

**COUNCIL FORUM**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**PRESENT** – *The Mayor Dorothy Walsh (in the Chair), Councillors, Akhtar H., Akhtar P., Ali S., Barrett, Bateson, Blackburn, Browne, Connor F., Connor K., Cottam, Davis, Davies, Dean, Entwistle, Foster D., Foster K., Gollop, Gordon, Hardman, Harling, Hirst, Hollern, Hollings, Humphrys, Hussain F., Hussain M., Jan-Virmani, Johnson, Kay, Khan M., Khan Z., Khonat, Lee, Lorgat, Mahmood, McFall, McGarvey, Milburn, Mulla, Nuttall, Oldfield, Patel, Pearson, Rehman, Rigby C., Shorrock, Slater Jacqueline, Slater John, Smith D., Smith J., Thayne, Waghat, Williams J. S., Williams S. J. and Wright.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**77 Notice Convening the Meeting**

The Chief Executive read the notice convening the meeting.

**78 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Doherty, Law-Riding, J. Rigby, Rishton, Sidat and Julie Slater.

**79 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Council Forum meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007 and the Finance Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007 be approved.

**80 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor N. Nuttall declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 11.7, the report of the Executive Member for Housing and Neighbourhood Services.

**81 Mayoral Communications**

- The Mayor referred to a very successful Mayoral 'at home' visit from other Mayors within Lancashire to Turton Tower, Shadsworth Children's Centre, Blackburn Cathedral, Witton Park and Ewood Park.
- The Mayor referred to the annual Mayor's Ball which was taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> April, with entertainment provided by the Northern Jazz Orchestra. Tickets were still available and the Mayor encouraged all present to attend and support her charity.

- The Mayor referred to this as the final Council Forum prior to the elections and thanked everybody for their hard work and dedication in serving the people of the Borough, in particular Councillor Maureen Rishton who was retiring from her position as Councillor after many years service.

**82 Presentation to the Outgoing Youth MPs**

The Leader of the Council Councillor Kate Hollern, and the Mayor gave a joint presentation to the outgoing Youth MP, Matt Worden, and the outgoing Deputy Youth MPs, Carren Stockman and Jaffer Hussein.

The Leader referred to the excellent work they had undertaken during their terms of office and referred to the very many meetings and events they had participated in including the Children and Young People's Partnership, the Local Strategic Partnership, their input into Children's Services Scrutiny, involvement in anti-bullying and sexual health events, '100 Voices', and their work on community cohesion. She thanked them for their contributions to the work of the Council and within the Borough as a whole, and for serving as ambassadors for young people.

**83 Presentation to John McDonald**

The Executive Member for Children's Services, Councillor Maureen Bateson, and the Mayor gave a presentation to John McDonald in recognition of 100% attendance at both Shadsworth Primary School and Blakewater College. John had not missed a day's attendance throughout primary and secondary school and had now started a career in the Armed Forces.

Councillor Bateson provided tributes to John's school career from former Head Teachers Barbara Booth, Brian Peacock and Lee Harris. They referred to his dedication and achievement, his wonderful attitude to school, the support from his family and his inspiration to other students.

**84 Questions from the Public**

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received from members of the public

**85 Report of the Chair of the Policy and Review Committee**

The Chair of the Policy and Review Committee reported on the work of that Committee since the last meeting of the Council Forum.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

**86 Report of the Executive Members**

Executive Members submitted reports on work within their portfolios since the last meeting of the Council Forum. These were considered as follows:

- Leader of the Council
- Children's Services
- Adult Social Care
- Resources
- Regeneration
- Leisure and Culture
- Housing and Neighbourhood Services
- Citizens and Consumer Rights

**RESOLVED –**

1. That the reports be received; and
2. That thanks be given to Councillor Maureen Rishton on her retirement from the Council, for her work as Lead Member on Children's Services and within social services.

**87 Report of the Standards Committee**

Members received a report on the work undertaken by the Standards Committee since the last meeting of the Council Forum.

**RESOLVED -** That the report be noted.

**88 Questions received from Members under Procedure Rule 11**

The Chief Executive reported that there were no questions received under Procedure Rule 11.

**89 Notice of Motion under Procedure Rule 12**

The Chief Executive reported that there were no notices of motion received under Procedure Rule 12.

**90 Questions regarding Lancashire Police Authority**

The Chief Executive reported that there were no questions received regarding the Lancashire Police Authority.

91 **Mayoralty 2007/2008**

Members considered a report of the Chief Executive seeking nominations for the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2007/2008.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That in line with the usual practice of the Deputy Mayor of the current year serving as Mayor in the following year, Councillor Maureen McGarvey be nominated to serve as Mayor in 2007/2008; and
2. That in line with the rotation of the nomination of the office of the Mayor between the political groups based on proportionality of the Council, the Labour Group be invited to nominate a Member to serve as Deputy Mayor for the year 2007/2008.

92 **Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Submission to the Secretary of State of the Core Strategy**

The Director of Regeneration, Housing and Neighbourhoods submitted a report previously approved by the Executive Board on the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy, which formed part of the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

The Council worked jointly with Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Council to produce planning policy on minerals and waste issues in the form of the Minerals and Waste Development Framework.

The Core Strategy set the overall policy directions for the framework. It would be supplemented by more detailed development control policies and site specification allocations for minerals and waste development. The report detailed the consultation process that had taken place to date, which was in line with the Statement of Community Involvement previously agreed by the Council.

**RESOLVED –** That the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy be approved for submission to the Secretary of State and for publication for consultation.

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Signed at a meeting of the Council  
on the                    day of  
(being the next ensuing meeting  
of the Council) by

MAYOR