

**COUNCIL FORUM**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011**

**PRESENT** –*The Mayor Councillor Karimeh Foster (in the Chair), Councillors Akhtar, Bateson, Cottam, Daley, Desai, Doherty, Entwistle, Foster D, Gee, Gordon, Hardman, Harling, Hirst, Hollern, Humphrys, Hussain I., Jan-Virmani, Johnson, Kay, Khan M., Khonat H. Khonat S, Lee, Mahmood, McFall, Nuttall, O’Keeffe, Oldfield, Patel, Pearson J., Rehman, Rigby C., Rigby J., Riley, Rizwan, Shorrocks, Sidat, Slater Jacqueline, Slater John, Slater Julie, Smith D, Smith James, Smith Joseph, Solkar, Surve, Talbot, Tapp, Taylor, Thayne, Walsh and Wright.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**40 Notice Convening Meeting**

The Chief Executive read the notice convening the meeting.

**41 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Browne, Connor, Davies, Graham, Hussain F., Jones, Khan Z., Law-Riding, Maxfield, Meleady, Mulla and Pearson D.

**42 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council Forum on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Council Forum meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011 be approved as a correct record.

**43 Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**44 Mayoral Communications**

The Mayor updated the Council Forum on recent activities and events since the last Council Forum Meeting.

Particular reference was made to local businesses and community groups and a thank you visit to the Mayors parlour as well as the recent academic successes of local schools and colleges.

Other recent highlights included Kingsway Extra Care Housing official opening, the opening of station improvements at Blackburn Station. the launch of AgeUK, the strengthening of links with the Royal Navy, and a badminton tournament organised by local GPs.

The mayor made reference to the 90<sup>th</sup> Celebration of both the British Legion and King Georges Hall and the Mayor asked that Council participate where possible in the Remembrance week events.

Reference was also made to former Councillor John Cramsie who had recently passed away and the Mayor asked Councillors to stand for a minutes silence in his memory.

The Mayor also reported that she had received an invite from King Abdullah of Jordan to visit the country, which the Mayor was keen to clarify would be at her own expense.

**45 Council Forum**

The Chief Executive advised that there were no questions from members of the public under Procedure Rule 10.

**46 Motions Submitted under Procedure Rule 12**

The Chief Executive advised that no Notices of Motion had been submitted under Procedure Rule 12.

**47 Draft Municipal Year Planner 2012-13**

A report was submitted outlining a draft year planner, with an explanation that a final report would be brought to Policy Council for approval. A request was made for Members to advise Democratic Services of any suggested changes in the meantime. A point of clarity was sought under "other meetings not open to the public", Darwen Town Council was mentioned, this was agreed to be an error that would be rectified for circulation of the final draft.

**RESOLVED** – That a final draft of the Municipal Year Planner 2012-13 be included in the Policy Council Agenda papers for the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

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

The Chair of the Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Jim Shorrocks, presented his report on Scrutiny work undertaken since the last meeting of the Council Forum.

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

**49 Reports of Executive Members with Portfolios**

Council received and considered reports of the Leader and Executive Members with portfolios. These were considered as follows: The Leader, Environmental Improvement and Sustainability, Neighbourhoods and Customer Services, Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Regeneration, Leisure and Culture, Housing and Resources,

**RESOLVED** – That the reports from the Leader, Executive Members for, Environmental Improvement and Sustainability Neighbourhoods and Customer Services, Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Regeneration, Leisure and Culture, Housing and Resources be noted.

**50 Questions Received from Members under Procedure Rule 11**

The Chief Executive reported that no questions from Members had been received under Procedure Rule 11.

**51 Questions submitted regarding the functions of the Police Authority**

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received regarding the functions of the Police Authority.

**52 Report for the Chair of the Police Authority**

The Council Forum received a report from the Chair of the Police Authority.

**RESOLVED** – That the report of the Chair of Police Authority be noted.

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

MAYOR