Service.

***Resolved:***

- (1) That Lancaster City Council take over the organisation of the Holocaust Memorial Service at Lancaster town Hall.

- (2) That Officers request More Music provide a handover period for the January 2025 Service.

## 11 CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Committee was asked to consider a proposed response to the Government's draft National Planning Policy Framework consultation and agree to its formal submission on or before the deadline of 24 September 2024.

The Service Manager – Planning and Housing Strategy provided a brief overview of the key themes of the consultation document and the implications for Lancaster City Council that had been outlined in the report. Questions were taken from the Committee throughout.

A number of comments had been supplied to the Committee prior to the meeting which were then discussed with the input of the Officers present.

At the conclusion of the discussion it was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Stubbins and agreed by all present that “the draft response be approved for submission with the comments raised in the meeting taken into consideration and added where appropriate”

### ***Resolved:***

- (1) That the draft response to the NPPF consultation be approved for submission with the comments raised in the meeting taken into consideration and added where appropriate.

## 12 COMMITTEE TIMETABLE 2025/2026

The Committee was presented with a draft timetable of meetings for the 2025/2026 municipal year and was asked to consider approving the proposed final schedule of meetings or, if significant changes were to be made, refer the matter to Council for consideration.

It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Livermore that the proposed timetable of meetings, times and venues for the 2025/26 municipal year be approved as set out in the report.

This was agreed unanimously.

### ***Resolved:***

- (1) That the proposed timetable of meetings, times and venues for the 2025/26 municipal year be approved.

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Chair

(The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these Minutes, please contact  
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