

# Annual Council

Thursday, 16th May, 2024

6.00 pm

Council Chamber, Old Town Hall, Blackburn

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## AGENDA

1. Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain, followed by Welcome and Apologies
2. The Election of the Mayor 2024/25
3. The Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2024/25
4. Tribute to the newly Elected Mayor
5. Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Parwaiz Akhtar

Please note at this point there will be a short adjournment to allow guests to leave the meeting if they wish.

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Denise Park, Chief Executive

## COUNCIL FORUM Thursday, 14 March 2024

**PRESENT** – *Councillors Akhtar P (The Mayor), Casey, Connor, Fazal, Floyd, Gee, Gunn, Harling, Khonat, Liddle, Mahmood, Marrow, Patel Ab, Smith D, Smith J, Taylor, Akhtar H, Hussain I, Hussain M, Hussain S, McGurk, Rigby, Riley, Shorrocks, Sidat, Slater Jacq, Slater Jo, Slater Ju, Slater N, Talbot, Baldwin, Desai M, Desai S, Fielding, Irfan, Patel Alt, Russell, Ali, Imtiaz, McCaughran, Raja, Whittingham, Gibson, Shaw and Patel S.*

### RESOLUTIONS

**67     Prayers by Mayor's Chaplain followed by Welcome and Apologies**

The Chief Executive read out the notice convening the meeting.

There then followed Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain.

Apologies were received from Councillors Brookfield, Hardman, Humphrys, Jackson, Khan S and Khan Z.

At this point of the meeting a Minutes Silence was held for all victims of the conflict in Israel and Gaza.

**68     Minutes Of The Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Finance Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were submitted for approval.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Finance Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**69     Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

**70     Mayoral Communications**

The Mayor, Councillor Parwaiz Akhtar, updated Council Forum on recent events and activities he had attended since the last meeting, including the Big Sing at King George's Hall, Disability Information Day, an exhibition at Blackburn Cathedral, a Prince's Trust event at BAE Systems, and the opening of Café Akbar's.

Particular reference was made to a very successful Mayor's Ball, which had been a very enjoyable night and a great fundraiser for his Mayoral Charities, and the Mayor thanked all who had supported the event and in particular the organisation by Andrew Thomson in the Mayor's Office and staff who helped on the night.

**71     Council Forum**

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under

## 72 **Motions**

The Chief Executive announced that the following Motion had been received under Procedure Rule 12:

*BWD Council is proud to be viewed as one of the best examples of community cohesion in the country and welcomes the recent opportunity for officers of the council to be able to showcase examples of best practice on an international stage. Sadly, however, this accolade occurs at a time when examples of race hate are growing in society and are becoming increasingly common in public discourse and this is a cause for serious concern among the communities of the borough.*

*Tell Mama, the public service that records and monitors anti-Muslim incidents, has recorded a 335% increase in anti Muslim hate cases in the last 4 months compared to the similar period in 2022/2023 and the recent verbal attacks on the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, by senior members of the Conservative Party set an alarming precedent in the run-up to what is likely to be an intense set of elections in 2024. At the same time, the number of recorded anti-semitic incidents is growing, often accompanied by physical violence and this is leaving some members of the Jewish community afraid to walk out on the streets of their towns and cities.*

*Islamophobic and anti semitic incidents and rhetoric of this kind have no place in the political arena or anywhere in public life in the UK and we call on the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, and Sir Kier Starmer, leader of the opposition asking them to ensure that any examples of such rhetoric within their parties are treated with the utmost seriousness and that politicians who indulge in this kind of rhetoric are not tolerated within the mainstream political parties.*

**Moved by Councillor Phil Riley**  
**Seconded by Councillor Quesir Mahmood**

Members then debated the Motion, with Councillor Mustafa Desai, seconded by Councillor Salim Sidat, moving the following amendment, to be inserted at the end of the Motion:

*“The justified zero tolerance benchmark established towards antisemitism needs to be consistently applied towards Islamophobia and towards protecting all faiths”.*

There then followed debate on the suggested amendment, with Councillor Mustafa Desai agreeing an alteration to remove ‘benchmark’ if the rest of the amendment was incorporated into the original Motion. This was agreed by Council, with the amended Motion, as altered, now reading as follows:

*BWD Council is proud to be viewed as one of the best examples of community cohesion in the country and welcomes the recent opportunity for officers of the council to be able to showcase examples of best practice on an international stage. Sadly, however, this accolade occurs at a time when examples of race hate are growing in society and are becoming increasingly*

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There then followed debate on the amended Motion, during which the Members of the Conservative Group left the Council Chamber and did not return for the remainder of the Meeting.

Following debate, Council Forum then moved to a vote on the amended Motion, which was carried and now became the Substantive Motion.

Council Forum then moved to a vote on the Substantive Motion, which was carried.

**RESOLVED** – That the Motion be carried.

**73 Devolution to Lancashire - Proposal to create the Lancashire Combined County Authority**

A report was submitted which sought approval of the Proposal to create the Lancashire Combined County Authority for the areas of Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council.

Members were reminded that in November 2023, Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council (the 'Constituent Councils') each unanimously agreed to undertake statutory consultation on a proposal to establish the Lancashire Combined County Authority ('LCCA') across Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen, in accordance with the provisions of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 ("the Act"). This consultation ran for a period of 8 weeks from 1 December 2023 to 26 January 2024.

To progress the area's devolution deal, under the legislation, the three Constituent Councils had to submit to the Government a LCCA Proposal ('the Proposal') that took into account the results of the consultation and thereby the views of residents and other stakeholders. It was important to note that the obligation on the Constituent Councils under the Act was to carry out a consultation "across the proposed area" and consider the results of that consultation. This was a requirement for each Constituent Council to consider all of the consultation responses not just those provided in their own area.

A summary of the key points raised in the consultation was set out in the report submitted, and a full consideration of the consultation responses was set out at Appendix 1 and had to be considered in full alongside the summary of the Ipsos Consultation Report at Appendix 3 in deciding how to proceed.

The Proposal had been amended to take account of the outcomes of that consultation. The Proposal was attached at Appendix 2, and Council was now asked to give final approval to the Proposal and agree that it be formally submitted to the Secretary of State subject to the delegations set out above which were required to ensure submission can be made after all three Councils (which will form the Constituent Councils of the LCCA) had approved the Proposal. Agreeing to submit the Proposal at the meeting was key as otherwise it risked the timetable to establish the LCCA in the autumn of this year.

A report in substantively similar terms was also being presented to all three Constituent Councils.

## **RESOLVED –**

It is recommended that Council Forum agrees to:

- i. Consider the outcomes of the consultation on the draft Proposal published in November 2023, as set out in this report and its appendices;
- ii. Approve the updated Proposal (the Proposal) attached at Appendix 2 to this report, taking into consideration and having due regard to the consultation responses and the Public Sector Equality Duty, to create the Lancashire Combined County Authority (LCCA) for the areas of Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council;
- iii. Note how the Proposal has been amended to take account of the results of the Consultation, as set out in this report and in more detail within Appendix 2 (the Summary of the Consultation and the Constituent Councils' Response), Appendix 3 (Executive Summary of the Ipsos Consultation Report), and Appendix 4 (the Summary of Communications and Engagement Activity);
- iv. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to submit the Proposal to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (Secretary of State) after consultation with the Chief Executives of the other two constituent councils to confirm that all constituent councils approve the amended

- proposal for submission;
- v. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to approve any typographical or technical amendments to the Proposal which the Chief Executives of the other two constituent councils also agree on, on behalf of Blackburn with Darwen Council, prior to submission; and
  - vi. Consent to the making of the necessary Regulations to create the Lancashire Combined County Authority in accordance with the arrangements and principles set out in the report, and delegates to the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, and subject to the approval of the other two Constituent Councils, final approval of the draft Regulations, subject to those regulations reflecting the principles agreed in the Proposal document and this report.

#### **74 Mayoralty 2024-25**

A report was submitted that requested that Members consider arrangements for the nominations to office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

Annual Council formally appoints Members of the Council to the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal year. The Member appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor would normally be appointed to the office of Mayor in the following year.

At the Council Forum Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022, the Council agreed the next 5 year rotation, which helped to facilitate this year's nominations. It was agreed then that, based on the proportionality that the rotation of Mayoral nomination for the five year period would be as follows:

2023/24 Labour  
2024/25 Labour  
2025/26 Conservative  
2026/27 Labour  
2027/28 Labour

A report on the appointment of the Mayor was submitted to the Annual Council each year, and in the event that the proportionality of the Council changes going forward in a way that would affect the nomination of Mayor for a particular year, a report on the matter would be submitted for Council's consideration.

In accordance with the above, it was for the Labour Group to nominate the Mayor for 2024/2025, who in line with usual practice would be the serving Deputy Mayor, which was Councillor Sylvia Liddle, and it was the turn of the Conservative Group to nominate the Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

#### **RESOLVED –**

That Council Forum:

1. Notes that Councillor Sylvia Liddle will be formally nominated as

Mayor for 2024/25 at Annual Council.

2. Confirms that in accordance with the rotation arrangements agreed at Council Forum on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 that the Conservative Group nominates the Deputy Mayor for 2024/25, who will be formally nominated at Annual Council.

## **75 Review of Overview & Scrutiny Committees**

Members received a report which provided an update on the Overview & Scrutiny (O&S) arrangements and highlighted recommendations for improvement.

Following the recent Peer Review, a review of the Council's scrutiny arrangements had been carried out, which included a resourcing review to ensure scrutiny was carried out as it should be, with policy support and research resources to be reviewed going forward within the Council's budget constraints.

Current scrutiny members and chairs had suggested that additional training would be useful for more in-depth understanding of overview and scrutiny. Therefore, it was recommended that Officers assess and commission training for Committee Chairs and all Members of the O&S committees. In addition, it was also recommended that general overview and scrutiny training be offered to all Elected Members.

It was suggested that further consideration be given to allow for current O&S Committee Members to continue into the new municipal year, to allow for consistency in progressing the priorities, improve outcomes and to fully embed the culture of effective overview and scrutiny across the Council.

### **RESOLVED -**

That Council:

- a) Requests the Chair of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in consultation with Committee members in the new municipal year, to consider and make recommendations whether Independent Members should be invited to sit on each O&S Committee.
- b) Notes that the structure of the 4 existing Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be maintained with the Policy & Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee as the lead committee.
- c) Agrees to introduce mandatory training for all Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, as well as specific scrutiny training for all O&S committee members and relevant Council Officers as outlined in the report.
- d) Notes the updates to overview and scrutiny processes as outlined in the report.



## **76 Updates from Other Committees**

Council Forum received an update from the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the progress of their work.

### **RESOLVED –**

1. That the updates from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees be noted.

## **77 Reports of the Executive Members with Portfolios**

### **77.1 Leader**

**RESOLVED –** That the update be noted.

### **77.2 Report of the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education**

**RESOLVED –** That the update be noted.

### **77.3 Report of the Executive Member for Growth & Development**

**RESOLVED –** That the update be noted.

### **77.4 Report of the Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Wellbeing**

**RESOLVED –** That the update be noted.

### **77.5 Report of the Executive Member for Digital and Customer Services**

**RESOLVED –** That the update be noted.

### **77.6 Report of the Executive Member for Adult Social Care & Health**

**RESOLVED –** That the update be noted.

### **77.7 Report of the Executive Member for Finance and Governance**

**RESOLVED –** That the update be noted.

### **77.8 Report of the Executive Member for Environment & Operations**

**RESOLVED –** That the update be noted.

## **78 Questions from Members**

No questions had been submitted by Members under Procedure Rule 11.

At the close of the Meeting, Councillor Phil Riley thanked the Mayor for his chairing of the meeting and passed best wishes to all the retiring Councillors who were not standing for election.

Signed at a meeting of the Annual Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
(being the ensuing meeting on the Council Forum) by

MAYOR

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

**Members attending a Council, Committee, Board or other meeting with a personal interest in a matter on the Agenda must disclose the existence and nature of the interest and, if it is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or an Other Interest under paragraph 16.1 of the Code of Conduct, should leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the item.**

**Members declaring an interest(s) should complete this form and hand it to the Democratic Services Officer at the commencement of the meeting and declare such an interest at the appropriate point on the agenda.**

MEETING:                   **ANNUAL COUNCIL**

DATE:                       **16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

AGENDA ITEM NO.:

DESCRIPTION (BRIEF):

NATURE OF INTEREST:

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY/OTHER (delete as appropriate)

SIGNED :

PRINT NAME:

(Paragraphs 8 to 17 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Council refer)



REPORT OF: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TO: ANNUAL COUNCIL

ON: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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## COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2024/25

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### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To note the composition and political balance on the Council as detailed in **Appendix 1**, and approve Council appointments for 2024/25, and change of date of next Council meeting .

### 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD

It is the responsibility of the Leader to determine the size and membership of the Executive Board, providing the membership comprises between two and nine members, (not including the Leader). The Leader shall also appoint Deputy Leader(s) from the membership of the Executive Board. The Leader shall also determine the remit of each portfolio. The Council does not have any decision-making role in this regard.

### 3. ANNUAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

At the Annual Meeting of the Council each year, Council notes the appointment of various Members as well as appointing Chairs and Vice Chairs to Committees.

The Council appointments are detailed in the **Appendix 2** – ‘Council Appointments for 2024/25’.

The Council is requested to:

1. Subject to Paragraph 2 above, note the Leader’s appointment of the Executive Board Members and Deputy Leaders; (as detailed in the **Appendix 2** )
2. Note the Shadow Portfolio Members (as detailed in the **Appendix 2**);

and



(c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that authority as is borne by the number of Members of that group to the membership of the authority; and

(d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of Members of that group to the membership of the authority.

Further details on the political balance and the proportionality of seats for the committees listed in referred to in **Appendix 1**.

The Council is required to determine the number of seats on each committee and the allocation of those seats to the political groups. Applying the principles of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 (“the Regulations), the proportional distribution of seats on Committees between political groups is as set out in the **Appendix 2**.

The allocation of seats includes a statutory bar on members of the Executive Board to be on the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, and subject to the provisions in the Constitution in relation to the membership of the Audit & Governance Committee.

Under the Act and the Regulations, the proper officer is required to notify the leader of political group of allocations to that political group to enable them to express their wishes on the appointments.

Regulation 15 states that where a political group has failed to express its wishes in relation to the appointments within the period of three weeks beginning with the date on which notice was given by the proper officer, the authority/ committee may make such appointments to those seats as they think fit.

It is therefore anticipated that, where group leaders have not yet notified the proper officer (the Chief Executive) of their appointments to seats, that those appointments be made and notified within three weeks of this Annual Council meeting.

In addition, the Council Forum meeting currently scheduled for 25 July 2024 will need to be moved to 27 June 2024 and align with Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Borough Council meeting dates, in order to simultaneously approve the Statutory Instrument establishing the Lancashire Combined County Authority and matters relating to its operational arrangements.

## 5 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council:

- 1) notes the composition and political balance on the Council following the local elections on 2nd May 2024, as referred to in Paragraph 4 above and further detailed **Appendix 1**
- 2) notes the appointment of the Executive Board Members and the Deputy Leaders;
- 3) notes the Shadow Portfolio Members;
- 4) approves the appointments be made to the positions detailed in Paragraph 3, subsection 3; and

(Note: That in the event the Group nominations are not available before the Annual Meeting the decisions on appointment of Members to Committees can be delegated to the Group Leaders to agree the appointments and confirm to the proper officer within the period stated in the Regulations).

- 5) approves the change of date of the Council Forum meeting currently scheduled for 25 July 2024 to 27 June 2024.

**Denise Park**  
**Chief Executive**  
**8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Background Papers:           The Local Government and Housing Act 1989,  
Local Government (Committees and Political  
Groups) Regulations 1990, Council Constitution  
(all published)

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**Appendix 1 - Proportionality – political balance 8 May 2024**

**Appendix 2 - Council Appointments for 2024/25**

## Appendix 1 Proportionality – political balance May 2024

### Summary of seats – May 2024

GROUP	SEATS on the Council	Seat percentage entitlement based on 50 Councillors	Seats on Committees based on 81 seats	Rounded to
Labour	29	58.00%	46.98	47
Conservative	9	18.00%	14.58	15
4BwD Independent Group	12	24.00%	19.44	19
<b>TOTAL for Proportionality</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>81</b>	
Independent	1			
<b>TOTAL SEATS</b>	<b>51</b>			<b>81</b>

*There is no requirement to consider an independent member when calculating proportionality based on Council political groups size*

The proposed overall allocation of seats at May 2024 based on the proportions and numbers above:

Committee	Places	Labour	Con	4BwD Indpt Grp
Policy & Resources OSC	9	5 (55.56%)	2 (22.22%)	2 (22.22%)
Children's & Young Persons OSC	9	5 (55.56%)	2 (22.22%)	2 (22.22%)
Health & Social Care OSC	9	5 (55.56%)	2 (22.22%)	2 (22.22%)
Place OSC	9	5 (55.56%)	1 (11.11%)	3 (33.33%)
Planning & Highways Committee	13	8 (61.54%)	2 (15.38%)	3 (23.08%)
Licensing Committee	11	6 (54.55%)	2 (18.18%)	3 (27.27%)
Audit & Governance Committee	6	4 (66.67%)	1 (16.67%)	1 (16.67%)
Standards	9	5 (55.56%)	2 (22.22%)	2 (22.22%)
Charitable Funds Committee	6	4 (66.67%)	1 (16.67%)	1 (16.67%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>



## COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2024/25

This is the pro-forma for appointments in 2024/25

### The Executive Members and Assistant Executive Members

EXECUTIVE BOARD		
<b>Leader of the Council and Chair of Executive Board</b>	Phil Riley	
<b>The following appointments have been made by the Leader of the Council:</b>		
<b>Deputy Leaders of the Council</b>	1: Quesir Mahmood (senior) 2: Julie Gunn	
<b>Vice Chair of Executive Board</b>	Quesir Mahmood	
PORTFOLIOS	Executive Member	Assistant Executive Member
<b>Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>	Jackie Floyd	Anthony Shaw Sonia Khan
<b>Public Health, Prevention &amp; Wellbeing</b>	Damian Talbot	Tony Humphrys Zamir Khan
<b>Children's, Young People &amp; Education</b>	Julie Gunn	Katrina Fielding Tasleem Fazal Parvaiz Akhtar
<b>Environment and Operations</b>	Jim Smith	Jim Casey Shaukat Hussain
<b>Growth &amp; Development</b>	Quesir Mahmood	Matthew Jackson Jim Shorrocks
<b>Digital &amp; Customer Services</b>	Mahfooz Hussain	Matt Gibson
<b>Finance &amp; Governance</b>	Vicky McGurk	Elaine Whittingham Ehsan Raja
<b>The remainder of appointments are for completion by the Group Leaders.</b>		
Opposition Member on Executive Board		
Mustafa Desai		

#### 4. Appoint Members of Committees

Committee	Labour	Conservative	4BwD	
<p><b>Policy &amp; Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny</b></p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Tony Humphrys</p> <p><b>Vice-Chair:</b> Salim Sidat</p>	<p>Tony Humphrys Shaukat Hussain Tasleem Fazal Katrina Fielding Matthew Jackson</p>	<p>Neil Slater Kevin Connor</p>	<p>Salim Sidat Waqar Hussain</p>	
<p><b>Place - Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b></p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Katrina Fielding</p> <p><b>Vice Chair:</b> Sajid Ali</p>	<p>Zamir Khan Katrina Fielding Ashley Whalley Stephanie Brookfield Shaukat Hussain</p>	<p>Paul Marrow</p>	<p>Sajid Ali Rana Gulistan Khan Salma Patel</p>	
<p><b>Children &amp; Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b></p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Sabahat Imtiaz</p> <p><b>Vice-Chair:</b> Martin McCaughran</p>	<p>Martin McCaughran Ehsan Raja Matt Gibson Matthew Jackson Sabahat Imtiaz</p>	<p>Julie Slater Mark Russell</p>	<p>Salma Patel Imran Ahmed</p>	
<p><b>Health &amp; Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b></p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Suleman Khonat</p> <p><b>Vice Chair:</b> Elaine Whittingham</p>	<p>Elaine Whittingham Dave Smith Tony Humphrys Liz Johnson Parwaiz Akhtar</p>	<p>Jacque Slater Derek Hardman</p>	<p>Suleman Khonat Amin Kapadia</p>	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>4BwD</b>	
<b>Call In Committee</b> <b>Chair:</b> Salim Sidat				
<b>Planning &amp; Highways Committee</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Chair:</b> Dave Smith  <b>Vice-Chair:</b> Sabahat Imtiaz	Dave Smith Zamir Khan Jim Casey Quesir Mahmood Martin McCaughran Sabahat Imtiaz Matthew Jackson Jim Shorrock	Derek Hardman Paul Marrow	Muntazir Patel Rana Gulistan Khan Saj Ali	
<b>Licensing Committee</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Chair:</b> Jim Casey  <b>Vice-Chair:</b> Matt Gibson	Parvaiz Akhtar Jim Casey Liz Johnson Tasleem Fazal Matt Gibson Ashley Whalley	Derek Hardman Mark Russell	Tahir Mahmood Suleman Khonat Iqbal Masters	
<b>Audit and Governance Committee</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Chair:</b> Elaine Whittingham  <b>Vice Chair:</b> Matt Jackson	Matthew Jackson Elaine Whittingham Matt Gibson Liz Johnson	Neil Slater	Waqar Hussain	
<b>Standards Committee</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Chair:</b> Ehsan Raja  <b>Vice-Chair:</b> Rana Gulistan Khan	Jim Casey Elaine Whittingham Ehsan Raja Anthony Shaw Stephanie Brookfield	Kevin Connor Neil Slater	Iqbal Masters Rana Gulistan Khan	

Committee	Labour	Conservative	4BwD	
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>  <b>Membership</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Damian Talbot	Julie Gunn Jackie Floyd Damian Talbot		Amin Kapadia	
<b>Charitable Funds Committee</b>  <b>Membership</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Matthew Jackson	Dave Smith Matthew Jackson Anthony Shaw Liz Johnson	Jean Rigby	Salim Sidat	

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## APPOINTMENT TO GROUPS AND PANELS

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Committee	Labour	Opposition	4BwD
<b>Appeals Panel</b>  <b>Membership 15</b>	Jackie Floyd, James Shorrock, Tony Humphrys.		Mustafa Desai Suleman Khonat
<b>Chief Executive's Employment Committee</b>  <b>Membership 4</b>	Phil Riley Quesir Mahmood Julie Gunn		Mustafa Desai

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	Phil Riley
Deputy Leaders	Quesir Mahmood (Senior), Julie Gunn
<b>4 BwD</b>	<b>Councillors</b>
Leader	Mustafa Desai
Deputy Leaders	Salim Sidat (Senior) and Sajid Ali

<b>Shadow Cabinet</b>	<b>Shadow Executive Member</b>	<b>Shadow Assistant Executive Member</b>
Adult Social Care & Health	Sajid Ali	Amin Kapadia
Public Health & Wellbeing	Suleman Khonat	Iqbal Masters
Children's, Young People & Education	Salma Patel	Imran Ahmed
Environment & Operations	Sajid Ali	Muntazir Patel
Growth & Development	Salim Sidat	Rana Gulistan Khan
Digital & Customer Services	Suleman Khonat	Tahir Mahmood
Finance & Governance	Salim Sidat	Waqar Hussain
<b>Opposition Committee Spokespersons</b>		
Planning & Highways	Sajid Ali	
Licensing	Suleman Khonat	
<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	
Leader	John Slater	
Deputy Leaders	Derek Hardman (Senior) Julie Slater	



**REPORT TO: COUNCIL FORUM**

**FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**DATE: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: All**

**WARDS AFFECTED: All**

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**TITLE OF REPORT**

**THE MAYORALTY 2024/25**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

To consider arrangements for the nominations to office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council Forum:

1. Confirms that in accordance with the rotation arrangements agreed at Council Forum on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 that the Labour Group nominates the Mayor for 2024/25, as agreed at this meeting.
2. Confirms that in accordance with the rotation arrangements agreed at Council Forum on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 that the Conservative Group nominates the Deputy Mayor for 2024/25, as agreed at this meeting.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

Annual Council formally appoints Members of the Council to the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal year. The Member appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor is normally appointed to the office of Mayor in the following year.

At previous meetings of the Council it has been agreed that the rotation of the nomination to the Office of Mayor between the political groups be based on proportionality of the Council, and an agreed rotation would be set for the next five years.

As Members will recall, at the Council Forum Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021, the Council agreed the next 5 year rotation, which helps to facilitate this year's nominations.

It was agreed then that, based on the proportionality that the rotation of Mayoral nomination for the five year period would be as follows:

2023/24 Labour  
2024/25 Labour  
2025/26 Conservative  
2026/27 Labour  
2027/28 Labour

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Office of Mayor is funded from the Council's annual budget.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Mayor is also the Chair of Council meetings. This is a legal provision of the Local Government Act 1972, enabling Council business to be carried out in an orderly and proper manner, having regard to statutory obligations and the Constitution of the Council for the conduct of meetings. In the Mayor's absence the Deputy Mayor would undertake the role to chair council meetings.

#### **6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **8. CONSULTATIONS**

None

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Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Background Papers: None



**REPORT OF:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**TO:** ANNUAL COUNCIL

**ON:** 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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## **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARTNERSHIP BODIES 2024/25**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To request the Council to consider the appointment of representatives to serve on Outside Bodies and Partnership Bodies in 2024/25.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

As Members will recall, the Council Constitution provides the Council with authority to appoint representatives to Outside Bodies and other Partnership Bodies.

The updated list will be circulated to Group Leaders to agree the allocation of seats as usual.

In the meantime, the Council has been requested to confirm its appointments to provide representation on the following bodies:

- Lancashire Police & Crime Panel (1 seat)
- Lancashire Combined Fire & Rescue Authority (3 seats).

The Outside Bodies and Partnerships Bodies list needs to reflect the political composition of the Council as closely as possible. However, when there is only one representative requested it is from the controlling group, and when there is more than one representative required to be appointed, these places are allocated in the same proportion as the political composition of the Council.

Some Outside and Partnership Bodies request appointments with reference to specific Member roles at the Council (e.g. the Leader, Executive Member for Growth & Development etc). For such requests, those specific Members will be appointed as representatives of the Council.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 That following usual practice and subject to the background information in this report, appointments to Outside and Partnership Bodies for 2024/25 be delegated to Group Leaders to agree as soon as possible.



3.2 With reference to 3.1 above, in the event that any appointments cannot be agreed by the Group Leaders, they will be referred to Council for determination.

3.3 That Council approves the following appointments:

- Lancashire Police & Crime Panel: Councillor Shaukat Hussain
- Lancashire Combined Fire & Rescue Authority: Councillor David Smith, Councillor Zamir Khan and Councillor Mustafa Desai.

**Denise Park  
Chief Executive  
8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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