

Policy Council

1st December 2011

AGENDA

PART I : ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC

- 1 Chief Executive to read the notice convening the meeting**
- 2 Prayers**
- 3 Apologies for absence**
- 4 Minutes**

To receive and confirm the minutes of the Council Forum meeting on 3rd November 2011 (pages 1-3).
- 5 Declarations of interest**

A form is attached (Page 4).
- 6 Challenges and opportunities for change**

A report from the Leader of the Council outlining key national and local policy challenges and anticipated impacts in Blackburn with Darwen.

Policy Council is invited to debate key issues around national policy decisions, national legislation, local context and local financial issues.

Policy Council is also asked to consider proposals from the Leader regarding the Council's positioning for the future, including implementing a series of transformational initiatives to respond to the challenges being faced. (Pages)

6 Council vision and priorities

Policy Council is asked to consider and affirm the Council's vision, priority objectives and mandate for the Transformation Programme for 2012/13. (Pages)

7 Our plans for 2012/2013

Policy Council is asked to endorse the following reports and plans for the year ahead:

- 7a. Council's Corporate Plan for 2011-2013
- 7b. Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2012-2015

8 Draft Schedule of Meetings For 2012/13.

Policy Council is asked to approve the attached draft Schedule of Meetings for 2012/13 and that the final Schedule of Meetings for 2012/13 be agreed at Council Forum in January 2012. (Pages)

9 2013 review of parliamentary constituencies Proposed Boundary Changes

Policy Council is asked to consider the proposed changes to electoral ward boundaries recently announced by the Electoral Commission, and endorse the Chief Executive providing a response reflecting the Council's views. (Pages)

PART 2 - THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

There are no part 2 items for consideration.

Graham Burgess
Chief Executive