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# COUNCIL

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**Thursday, 21st March, 2019**

**Present:** Councillor Mohammad Ayub (Mayor), Councillors Judith Addison, Josh Allen, Lisa Allen, Noordad Aziz, Jean Battle, Stephen Button, Andrew Clegg, Loraine Cox, Paul Cox, Munsif Dad, Tony Dobson, Stewart Eaves, Diane Fielding, Glen Harrison, June Harrison, Marlene Haworth, Terry Hurn, Abdul Khan, Michael Miller, Tim O'Kane, Dave Parkins, Bernadette Parkinson, Miles Parkinson, Joyce Plummer, Kath Pratt, Jeff Scales and Paddy Short

**Apologies:** Councillors Sara Britcliffe, Clare Cleary, Melissa Fisher, Stephanie Haworth, Eamonn Higgins, Gareth Molineux and Jenny Molineux

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## **372 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Clare Cleary, Sara Britcliffe, Melissa Fisher, Stephanie Haworth, Eamonn Higgins, Jenny Molineux and Gareth Molineux.

## **373 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations submitted at the meeting.

## **374 Announcements**

### The Mayor

- The Mayor introduced Members to the new Member Services Officer, Julian Joinson.
- The Mayor reported on the terrorist attack on two Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March which left 50 people dead and many more injured. He requested that Members remembered those killed and injured in this brutal attack. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for those who had died or been injured.
- The Mayor reported that this was his last Full Council meeting as Mayor of Hyndburn and thanked all Members for their support during his Mayoral year.

### Leader of the Council

- The Leader informed Members that a letter had been received advising that the Council had been successful in its bid for the 'High Streets Community Clean Up Fund' and reported that this would have to be spent before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. He explained that this funding would be distributed to a number of community and voluntary groups located across the townships to organise clean ups of the high streets.

### **375 Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**Resolved** - **That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 be approved as a correct record.**

### **376 Question Time**

No questions were received.

### **377 Draft Pay Policy**

The Head of Human Resources submitted a report to present a draft Pay Policy for 2019/20.

The Portfolio Holder for Resources (Councillor Joyce Plummer) submitted a report relating to a draft Pay Policy for 2019/20. The Localism Act 2011 required all local authorities to set out its position on a range of issues relating to the remuneration of its employees. The Policy had to be approved by the Council in open forum, by the end of March each year and then published on its website. The Policy sets out the existing approach to the remuneration of all posts within the Council and, in particular, specified certain mandatory requirements that had to be detailed within it. The purpose of the Policy was to ensure there was transparency as to how pay and remuneration was set by the Council for all of its employees and particularly for the most senior level posts.

The Portfolio Holder for Resources informed Council that at the time of publishing this report discussions were still being held with the Union in respect of their agreement with the policy.

**Resolved** - **That the Pay Policy 2019/20 be approved.**

### **378 Appointment of Co-Optees**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer submitted a report on the appointment of a Co-optee to the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Members were requested to consider the appointment of Honorary Alderman Doug Hayes as Co-optee to the Committee and that his appointment was to last until the end of the 2019/20 Municipal Year before any re-nomination.

**Resolved**

- (1) That Council approved the appointment of Honorary Alderman Doug Hayes as Co-optee on the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**
- (2) That the appointment as Co-optee would last until the end of the Municipal Year 2019/20.**

### **379 Sale of Clayton Triangle Site - Update from Overview & Scrutiny Committee Call-in**

The Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services) submitted a report on the findings of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee 'Call-in' in respect of the sale of the Clayton Triangle site. An addendum to the report was circulated at the meeting which set out Cabinet's response to the outcome of the Call-In detailed in the main report.

Councillor Aziz informed Council that the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee had released the decision of Cabinet for implementation but had asked Cabinet to note two proposals in relation to future proposed disposals of Council owned land. These proposals were set out in detail in the main report and related to ensuring that there was more consultation with ward councillors and Members in respect of proposals for the sale of land and property and that the Council markets its sites as widely as possible.

The Leader of the Council acknowledged the work of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in scrutinising the Cabinet decision called in and the importance of proper engagement within the process for disposing of land and property.

**Resolved** (1) That Council noted the Cabinet decision of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to release in full for implementation the decision in respect of the disposal of the Clayton Triangle site; and  
(2) That Council noted the comments of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of future disposals of land and property as detailed in the report.

### 380 Minutes of Cabinet

The Minutes of meetings of the Cabinet held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were submitted.

**Resolved** - That the Minutes be received and noted.

### 381 Minutes of Committees

The Minutes of the following meetings were submitted:-

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Planning Committee	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019
Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Resolved** - That the Minutes be received and noted.

### 382 Motion(s) submitted on Notice

The following **motion** was moved by Councillor Tony Dobson and seconded by Councillor Michael Miller under Council Procedure Rule A9:-

“That this Council resolves to enter into 1<sup>st</sup> stage negotiations with the Secretary of State for Local Government and the other borough Council Leaders to explore the benefits of an East Lancashire Unitary Authority and that a final decision to join the East Lancashire Unitary Authority is made by the Council.”

After a debate, the **motion** was put to the vote and declared carried.

**Resolved** - That Hyndburn Borough Council continues to be represented at discussions about an East Lancashire Unitary Authority and that Members be kept informed of matters.

Signed:.....

Date: .....

Chair of the meeting  
at which the minutes were confirmed