

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 17th May, 2012

PRESENT – *The Mayor Councillor Karimeh Foster (in the Chair), Councillors Akhtar, Bateson, Brookfield, Browne, Connor, Cottam, Daley, Desai, Entwistle, Evans, Foster D., Gee, Groves, Hardman, Harling, Hirst, Hollern, Hollings, Humphrys, Hussain F., Hussain I., Hussain S Jan-Virmani, Johnson, Kay, Khan M., Khan Z., Khonat H. Khonat S., Lee, Liddle, Mahmood, McFall, Mulla, Nuttall, O’Keeffe, Oldfield, Patel, Pearson D, Pearson J., Rehman, Rigby C., Rigby J., Riley, Shorrock, Sidat, Slater Jacqueline, Slater John, Slater Julie, Smith D., Smith, James, Solkar, Surve, Talbot, Tapp, Thayne, Walsh C, Walsh D, Whalley and Wright.*

RESOLUTIONS

1 Notice Convening Meeting

The Chief Executive read the notice convening the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Davies, Maxfield and Taylor.

3 Election of the Mayor for 2012/2013

The Chief Executive asked for nominations for the Office of Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Council year. Councillor Zamir Khan was nominated for office and declared elected as the Mayor of the Borough for the 2012/2013 Municipal Year.

The newly elected Mayor then assumed the robe and chain of office, made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

4 Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2012/2013

The Chief Executive asked for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2012/13 Council year. Councillor Salim Mulla was nominated for office and the Mayor declared him elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2012/2013 Municipal Year.

The newly elected Deputy Mayor then received his chain of office and made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5 Tribute to the Newly Elected Mayor

Councillors Phil Riley and Mohammed Khan paid tribute to the newly elected Mayor. The Mayor responded and returned thanks for his election.

6 Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor and Consort

Councillors Paul Browne and Tony Humphrys paid tribute to the retiring Mayor, Mayoress and Consort, for the dedicated work they had undertaken during their term of office, making reference to the engagements they had attended and activities undertaken in support of the Mayor's chosen charities for the year.

The Mayor, Councillor Zamir Khan, presented badges to Councillor Karimeh Foster, Mary Foster, Samira Al-Obaidi and Councillor David Foster. Councillor Karimeh Foster responded to the tributes received and reflected on the key events of the Mayoral year.

At this point there was a short recess to allow the Mayor and guests to leave the meeting.

(The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Salim Mulla, in the Chair.)

7 Minutes of the last Meeting

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the last meeting of the Council Forum held on 26th April 2012 be approved as a correct record.

8 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

9 Local Election Results

The results of the 2012 local elections were submitted for information.

RESOLVED – That the election results be noted.

10 Council Appointments for 2012/2013

The Chief Executive referred to his report on the allocation of seats and appointments to Council positions for 2012/2013, an updated version of which had been previously circulated to Members.

Reference was made to the amendment in the report that proposed amendment of the Constitution (Section 5 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules – (7) – Who chairs Overview and Scrutiny

Committees) with deletion of the requirement for the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy and Review Overview and Scrutiny Committees (now Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee) and the Chair and Vice Chair of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be from different political parties.

A list of the proposed Council Appointments for 2012/13 was circulated to all Members.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Council approves amendment of the Constitution (Section 5 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules– (7) – Who chairs Overview and Scrutiny Committees) by deleting the words 'shall be from different political parties and';
2. That Council notes the Shadow Portfolio Members;
3. That appointments be made to the positions detailed in Paragraph subsection 2;
4. That Council note the eligibility of Lead Members and the provisions relating to political balance, referred to in Paragraph 3; and
5. That decisions on the remaining appointments of Members of Committees be delegated to Group Leaders to agree the appointments.

11 Appointments to Groups and Panels for 2012/2013

The Chief Executive submitted a report on the appointment of Members to Groups and Panels for 2012/2013.

RESOLVED –

1. That decisions on the appointments of fifteen members to serve on the panel of members to deal with appeals as set out in paragraph 2.1 be delegated to the Group Leaders to agree the appointments; and
2. That approval be given to the membership of the Chief Executive's Employment Committee and Chief Officers' Employment Committee, as set out in paragraph 2.2.

12 Appointments to Various Combined Authorities, Outside Bodies, Community Associations and Partnership Bodies

The Chief Executive submitted a report on appointments to combined authorities, outside bodies, community associations and partnership bodies.

The Chief Executive advised that L.C.C. had requested confirmation of Members nominated to serve on the Fire Authority and Police Authority and advised that Councillors Jean Rigby, Dave Smith and Mohammed Khan had been nominated to serve on the Fire Authority and that Councillor Andy Kay had been nominated to serve on the Police Authority.

RESOLVED –

1. That the appointments to the Fire Authority and Police Authority as reported be agreed; and
2. That the remaining appointments to the list of representatives on combined authorities, outside bodies, community associations and partnership bodies be delegated to Group Leaders for decision.

13 Police and Crime Commissioners and Establishment of the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel

A report was submitted that asked Members to agree recommendations relating to the Police and Crime Commissioners and the establishment of the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel.

Major changes to police governance had been enacted by the Government's Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

This Act provided for the election of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) in each Force area of the country, and alongside the new Commissioners, for the establishment of Police and Crime Panels (PCP) on which each local authority (including districts) in the Force area would be represented.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner would essentially be a direct replacement for the existing Police Authority.

The Police and Crime Panels would have new functions to work alongside and scrutinise the work of the Commissioners. Although envisaged by the Home Office as "light touch scrutiny functions" the Panels would carry out scrutiny and influence roles, but also hold significant "executive" powers not typical of scrutiny committees, including the ability to veto on a 2/3 majority the Commissioners proposed precept, and his/her proposed candidates for the post of Chief Constable.

Arrangements were now well advanced for the implementation of these reforms across Lancashire.

Blackburn with Darwen had been nominated to act as the "Police Authority Returning Officer" (PARO) for the forthcoming elections in November 2012 to the office of Commissioner. This means the County-wide elections for the PCC will be co-ordinated and managed from Blackburn with a Lancashire-wide count in Blackburn this November.

Proposals for the PCP had been finalised including meeting the legislative requirements on political proportionality, terms of reference, rules of procedure and arrangements for the Lead Authority for the Panel. These matters were reflected in detail in the attached reports, which was being presented in the same format to each of the fifteen Lancashire authorities at their Annual Meetings for consideration.

RESOLVED –

1. That Council endorses the establishment of a new Joint Committee of the fifteen Lancashire authorities, that will fulfil the role of the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel (PCP);
 2. That Council agrees to Blackburn with Darwen's participation in the new Joint Committee (PCP) based on the attached reports, terms of reference and rules of procedure; and
- That Council agrees that this authority's seat on the new Joint Committee (PCP) will be taken by the Leader of the Council or their nominee, and that this will be reviewed annually to reflect the outcomes of local elections.

14 Annual Review of Scrutiny 2012/13

Members received a report which outlined the findings of the 2011-12 Annual Review of Scrutiny and to agree arrangements for overview and scrutiny activity in 2012/13.

RESOLVED –

That the following be endorsed:

- The appended feedback from the Elected Members regarding the scrutiny process in 2011-12 (Appendix 1) and the summary of key themes emerging from the Annual Review of Scrutiny (section 4).
- Retaining the three committee scrutiny structure for 2012-13; with Policy and Corporate Resources; Children and Health; and Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Committees in operation.
- Maintaining the emphasis on 'task and finish' panels as a vital resource to deliver the three over-arching committees' work programmes.
- The respective roles regarding Health scrutiny (Appendix 2) with;
 - The Health and Wellbeing Board to have prime responsibility for the scrutiny of the wider health system;

- The Children and Health Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise the efficiency and effectiveness of the Health and Wellbeing Board (receiving a minimum of two reports from the Health and Wellbeing Board per year.)
- The Children and Health Scrutiny Committee to additionally focus on adults and children's portfolios, whilst having oversight for health scrutiny activity within the Council.
- The Corporate Parenting Committee to address Ofsted recommendations by acting as a specialist advisory panel on all aspects within its remit to the Children and Health Scrutiny Committee, whilst retaining its individually as a Committee in its own right.
- A distribution of 2012-13 meetings to reflect the breadth of portfolios, with the proposal that the Children and Health Committee meets eight times during the 12/13 Municipal Year to reflect workload pressures.
- Aligning the Leisure portfolio to the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Committee for scrutiny purposes
- Financial and performance reporting (particularly regarding the transformation programme) to continue to be integrated and concisely presented for scrutiny purposes, with on-going officer review of this issue for committees in 2012-13.
- The Director of Policy and Communications, as lead Chief Officer for Scrutiny, to convene support officers prior to the next scrutiny cycle to confirm roles, responsibilities and lessons learnt from 2011-12. A wider remit for Heads of Service on Task and Finish Panels should be considered.
- Scheduling the Annual Review of Scrutiny after the Election in future years.

15 Updated Year Planner 2012/13

The updated Year Planner for 2012/13 was submitted, which contained a number of amendments that Members were asked to note.

RESOLVED – That the updated Year Planner for 2012/13 be noted.

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

MAYOR

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2012/2013

This is the pro-forma for appointments in 2012/2013.

The Executive Members and Lead Members

EXECUTIVE BOARD		
Leader of the Council and Chair of Executive Board	Kate Hollern	
The following appointments have been made by the Leader of the Council:		
Deputy Leaders of the Council	Mohammed Khan Andy Kay	
Vice Chair of Executive Board	Mohammed Khan Andy Kay	
Portfolios	Executive Member	Lead Members
Adult Social Care	Mohammed Khan	Shahabuddin Solkar Dorothy Walsh
Children's Services	Maureen Bateson	Pat McFail Michael Johnson
Neighbourhood and Customer Services	Yusuf Jan Virmani	Arshid Mahmood
Housing	Tony Humphrys	Salim Mulla
Leisure & Culture	Damian Talbot	Trevor Maxfield Iftakhar Hussain
Regeneration	Dave Harling	Abdul Patel Eileen Entwistle

Resources	Andy Kay	Salim Sidat Suleman Khonat
Environmental Improvement and Sustainability	Faryad Hussain	Dave Smith
The remainder of appointments are for completion by the Group Leaders.		
Opposition Member on Executive Board		
Michael Lee		

4. Appoint Members of Committees

Committee	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat
POLICY & CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Membership 17 Chair Jim Shorrock Vice-Chair Brian Taylor	Jim Shorrock Frank Connor Iftakhar Hussain Suleman Khonat Arshid Mahmood Naushad Surve John Wright Brian Taylor Shaukat Hussain Phil Riley Ron O'Keeffe Dave Smith	John Pearson Colin Rigby Jim Hirst Konrad Tapp	Chris Thayne
REGENERATION & NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Membership 17 Chair Naushad Surve Vice-Chair Derek Hardman	Naushad Surve Parvaiz Akhtar Iftakhar Hussain Mike Johnson Hanif Khonat Pat McFall Tom Evans Salim Sidat Shahabuddin Solkar Brian Taylor Peter Hollings Ashley Whalley	Derek Hardman Alan Cottam Julie Daley Jackie Slater	Karimeh Foster

Committee	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat
CHILDREN and HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Membership 17 Chair Ron O'Keeffe Vice-Chair Phil Riley	Ron O'Keeffe Tom Evans Eileen Entwistle Arshid Mahmood Abdul Patel Phil Riley Dave Smith Brian Taylor Jamie Groves Stephanie Brookfield Carol Walsh Shaukhat Hussain	Julie Slater John Slater Denise Gee David Pearson	David Foster
CALL IN COMMITTEE Membership 9 Chair Derek Hardman Vice Chair TBC(Opposition)	Any 6 non-Executive members	Any 2 non – Executive members Derek Hardman	Any 1 non – Executive member
PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE Membership 15 Chair Jim Smith Vice-Chair Parwaiz Akhtar	Jim Smith Parvaiz Akhtar Suleman Khonat Eileen Entwistle Dave Harling Trevor Maxfield Carl Nuttall Abdul Rehman Phil Riley Jamie Groves Shaukhat Hussain	Alan Cottam Jackie Slater Colin Rigby	Paul Browne
LICENSING COMMITTEE Membership 13 Chair John Wright Vice-Chair Florence Oldfield	John Wright Florence Oldfield Hanif Khonat Trevor Maxfield Dorothy Walsh Jim Smith Sylvia Liddle Iftakhar Hussain Ashley Whalley	Konrad Tapp Denise Gee David Pearson	Roy Davies
CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE Membership 9 Chair Frank Connor Vice-Chair	Frank Connor Stephanie Brookfield Shaukat Hussain Sylvia Liddle Pat Mc Fall Abdul Rehman	Julie Slater Konrad Tapp	Chris Thayne

Committee	Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Julie Slater			
MEMBER ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE Membership 5 Chair Carl Nuttall Vice-Chair Jackie Slater	Jim Shorrock Carol Walsh Carl Nuttall	Jackie Slater	Roy Davies
AUDIT COMMITTEE Membership 6 Chair Salim Sidat Vice-Chair Phil Riley	Andy Kay Salim Sidat Suleman Khonat Phil Riley	Colin Rigby	Paul Browne
STANDARDS COMMITTEE (PLEASE NOTE REPORT ON CHANGES TO STANDARDS REGIME WILL BE SUBMITTED TO A FUTURE MEETING OF COUNCIL FORUM - MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE CLEARER THEN) Membership 5 Chair Abdul Rehman Vice-Chair TBC	Abdul Rehman	J Hirst	

APPENDIX 2

APPOINTMENT TO GROUPS AND PANELS

Committee	Labour	Opposition
APPEALS PANEL Membership 15		Jackie Slater Konrad Tapp Julie Slater David Foster
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE Membership 4	Kate Hollern Mohammed Khan Andy Kay	Michael Lee
CHIEF OFFICERS' EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE Membership 4	Kate Hollern Mohammed Khan Andy Kay	Michael Lee

The Membership of the Chief Executive and Chief Officer Employment Committees is the Leader of the Council, the two Deputy Leaders and the Leader of the Opposition.

The appointments within Political Groups

CONSERVATIVE GROUP	Councillors
Leader	Michael Lee
Deputy Leaders	Colin Rigby & Alan Cottam
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP	
Leader	David Foster
Deputy Leader	Roy Davies
LABOUR GROUP	Councillors
Leader	Kate Hollern
Deputy Leaders	Mohammed Khan & Andy Kay

Shadow Cabinet	Spokesperson	Shadow Lead Member
Adult Social Care	Jackie Slater	Konrad Tapp
Children's Services	Julie Slater	Derek Hardman
Neighbourhood & Customer Services	John Slater	Denise Gee
Housing	David Pearson	John Slater
Leisure & Culture	John Pearson	Jean Rigby
Regeneration	Alan Cottam	Julie Daley
Resources	Colin Rigby	John Pearson
Environmental Improvement and Sustainability	Jean Rigby	Denise Gee
Opposition Committee Spokespersons		
Planning & Highways	Alan Cottam	
Licensing	Konrad Tapp	
Standards	Jim Hirst	

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP	
Leader	David Foster
Deputy Leader	Roy Davies
Group Secretary	Chris Thayne
Liberal Democrat Spokespersons	
Adult Social Care	David Foster
Children's Services	Chris Thayne
Neighbourhood & Customer Services	Karimeh Foster
Housing	Roy Davies
Leisure and Culture	Chris Thayne
Regeneration	Karimeh Foster
Resources	David Foster
Environmental Improvement and Sustainability	Roy Davies
Planning & Highways	Paul Browne
Licensing	Roy Davies
Standards	Karimeh Foster

APPENDIX 3

(Note: The following members are eligible to attend meetings of the Planning and Highways Committee)

Parwaiz Akhtar	Arshid Mahmood
Stephanie Brookfield	Trevor Maxfield
Paul Browne	Pat McFall
Frank Connor	Salim Mulla
Alan Cottam	Carl Nuttall
Julie Daley	Florence Oldfield
Eileen Entwistle	Abdul Patel
David Foster	David Pearson
Karimeh Foster	Abdul Rehman
Denise Gee	Colin Rigby
Jamie Groves	Phil Riley
Derek Hardman	Salim Sidat
Dave Harling	Jacqueline Slater
Pete Hollings	Julie Slater
Faryad Hussain	Dave Smith
Iftakhar Hussain	Jim Smith
Shaukat Hussain	Naushad Surve
Yusuf Jan-Virmani	Brian Taylor
Andy Kay	Christopher Thayne
Hanif Khonat	Carol Walsh
Suleman Khonat	Dorothy Walsh
Michael Lee	Ashley Whalley
Sylvia Liddle	