

Council Forum

27th January 2011

AGENDA

PART 1: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC

- 1 **Chief Executive to read the notice convening the meeting**
- 2 **Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain**
- 3 **Apologies for Absence**
- 4 **Minutes**
To receive and confirm the minutes of the Council Forum meeting on 4th November 2010, Policy Council Meeting on 2nd December 2010 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 6th January 2011. (Attached pages 1-16).
- 5 **Declarations of Interest**
A form is attached. (Attached page 17)
- 6 **Mayoral Communications**
- 7 **Council Forum**
To consider questions from members of the public received under Procedure Rule 10.
- 8 **To consider motions submitted under Procedure Rule 12**
The following Notices of Motion have been submitted:

Motion 1

The Council welcomes the inclusion of our Youth MPs and deputies as observers on the Executive Board with speaking but no voting rights. It resolves to extend this to the nominee (s) of any political group which has 10% or more of the seats on this Council.

Proposed by Councillor David Foster

Seconded by Councillor Roy Davies

Motion 2

This Council acknowledges the vital influence of educational attainment in transforming the life chances of our young people.

In the light of that knowledge, this Council, through its role as a corporate parent; its representation on school governing bodies and its oversight of Children's Services, will endeavour to maximise the access of schools in the borough to Pupil Premium Funding and its effective utilisation

Proposed by Councillor Chris Thayne

Seconded by Councillor Simon Huggill

Motion 3

This Council recognises the importance of Call-Ins within our constitution in holding the Executive to account. It notes that we already have provisions for urgent decisions which can be exempted from Call-Ins. It resolves that once a decision has been called-in it cannot be stopped, except with the agreement of the objectors and instructs the Chief Executive to bring forward an amendment to the constitution to the next Council Forum to embed this resolution within the constitution.

Proposed by Councillor David Foster

Seconded by Councillor Michael Lee

9 Adoption of Blackburn with Darwen Local Development Framework Core Strategy

To approve the recommendations in the report (Attached pages 18-27). Copies of the final Core Strategy and Appendices A and B have been placed on deposit in Political Group Rooms.

10 Attendance of the Mayor

To approve the recommendations in the report (Attached pages 28-29)

11 Scrutiny 2011 – Fit for Purpose Fit for Future

Report of the Chief Executive to agree proposed changes in the structure and focus of the Overview and Scrutiny within the Authority. (Attached pages 30-37)

12 Reports of Executive Members with Portfolios

- 12.1 Leader (pages 38-40)
- 12.2 Environmental Improvement and Sustainability (pages 41-42)
- 12.3 Neighbourhoods and Customer Services (pages 43-44)
- 12.4 Adult Social Care (pages 45-47)
- 12.5 Children's Services (pages 48-51)
- 12.6 Regeneration (pages 52-55)
- 12.7 Leisure and Culture (page 56)
- 12.8 Housing (pages 57-58)
- 12.9 Resources (pages 59-60)

13 To consider any questions received from Members under Procedure Rule 11

14 a) To receive any questions submitted regarding the functions of the Police Authority

Any questions will be answered by Councillor M Doherty as this Council's representative on the Police Authority.

b) To note the report from the Chair of the Police Authority (Attached pages 61-64)

PART 2: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

There are no items to be considered under Part 2

Graham Burgess
Chief Executive
19th January 2011