
COUNCIL

Thursday, 21st January, 2016

Present: Councillor Marlene Haworth (Mayor), Councillors Judith Addison, Lisa Allen, Mohammad Ayub, Peter Britcliffe, Clare Cleary, Loraine Cox, Paul Cox, Munsif Dad, Bernard Dawson, Tony Dobson, Wendy Dwyer, Diane Fielding, Chris Fisher, Melissa Fisher, June Harrison, Eamonn Higgins, Terry Hurn, Abdul Khan, Julie Livesey, Kerry Molineux, Ken Moss, Jenny Nedwell, Tim O'Kane, Bernadette Parkinson, Miles Parkinson, Bill Pinder, Joyce Plummer, Kath Pratt, Malcolm Pritchard and Paul Thompson

Apologies: Councillors Noordad Aziz, Harry Grayson and Gareth Molineux

360 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Noordad Aziz, Harry Grayson and Gareth Molineux.

361 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Lisa Allen declared a personal interest in minute 289, Hyndburn Used Furniture Store, due to her being employed as the manager.

362 Announcements

- 1) The Mayor referred to a letter circulated to all Councillors, from the Post Office, advising of changes to Post Office branches at Blackburn Road, Accrington and Union Road, Oswaldtwistle, with extended services and longer opening hours.
- 2) The Mayor referred to the resignation of former Councillor Joan Smith and paid tribute to her work as a Councillor. She indicated that she would be sending her a letter of thanks and best wishes. The political group leaders indicated their support for these remarks.

363 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved - That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th November 2015 be approved as a correct record.

364 Question Time

No questions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 2.2(v).

365 Approval of Development Management DPD

Council was requested to approve for consultation a Development Management Development Plan Document, which would form part of the new Local Plan for Hyndburn. The document set out the more detailed planning policies to be used by Development Management Officers in determining planning applications for the Borough. Once complete,

it would sit alongside the Core Strategy and Accrington Area Action Plan, parts of the Local Plan already adopted by the Council (in 2012), as part of the statutory development plan for the Borough. It would replace the majority of Local Plan (1996) policies that remained extant, though now considered to be out of date.

The consultation draft document took into account relevant national policy and guidance, responses received to previous consultation exercises, recommendations of a sustainability appraisal, and any up to date evidence of relevance.

Cabinet, on 6th January 2016, had approved the content of the Plan and had given delegated authority to the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) and the Chief Planning and Transportation Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, to make further necessary changes as they considered necessary or appropriate, prior to commencing public consultation.

Resolved

- (1) That approval be given to the Development Management Development Plan Document (consultation draft), subject to any amendments made under the delegated authority given by Cabinet on 6th January 2016; and**
- (2) That a statutory six-week public consultation period on the draft document should commence in February 2016.**

366 Dementia Friendly Hyndburn

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Health and Communities, Councillor Munsif Dad, presented a report, which informed Council of the work underway to establish a Local Dementia Action Alliance in Hyndburn and asked the Council to sign up to the National Dementia Declaration and to approve and deliver a Dementia Action Plan.

It was reported that in Lancashire, there were around 16,000 dementia sufferers, with approximately 1000 Hyndburn residents suffering from dementia. These figures were expected to increase by 25% by 2025.

Over recent months, Public Health colleagues supported by a representative from the Alzheimer's Society had been working to establish a Local Dementia Action Alliance for Hyndburn, comprising the public, private and community sector. Hyndburn Council had been involved in this work and was seen as an important member of the developing alliance. Alliance members were being asked to sign up to the National Dementia Declaration and to develop and publish a Dementia Action Plan. Organisations signing up to the National Dementia Declaration would commit to:

- Ensuring that the work they do is planned and informed by the views of people with dementia and their carers and showing evidence for this.
- Being an ambassador for the National Dementia Declaration and securing commitment from partners for the second phase of the Declaration.
- Reporting publicly on their progress against the plan they have set out to support delivery of the National Dementia Declaration.
- Working in partnership with other organisations to share knowledge about best practice in dementia.
- Improving understanding about dementia.

Separate to the declaration, each signatory organisation was being asked to set out in an action plan what it intended to do in order to deliver better quality of life for people living with dementia and their carers, with three specific actions:-

- To raise awareness of dementia and the Dementia Friends initiative
- To develop Dementia Champions in each of our main public buildings
- To undertake a dementia friendly review of the public areas of our buildings

As this matter was an executive function, resting with Cabinet, Council was asked to support the contents of the report in principle and to refer the matter to Cabinet.

Resolved

- That Council supports the contents of the report and requests Cabinet to:
 - Continue to be an active member of the Dementia Action Alliance for Hyndburn
 - Sign up to the National Dementia Declaration
 - Approve the Dementia Action Plan
 - Implement, monitor and report progress against the objectives in the Dementia Action Plan.

367 Minutes of Cabinet

The minutes of Cabinet meetings held on 2nd December 2015 and 6th January 2016 were submitted.

Resolved

- That the minutes be received and noted.

368 Minutes of Committees

The minutes of the following meetings were submitted:-

| <u>COMMITTEE</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
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| Planning Committee | 11 th November 2015 |
| Licensing Sub-Committee | 12 th November 2015 |
| Judicial Committee (Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing) | 18 th November 2015 |
| Management Review Committee | 1 st December 2015 |
| Judicial Committee (Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing) | 8 th December 2015 |
| Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 11 th December 2015 |
| Judicial Committee (Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing) | 14 th December 2015 |
| Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 15 th December 2015 |
| Planning Committee | 16 th December 2015 |

Resolved

- That the minutes be received and noted.

369 Motion(s) submitted on Notice

No motions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule A9.

370 Council Tax Support Scheme

The Mayor had agreed that this matter be submitted as an urgent item, as a Council Tax Support Scheme needed to be approved by Council and in place before the Council's budget is determined at the Council meeting on 25th February 2016.

Council Members were presented for approval with the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme for 2016/17. The scheme remained largely the same as that approved by the Council for 2013/14, with the exception of one major change - the maximum subsidy to a working age claimant was proposed to be reduced from 80% to 73%. Other minor changes proposed related to alterations to the scheme to keep it consistent with changes to national Housing Benefit regulations.

Resolved

- (1) That Council approves the new Council Tax Support Scheme for 2016/17 and beyond.
- (2) The Council approves the reduction in the maximum subsidy available to a working age claimant of Council Tax Support from 80% to 73% and the other minor amendments to keep the scheme consistent with the changes in Housing Benefit regulations.
- (3) That it be noted that the Council Tax Support Scheme may be subject to change in the future due to budgetary and operational requirements and Council delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive to make amendments to the scheme to comply with national guidelines and to ensure the scheme remains fiscally neutral.
- (4) That the Deputy Chief Executive be given delegated power to take all reasonable steps to undertake the calculation, collection, administration and recovery of Council Tax and Non-domestic Rates in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 2012, the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Government Finance Act 1988, (or as amended from time to time) and further government regulations and guidance that may be issued.

Signed:.....

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed