

**ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**PRESENT** – *The Mayor Councillor Akhtar H., (in the Chair), Councillors; Ali; Bateson; Brookfield; Casey; Connor; Daley; Entwistle; Fazal; Foster D; Foster K; Gee; Groves; Gunn; Hardman; Harling; Hollings; Humphrys; Hussain F; Hussain I; Hussain S; Jan-Virmani; Johnson; Kay; Khan M; Khan Z; Khonat; Lee; Liddle; Mahmood A; Mahmood Q; Marrow; Maxfield; McFall; McGurk; Mulla; Murray; Nuttall; Oates; Patel; Pearson; Perkins; Rigby C; Rigby J; Riley; Shorrock; Slater Ja; Slater Jo; Slater Ju; Slater N; Smith D, Smith J; Talbot; Tapp; Taylor; Vali; Whittle 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 Naushad Surve, Parwaiz Akhtar, Mustafa Desai, Salim Sidat and Roy Davies.

**3 Election of the Mayor for 2017/2018**

The Chief Executive asked for nominations for the Office of Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Council year. Councillor Colin Rigby was nominated for Office and declared elected as the Mayor of the Borough for the 2017/2018 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 2017/2018**

The Chief Executive asked for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2017/2018 Council year. Councillor Pat McFall was nominated for Office and the Mayor declared her elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

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

## **5 Tribute to the Newly Elected Mayor**

Councillors Mohammed Khan and Derek Hardman 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 Mayoress**

Councillors Phil Riley and Michael Lee paid tribute to the retiring Mayor and the Mayoress, 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 charity for the year.

The Mayor, Councillor Colin Rigby, presented badges to Councillor Hussain Akhtar and Mrs Shaheen Akhtar. Councillor Hussain Akhtar responded to the tributes received and reflected on the many key events of the Mayoral year and thanked all those people who had supported him during 2016/17.

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

(The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Pat McFall, in the Chair.)

## **7 Minutes of the last Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Council Forum meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

## **8 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

## **9 Council Appointments for 2017/2018**

The Chief Executive referred to his report on the allocation of seats and appointments to Council positions for 2017/2018.

The first draft of the Council Appointments list for 2017/18 was circulated.

## **RESOLVED –**

- 1) That Council notes the appointment of the Executive Board Members;
- 2) That Council notes the Shadow Portfolio Members;
- 3) That appointments be made to the positions detailed in Paragraph 2, subsection 3;
- 4) That Council note the provisions relating to political balance, referred to in Paragraph 3; and
- 5) That decisions on the remaining appointment of Members to Committees be delegated to the Group Leaders to agree the appointments.

## **10 Appointments to various Groups and Panels for 2017/18**

The Chief Executive submitted a report on the appointment to various Bodies, Groups and Panels for 2017/18.

The report advised that as there was a by-election on the 8<sup>th</sup> June for the Higher Croft Ward, proportionality calculations would be applied to the Outside Bodies list after that date and after the annual process outlined in Paragraph 4.1 of the report. When the Outside Bodies list had been agreed it would be submitted to the next available Council meeting.

Due to the need to make early appointments to the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority and the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel, the Leader moved that the status quo continue in terms of membership for those two bodies, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Phil Riley.

## **RESOLVED –**

- 1) That in the first instance, (as is usual practice) each of the organisations listed on the outside bodies, and partnership bodies list is contacted to establish;  
That their Terms Of Reference / Articles Of Association have not changed and still require Council representation in the same capacity, for the same tenure, and what added value will be mutually brought by such engagement. Subject to which;
- 2) That in the event the Political Group nominations are available before the Annual Meeting the nominations, be confirmed as the Council's representatives to serve until the end of the current Municipal Year; or if a longer period of office is shown, until that date; unless during the Municipal

- Year the Leader amends the appointments to take account of changed requirements;
- 3) That fifteen Members be appointed to serve on the panel of Members to deal with Appeals;
  - 4) That appointments to the list of representatives on various Bodies, Groups and Panels be delegated to Group Leaders for decisions; and
  - 5) That the existing members for the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority and Lancashire Police and Crime Panel be re-appointed for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

## **11 Constitution Update**

A report was submitted that advised Members that the Constitution Article 14 and Part 3 Section 16 had been updated. The amendments related to changes to the Chief Officer structure of the Council and inclusion of a section on the Common Seal of the Council.

**RESOLVED** – That the amendments made to Article 14 and Part 3 Section 16 of the Constitution be approved.

## **12 Electoral Review 2016-17 Warding proposal revisions**

Members received a report on suggested revisions to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) draft Warding arrangements for Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, which were out to consultation until 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**RESOLVED** - Overall the Local Government Boundary Commission have agreed with most of the suggestions made by the Council in its formal submission in January. However, whilst the Council supports the majority of the proposals, there are some areas where further changes are suggested as outlined below. It is recommended that:

### **FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE COMMISSION**

#### **1. Central**

We support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations but would like the Commission to consider a name change to Blackburn Central.

#### **2. Ewood/Blackburn South boundary**

The boundary commission have referred to the fact that the Heights Free School is situated off Heys Lane and should therefore be in Ewood ward as this is the residential area nearest to it. This fails to recognise that The Heights Free School provides alternative education for young people at risk of not reaching their potential and does not specifically serve local residents.

It would appear that the Heights Free School and Eden School have been considered as schools supporting the Ewood Ward – We would ask the Commission take into account that both schools are specialist schools that support the whole of the Borough not just the Ewood Ward. Heys Lane is the natural Boundary between these wards, with significant future planning activity coming forward as we speak.

### **3. Ewood / Mill Hill and Moorgate / Livesey with Pleasington**

Ewood/Livesey with Pleasington boundary: The draft recommendations place both sides of Gib Lane into Ewood (at present both sides are in Meadowhead). We would ask that the Commission take into account that a new housing development is being constructed immediately behind the properties on the west of Gib Lane and that some of its access will be from Gib Lane. It is therefore more logical for the West side of Gib Lane to be moved into Livesey with Pleasington. We will provide photographs of some of the existing new developments.

### **4. Darwen Rural**

Notwithstanding the Commissions draft recommendations refer to Park Street, which should actually refer to Park Road – we support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft geographical recommendations. However we wish to suggest a change of name to the 'Darwen Rural' ward: Feedback from residents suggests that the ward would be better suited to a name making less reference to any local towns. People in Edgworth, Belmont and Chapelton consider themselves most closely associated with Bolton, whilst people living in the southern part of the current Whitehall ward do not consider themselves to be rural. A more appropriate name would be 'West Pennine'. This reflects the geographical situation of the ward, encompassing the largest part of the locally important landscape area the West Pennine Moors'.

## 5. **Billinge and Beardwood / Shear Brow and Corporation Park**

Shear Brow/Billinge and Beardwood. The BwD proposal recommended that a straight line was drawn along Revidge Road. This was to correct the current boundary which cuts in and out along the length of the highway. This was arrived at by using the Commissions statutory criteria of

- Delivering electoral equality for local voters;
- Interests and identities of local communities; and
- Effective and convenient local government.

The Boundary Commission proposal effectively argues for the current boundary line to be retained. We wish the Commission to consider the following two points: We cannot see the rationale for properties between (approx.) 401 Revidge Road and 539 Revidge Road to be placed into Beardwood and Billinge, whilst the other properties on the north side of Revidge Road are claimed to fit better with Shear Brow and Revidge. Secondly - the BwD proposal has better equality of electors than the Boundary Commission draft recommendation, which has Billinge and Beardwood at – 9%.

- **Audley and Queens Park**  
Support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations
- **Wensley Fold**  
Support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations
- **Bastwell and Daisyfield**  
Support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations
- **Roe Lee**  
Support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations
- **Blackburn South East**  
Support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations
- **Blackburn South and Lower Darwen**  
Support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations
- **Little Harwood and Whitebirk**  
Support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations
- **Darwen East**  
Notwithstanding the fact that Ellison Fold is actually two properties not one, we support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations

- **Darwen West**  
Support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations
- **Darwen South**  
Support the Local Government Boundary Commission reviews draft recommendations

6. That the Chief Executive be authorised to formally submit the proposal on Council Warding arrangements from May 2018 to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for their inclusion as early as possible in the next round of consultation.

**13 Revised Year Planner 2017-18**

A revised Year Planner for 2017-2018 was submitted for information, which reflected several changes to meeting dates as a result of the General Election, as well as other changes.

**RESOLVED** – That the revised Year Planner 2017-18 be noted.

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

MAYOR

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## COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2017/2018

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This is the pro-forma for appointments in 2017/2018

The Executive Members and Assistant Executive Members

EXECUTIVE BOARD		
<b>Leader of the Council and Chair of Executive Board</b>	Mohammed Khan	
<b>The following appointments have been made by the Leader of the Council:</b>		
<b>Deputy Leaders of the Council</b>	Phil Riley (senior) Andy Kay	
<b>Vice Chair of Executive Board</b>	Phil Riley	
PORTFOLIOS	Executive Member	Assistant Executive Member
<b>Health &amp; Adult Social Care</b>	Mustafa Desai	Brian Taylor Shaukat Hussain Faryad Hussain
<b>Children's Services</b>	Maureen Bateson	Pat McFall Julie Gunn
<b>Neighbourhood &amp; Prevention Services</b>	Arshid Mahmood	Suleman Khonat
<b>Schools &amp; Education</b>	Dave Harling	Shiraj Vali



<b>Leisure, Culture &amp; Young People</b>	Damian Talbot	Iftakhar Hussain Zamir Khan
<b>Regeneration</b>	Phil Riley	Jamie Groves Quesir Mahmood
<b>Resources</b>	Andy Kay	Salim Sidat Vicky McGurk
<b>Environment</b>	Jim Smith	Jane Oates Parwaiz Akhtar
<b>The remainder of appointments are for completion by the Group Leaders.</b>		
<b>Opposition Member on Executive Board</b>		
John Slater		

#### 4. Appoint Members of Committees

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>
<b>Policy &amp; Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny</b>  <b>Membership 11 Chair</b> Jim Shorrocks <b>Vice-Chair</b> Kevin Connor	Jim Casey Shaikat Hussain Sylvia Liddle Jim Shorrocks Naushad Surve Julie Gunn Carl Nuttall	Kevin Connor Keith Murray Neil Slater	David Foster
<b>Regeneration &amp; Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny</b>	Peter Hollings Yusuf Jan-Virmani Suleman Khonat Jim Shorrocks	Derek Hardman Neil Slater Konrad Tapp	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>
<b>Committee</b> <b>Membership 11</b> <b>Chair</b> Naushad Surve <b>Vice-Chair</b> Salim Mulla	Naushad Surve John Wright Tasleen Fazal Salim Mulla		
<b>Children &amp; Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> <b>Membership 11</b> <b>Chair</b> Sylvia Liddle <b>Vice-Chair</b> Abdul Patel	Parwaiz Akhtar Shaukat Hussain Sylvia Liddle Vicky McGurk Brian Taylor Jane Oates Abdul Patel Eileen Entwistle	Julie Daley Michael Lee John Pearson	
<b>Health &amp; Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> <b>Membership 11</b> <b>Chair</b> Ron Whittle <b>Vice-Chair</b> Tony Humphrys	Tony Humphrys Jane Oates Salim Mulla Naushad Surve Dave Smith Ron Whittle Pat McFall	Paul Marrow Jacquie Slater Julie Slater	Karimeh Foster
<b>Call In Committee</b> <b>Membership 9</b> <b>Chair</b> Kevin Connor		(Committee convened under proportionality rules 6:2:1; as and when comprised of none Executive Members).	
<b>Planning &amp; Highways Committee</b> <b>Membership 15</b> <b>Chair</b> Dave Smith <b>Vice-Chair</b> Carl Nuttall	Jim Casey Jamie Groves Iftakhar Hussain Zamir Khan Suleman Khonat Stephanie Brookfield Carl Nuttall Jane Oates Phil Riley	Imtiaz Ali Derek Hardman Keith Murray Jacquie Slater	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>
	Dave Smith Yusuf Jan-Virmani		
<b>Licensing Committee</b>  <b>Membership 13</b> <b>Chair</b> John Wright <b>Vice-Chair</b> Jim Casey	Jim Casey Shiraj Vali Peter Hollings Iftakhar Hussain Shaukat Hussain Tony Humphrys Pat McFall Stephanie Brookfield John Wright	Imtiaz Ali Denise Gee John Pearson	Roy Davies
<b>Audit and Governance Committee</b>  <b>Membership 6</b> <b>Chair</b> Salim Sidat <b>Vice-Chair</b> Vicky McGurk	Jim Casey Vicky McGurk Salim Sidat Ron Whittle	Keith Murray	David Foster
<b>Standards Committee</b>  <b>Membership 9</b> <b>Chair</b> Tasleen Fazal <b>Vice-Chair</b> Michael Lee	Vicky McGurk Stephanie Brookfield Julie Gunn Zamir Khan Tasleen Fazal Pat McFall	Michael Lee Julie Slater	
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>  <b>Membership 4</b> <b>Chair</b> Mohammed Khan	Maureen Bateson Mustafa Desai Mohammed Khan	Julie Slater	

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## APPOINTMENT TO GROUPS AND PANELS

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Committee	Labour	Opposition
<b>Appeals Panel</b> <b>Membership 15</b>		
<b>Chief Executive's Employment Committee</b> <b>Membership 4</b>	Andy Kay Mohammed Khan Phil Riley	John Slater
<b>Chief Officer's Employment Committee</b> <b>Membership 4</b>	Andy Kay Mohammed Khan Phil Riley	John Slater

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

<b>LABOUR GROUP</b>	<b>Councillors</b>
Leader	Mohammed Khan
Deputy Leaders	Phil Riley, Andy Kay
<b>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</b>	<b>Councillors</b>
Leader	John Slater
Deputy Leaders	Denise Gee (Senior) Derek Hardman
<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP</b>	<b>Councillors</b>
Leader	David Foster
Deputy Leader	Roy Davies

<b>Shadow Cabinet</b>	<b>Shadow Executive Member</b>	<b>Shadow Assistant Executive Member</b>
Health & Adult Social Care	Jacqui Slater	Imtiaz Ali
Children's Services	Julie Daley	John Pearson
Neighbourhood & Prevention Services	Julie Slater	Neil Slater
Schools & Education	Denise Gee	Lynn Perkins
Leisure, Culture & Young People	Jean Rigby	Paul Marrow
Regeneration	Derek Hardman	Kevin Connor
Environment	Konrad Tapp	Paul Marrow
Resources	Keith Murray	John Slater
<b>Opposition Committee Spokespersons</b>		
Planning & Highways	Derek Hardman	
Licensing	John Pearson	

<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP</b>	
Leader	David Foster
Deputy Leader	Roy Davies
<b>Liberal Democrat Spokespersons</b>	
Health & Adult Social Care	Roy Davies
Children's Services	David Foster
Neighbourhood & Prevention Services	Roy Davies
Schools & Education	David Foster
Leisure, Culture & Young People	Karimeh Foster
Regeneration	Karimeh Foster
Resources	David Foster
Environment	Roy Davies
Planning & Highways	David Foster
Licensing	Roy Davies
Standards	David Foster

## **Appendix 3**

Note: As a matter of record the following Members have undertaken training in these disciplines and are therefore able to sit or substitute on Planning and Highways or Licensing Committee during the next Municipal Year 2017/18:

The following Members are eligible to attend meetings of the Planning and Highways Committee:

### **Planning and Highways**

Councillors Ali, Brookfield, Casey, Connor, Entwistle, Gee, Groves, Hardman, Jan-Virmani, Khan Z, Khonat, Liddle, Mahmood Q, Marrow, Murray, Nuttall, Oates, Pearson, Perkins, Slater Ja, Slater J, Slater Ju, Riley, Smith D, Smith J, and Whittle.

The following Members are eligible to attend meetings of the Licensing Committee:

### **Licensing Training:**

Councillors Ali, Bateson, Brookfield, Davies, Gee, Humphrys, Hussain I, Hussain S, Kay, Khonat, Marrow, Pearson, Perkins, Slater Jo, Vali, Whittle and Wright.