

Council Forum

30th January 2014

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 Policy Council meeting held on 5th December 2013. (pages 1-5).
- 5 **Declarations of Interest**
A form is attached (page 6).
- 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**

One Notice of Motion has been submitted:

This Council notes the recent upset over the enforced conversion of Darwen Vale School to an Academy.

This Council notes that schools now have the power to convert to Academies with a minimum of consultation.

This Council believes that parents should have the final say on the status of their children's school and on the preferred sponsor of any academy.

(Continued over)

This Council calls on any school consulting on whether or not to become an Academy and on the preferred sponsor - whether through choice or by direction - to hold a ballot of parents.

Proposed by: Cllr Dave Harling

Seconded by: Cllr Pete Hollings

9 Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2014/15

To receive a report containing recommendations relating to the adoption of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/15.

(pages 7-9).

Copies of the appendices relating to this item have been placed on deposit in Political Group Rooms.

10 Flood Media Campaign within Blackburn with Darwen

To note a report that raises awareness of a proposed media campaign to promote flood awareness within the Borough.

(pages 10-12)

11 East Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan

To receive a report containing recommendations relating to the East Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan following submission of an information report on this item to the Executive Board.

(pages 13-20)

(Appendices to follow)

12 Policy and Corporate Resources Committee

Report of the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(pages 21-22)

13 Reports of Executive Members with Portfolios

13.1 Leader (pages 23-26).

13.2 Schools and Education (pages 27-28)

13.3 Health and Adult Social Care (pages 29-31).

13.4 Children's Services (pages 32-33).

13.5 Environment (page 34)

13.6 Leisure, Culture and Young People (pages 35-36)

13.7 Neighbourhoods Housing and Customer Services (pages 37-40).

13.8 Regeneration (pages 41-43).

13.9 Resources (pages 44-45)

- 14 To consider any questions received from Members under Procedure Rule 11.**

PART 2: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

There are no items to be considered under Part 2.

**Harry Catherall
Chief Executive
22nd January 2014**