

**COUNCIL BUSINESS
COMMITTEE**

6.00 P.M.

26TH MARCH 2025

PRESENT:- Councillors David Whitaker (Chair), Suhir Abuhajar (Minute 28 only), John Livermore, Sarah McGowan, Jean Parr, Prof. Chris Harris (Substitute) and Sally Maddocks (Substitute)

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Matthew Black (Vice-Chair) and Paul Stubbins

Officers in attendance:

Mark Cassidy	Chief Officer - Planning and Climate Change
Jonathan Noad	Chief Officer - Sustainable Growth
Diane Neville	Principal Planning Policy Officer
Liz Bateson	Principal Democratic Support Officer, Democratic Services
Phillip Abel	Democratic Support Officer

25 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

27 RESPONDING TO THE OPEN CONSULTATION ON A NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY GENERATION (EN-7)

The Principal Planning Policy Officer presented a draft response to the open consultation published by the Department of Energy and Climate Change, National Policy Statement for Nuclear Energy Generation (EN-7).

The Committee was asked to note the proposed draft response and consider it for submission as the Council's corporate response to the consultation on or before the deadline of 3rd April 2025.

After noting the consultation and reviewing the proposed responses to each question, it was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Livermore and resolved unanimously as follows: -

Resolved: -

- 1) That the Committee notes the Department of Energy and Climate Change's consultation on the National Policy Statement for Nuclear Energy Generation (EN-7)
- 2) That the responses to the consultation on the National Policy Statement for

Nuclear Energy Generation (EN-7), as proposed in Appendix 1 of the report, be submitted as the Council's corporate response to the consultation.

It was at this point that Councillor Abuhajar arrived.

28 THE LANCASHIRE GROWTH PLAN - CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Committee was asked to note the Lancashire County Combined Authority's consultation on the Lancashire Growth Plan and to consider submitting the draft response provided by the Chief Officer Sustainable Growth with any alterations required by the deadline of 11th April 2025.

After noting the consultation and summary provided by the Chief Officer Sustainable Growth, the Committee requested clarification on points pertaining to the retention of graduates in the area and requested that Glasson Dock also be mentioned alongside the Port of Heysham when listing the economic assets of the district.

At the conclusion of discussion it was proposed by Councillor Parr, Seconded by Councillor Maddocks and unanimously resolved as follows:

Resolved

- 1) That Council Business Committee note the summary content of the consultation version of the Lancashire Growth Plan.
- 2) That the draft response contained in the report be agreed with inclusion of comments made by Council Business Committee.
- 3) That the Chief Officer Sustainable Growth incorporate any comments raised by the Committee and submit the final version of the response to the County Combined Authority by 11th April 2025.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 6.15 p.m.)

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