Policy Council

Thursday, 07 December 2017 18:00 Council Chamber, Blackburn Town Hall,

AGENDA

PART I: ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC

- Chief Executive to read the notice convening the meeting
- 2. Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain
- 3. Apologies for absence
- 4. Declarations of Interest
 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FORM
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6. To consider Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 12:

One Notice of Motion has been submitted under Procedure Rule 12 as follows:

This Council is concerned and disappointed by the Home Secretary's rejection on the 31st October, 2016 of an Inquiry into the policing of events at Orgreave. This Council observes that the Independent Police Commission said in their redacted report released in June 2015 "that there was evidence of excessive violence by police officers, and a false narrative from police exaggerating violence by miners, perjury by officers giving evidence to prosecute the arrested men, and an apparent cover-up of that perjury by senior officers".

This Council believes in the light of such statements that the Home Secretary needs to review her decision and ensure that there is a full public inquiry into the events at the Orgreave coking plant on 18th June 1984.

This Council notes that 95 miners were arrested and charged with offences, but were all later acquitted amid claims that police at the time had fabricated evidence.

The Council will write to the Home Secretary and ask the two MPs representing both of our towns to do the same; to ask that she takes into account the opinion of this Council and accepts that there is widespread public concern about events at Orgreave and calls for her to order an inquiry into them.

Moved by Councillor Julie Gunn

Seconded by Councillor Dave Harling

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