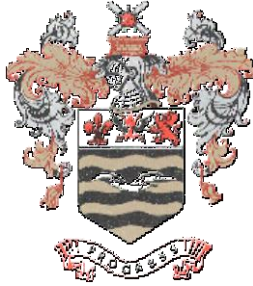


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BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday, 21 June 2016

To: The Members of Blackpool Council

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Blackpool Council** to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Blackpool on Wednesday, 29 June 2016 commencing at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business specified below.



Director of Governance and Partnerships

Business

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

- (1) the type of interest concerned; and
- (2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS HELD ON 16 MAY 2016

(Pages 1 - 8)

To agree the minutes of the last meetings held on 16 May 2016 as a true and correct record.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive official announcements from the Mayor.

4 HONORARY ALDERMAN

At the Special Council meeting held on 16 May, it was agreed to confer the title of 'Honorary Alderman' of the Borough of Blackpool under section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to former councillors Joyce Delves, Brian Doherty Peter Evans, Val Haynes, Henry Mitchell and Sylvia Taylor.

Due to prior commitments, Mr Brian Doherty was invited to attend the June meeting of the Council to receive his Honorary Aldermen medal.

5 PUBLIC REPRESENTATION (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive a representation from Mr Lewtas and Mr Manock, spokespersons for the Blackpool Licensed Taxi Operators Association, in accordance with Procedure Rule 9 and a response from Councillor Campbell, Deputy Leader of the Council.

6 EXECUTIVE REPORTS (Pages 11 - 36)

To consider the attached reports to Council from the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs) and the Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities).

Members are reminded that:

- Each Senior Executive Member has up to three minutes to present their report, after which there will be a period of no longer than 15 minutes per report for questions/comments (a green card will give a one minute warning, red for the end of the debate).
- There will be three minutes per question/ comment from any Councillor on anything within the portfolio and no limit to the number of times a Councillor can ask a question.
- There will be a period of up to ten minutes for a response from the Senior Executive Member (or relevant Cabinet Member) at the end of the questions/ comments for each report.

7 FREEDOM OF ENTRY - DUKE OF LANCASTER REGIMENT (Pages 37 - 40)

Following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Conservative Group, the Council is asked to give consideration to agreeing in principle to confer 'Freedom of Entry' status on the Duke of Lancaster Regiment. 'Freedom of Entry' is associated with the 'Freedom of the Borough' and is granted to Service Units which have rendered eminent service and which are closely associated with the Borough.

8 BLACKPOOL TRAMWAY EXTENSION TO BLACKPOOL NORTH STATION (Pages 41 - 52)

To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 20 June 2016 relating to the application of the necessary order to authorise an extension of the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station.

9 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (Pages 53 - 62)

To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 20 June 2016 relating to extension of the current plan approved in March 2011 for a further year.

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Yvonne Burnett, Democratic Governance Senior Advisor, Tel: (01253) 477034, e-mail yvonne.burnett@blackpool.gov.uk

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Present:

Councillor Callow (in the Chair)

Councillors

Benson	I Coleman	Jackson	Scott
Blackburn	Critchley	Kirkland	Singleton
Brown	Cross	Matthews	Smith
Cain	Elmes	O'Hara	Stansfield
Mrs Callow JP	Galley	Owen	I Taylor
Campbell	Hobson	Robertson BEM	L Taylor
Clapham	Humphreys	Roberts	L Williams
D Coleman	Hunter	Rowson	T Williams
G Coleman	Hutton	Ryan	Mrs Wright

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive
John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health
Karen Smith, Deputy Director of People (Adult Services)
Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Regulatory Services
Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Yvonne Burnett, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser
Liz Wood, Civic and Member Services Officer

1 THE ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Cross and

Resolved: That in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Kath Rowson be elected Mayor of the Borough of Blackpool for the municipal year 2016/2017.

2 THE MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Rowson made a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Mayor according to the requirements of the law and thereupon took the Chair.

3 THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by the Mayor, Councillor Rowson, seconded by Councillor Blackburn and

Resolved: That in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Councillor Gary Coleman be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Blackpool, for the municipal year 2016/2017.

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4 THE DEPUTY MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Gary Coleman made a Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Deputy Mayor according to the requirements of the law.

5 THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The Mayor, Councillor Rowson, addressed the meeting.

6 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INCOMING MAYOR

Councillors Blackburn and T Williams congratulated Councillor Rowson upon her election as Mayor. Oberbürgermeister Bernd Tischler also offered his congratulations on behalf of the people of Bottrop. Head Boy, Jake Daniels and Head Girl, Emily Bedford from Moor Park Primary School also congratulated the Mayor.

7 APPRECIATION TO THE EX-MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor Clapham, seconded by Councillor Galley and

Resolved:

'It is with great pleasure, that Blackpool Council places on record its appreciation of the duties so very ably and enthusiastically undertaken by Councillor Peter Callow, as Mayor of Blackpool. His dedication for the town, together with his many years of service on the Council have stood him in good stead for his year as Blackpool's civic head.

The Blackpool Mayoralty again maintained its status as a busy one this year with a variety of civic engagements.

Peter and Maxine began the mayoral year with the Royal Garden Party in London and a visit to 12th Regiment Royal Artillery near Portsmouth.

Throughout the year they attended many high profile local events such as the Pride Launch, Princes Trust Awards, Duke of Edinburgh Awards as well as attending many school and institute events.

Blackpool still attracts a large number of conferences and the Mayor and Mayoress attended a variety of annual gatherings such as; National Pensioners Convention, UK Bus Driver of the Year Awards, WMCIU, Royal Pigeon Racing Association, USDAW and the World Ballroom Dancing Congress to name a few.

Many Ex-Service organisations still hold their Annual Reunions in Blackpool and Peter and Maxine attended reunions of the Canal Zoners, the Royal Artillery Association, Aden Veterans, the Royal Air Force Association and the HMS Penelope Association. National Armed Forces Week, during June, was again a great success attracting thousands of visitors to the town and the Mayor and Mayoress attended a variety of events during the week.

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This February also saw the Council Chamber and the Mayorality hosting the Army Recruitment team and new army recruits at their Junior Oaths of Allegiance proving a proud and moving event for all involved.

Town Twinning played a significant part in this mayoral year with a visit from Oberbuergmeister Bernd Tischler and his delegation for mayor making. Blackpool Council then received a prestigious invitation for Peter, Maxine and the Leader, Simon to attend a special Bottrop Council meeting in Bottrop Town Hall in celebration of 35 years of Town Twinning between the two towns. The Blackpool visitors were the first foreigners to partake in a Bottrop Council meeting and there was great interest shown in the Blackpool Delegation and full press coverage.

Peter took great pleasure in welcoming our new citizens to the town at the many very popular Citizenship Ceremonies that were held throughout the year.

This year, the Mayor chose the Fylde Carers Trust as his charity to benefit from the Mayor's Charity Appeal and he raised a large amount of charitable donations this year.

A special reference has to be made to the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, Tony and Angela, for their support and contribution to this mayoral year and to Rev Dr Simon Cox who acted as Mayor's Chaplain and has assisted at Council Meetings and other civic events.

This resolution would not be complete without particular reference to the Mayoress, Maxine, who supported Peter at all major events throughout the year.

To Peter and Maxine, Blackpool Council places on record its sincere appreciation of their services as Mayor and Mayoress, and expresses the hope that memories of their mayoral year will stay with them forever.

The Council extends to them both, every good wish for the future.'

8 THE EX-MAYOR'S REPLY TO THE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Councillor Peter Callow replied to the resolution of appreciation.

9 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 30 MARCH 2016

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council held on 30 March 2016 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that it was Cllr Matthews' 70th birthday and wished him many happy returns on behalf of the Council.

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11 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Council received the report on the appointment of committees for the 2016/2017 municipal year. As part of the report, Members considered proposals for a separate Health Scrutiny Committee to focus on the statutory health scrutiny function and to reduce the workload of the Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee.

With regard to other committees (namely the Audit Committee, Appeals Committee, Planning Committee, Standards Committee, Chief Officers Employment Committee and Licensing) it was recommended for those to be reappointed according to their current powers and duties.

Members noted that there were no proposals to make changes in relation to the Health and Wellbeing Board, although the Board would be asked to review the future of the Children and Young People's Partnership as a recent review had highlighted areas of duplication with other similar bodies.

A full schedule of committees was submitted to the Council based upon the political balance calculations and which contained the notified names of committee members, Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship nominees.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Campbell seconded):

- '1. To appoint the following Council committees, in line with the political balance calculations and adjustments at Appendix 11(a) to the Council report. These are:
 - Audit Committee (membership of nine and with a composition of six Labour and three Conservative),
 - Appeals Committee (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative)
 - Planning Committee (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative)
 - Standards Committee (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative)
 - Chief Officers Employment Committee (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative).

2. To appoint the following scrutiny committees, in line with the political balance calculations and adjustments at Appendix 11(a) to the Council report. These are:
 - Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee (membership of nine and with a composition of six Labour and three Conservative)
 - Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee (membership of nine and with a composition of six Labour and three Conservative) with the revised responsibility for functions of this committee to be as set out in Appendix 11(b). To also appoint two diocesan co-opted representatives and the two governor co-opted representatives.
 - Health Scrutiny Committee (membership of seven with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative) with the responsibility for functions of this committee to be as set out in Appendix 11(b)

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- All three scrutiny committees to be assigned the power to deal with any 'call-in' requests initiated in line with Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.
 - That the Chairman position in all three scrutiny committees be filled by a majority group councillor and the Vice Chairman/Shadow Cabinet Member position be filled by an opposition councillor representative.
3. To agree that the powers and duties of the Audit, Appeals, Planning, Standards and Chief Officers Employment Committees remain as set out in the Council's Constitution.
 4. That the Licensing Committee also be re-appointed with the powers and duties as set out in the Constitution (membership of fifteen and a composition of ten Labour and five Conservative).
 5. That the Licensing Committee be requested to re-appoint the Public Protection Sub-Committee, with the powers and duties, as set out in the Constitution (membership of seven and with a composition of five Labour and two Conservative).
 6. To note the appointment of members to committees as set out in Appendix 11(c) to the Council report and thereafter any nominations or changes to nominations reported to the Director of Governance and Partnerships by the relevant Group Leader.
 7. To agree to the appointment of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen for those committees and the Health and Well Being Board as identified at Appendix 11(c) to the Council report based on the above recommendations.
 8. To confirm the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in Appendix 11(c) to the Council report and request that Board to consider the future role of the Children's Young People Partnership.
 9. To agree that the Director of Governance and Partnerships be authorised to amend the Constitution accordingly.'

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

12 SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Council considered whether to make any changes to the scheme of delegation for which it had responsibility.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor T Williams seconded):

'To agree that no changes are made to the scheme of delegation for which the Council has responsibility'.

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

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13 PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Council considered a programme of meetings for the municipal year 2016/2017.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor Campbell seconded):

' To approve the calendar of meetings and the start times of meeting as set out in Appendix 13(a) to the Council report.'

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 3.20 pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, 16 MAY 2016

Present:

Councillor Callow (in the Chair)

Councillors

Blackburn	Critchley	Jackson	Singleton
Brown	Cross	Kirkland	Smith
Cain	Elmes	Matthews	Stansfield
Mrs Callow JP	Galley	O'Hara	I Taylor
Campbell	Mrs Henderson MBE	Owen	L Taylor
Clapham	Hobson	Robertson BEM	L Williams
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G Coleman	Hunter	Ryan	Mrs Wright
Cox	Hutton	Scott	

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive
John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health
Karen Smith, Deputy Director of People (Adult Services)
Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships / Monitoring Officer
Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Yvonne Burnett, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser
Liz Wood, Civic and Member Services Officer

1 HONORARY ALDERMEN

The meeting had been called under section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman to former councillors. Members were aware that at the meeting of the Council on 25 November 2015, it had been agreed to adopt the award to former councillors who had provided eminent services to the Council in serving a term of 15 years or longer. It had further been agreed at that meeting, that invitations would be extended to former councillors Henry Mitchell, Val Haynes, Sylvia Taylor, Peter Evans, Joyce Delves and Brian Doherty to be awarded the Honorary Alderman title.

Speeches of support were made in respect of the following proposed Aldermen who were in attendance: Councillors Galley and Jackson on behalf of Mrs Joyce Delves; Councillors T Williams and Mrs Wright on behalf of Mr Peter Evans; Councillors Ryan and Clapham on behalf of Mrs Val Haynes; Councillors M Callow and Owen on behalf on Mr Henry Mitchell; Councillors L Taylor and Stansfield on behalf of Mrs Sylvia Taylor.

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Additional congratulations were offered by Councillors Blackburn and Williams and the Mayor.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor T Williams seconded):

- '1. To confer the title of 'Honorary Alderman' of the Borough of Blackpool under section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to former councillors Joyce Delves, Brian Doherty, Peter Evans, Val Haynes, Henry Mitchell and Sylvia Taylor.
2. That Mr Brian Doherty be invited to attend the June meeting of the Council to receive his Honorary Alderman medal.'

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and was unanimously carried.

The Mayor then presented each recipient with a gift and the Honorary Aldermen were given an opportunity to address the Council.

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 12.05pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:
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Council:
29 June 2016

PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

NAME	SUBJECT
1. Mr Bill Lewtas and Mr Peter Manock (spokespersons for Blackpool Licensed Taxi Operators Association).	Mr Lewtas and Mr Manock wish to address the Council on the Executive decision to recommend to Council the approval to make an application to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Transport and Works Act Order under the 1992 Act, to authorise an extension of the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station.

Response to be given by the Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs), Councillor Gillian Campbell

NOTE: The representative will be able to speak for up to a maximum of five minutes.

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Executive Member Report to the Council
29 June 2016

AGENDA ITEM 6(a)

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL –‘CORPORATE’ PORTFOLIO AREA COUNCILLOR SIMON BLACKBURN

The full details of the portfolio areas can be found on the Council’s website at <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/Your-councillors/Executive-members.aspx>

Statement on Orlando Terror Attack

I attended the Pride Festival in Blackpool earlier this month, which was a fantastic occasion to celebrate equality and show our support for the LGBT community, and it was devastating to hear that at the same time on the other side of the world a tragedy was unfolding.

We ensured that the rainbow flag that was flying over the Town Hall for Blackpool Pride was flown at half-mast, and the rainbow flag is now also flying from the Blackpool Tower, which was also illuminated in rainbow colours.

As I had a pre-planned meeting in London with Lord Ahmad, the Home Office Minister for tackling extremism, I attended the vigil in London on Old Compton Street in Soho, the location of the 1999 nail bombing of the Admiral Nelson pub by a far-right activist, which was also targeted at the LGBT community. Cllr Graham Cain, Cllr Maria Kirkland and other councillors attended a local vigil on Queen Street, which was very well attended.

We need to continue to stand together as a town, a country and a world to prevent terrorists driving a wedge between different faiths, races and nationalities.

Corporate Issues

Government Cuts

Blackpool residents have this year experienced the largest Local Government cuts in the country with a 4.9% reduction of core spending power, the Government’s preferred measure.

We also received no assistance from the £300m ‘transitional funding’ arrangements, which the Government claimed were to help authorities whilst they make changes in response to cuts. Surrey was the biggest beneficiary of this funding, receiving £24.1m.

Benefit Claims, Council Tax, Business Rates and Sundry Debt Collections

The average number of days to process new Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction Scheme claims and changes in circumstance improved further since the last report and now stands at 16 days as at the month of April 2016.

The number of telephone calls received by Customer First reduced by almost 5,000 in April 2016 compared to April 2015. There was also an improvement in the call answer rate with 55% of calls answered compared to 40% in April 2015. This is the result of the ongoing channel shift work we are doing that promotes and makes it easier to access many council services online. For example, we have introduced start to finish online bookings for Bulky Matters and now nearly half of all booking are made this way. Similarly, the online bin tracker and our use of in-cab technology have led to a dramatic reduction in the numbers of reported missed bin collections. All of this not only saves the council a huge amount of money, it also allows us to give a better service to residents.

At year-end council tax in-year, collection performance was 90.7%, down 1.7% compared to the previous year. Collection from households in receipt of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme is having a significantly adverse impact on collection performance. Business Rate collection was 95.1%, which was exactly the same as the previous year and above target.

Strategic Issues

Financial Monitoring

The draft 2015/ 2016 Accounts have been completed. These will now be examined by our external auditors and reported to the Audit Committee on 22 September 2016. The draft Accounts show that the Council's working balances as at 31 March are slightly below the £6 million target at £5.6 million.

The Budget for 2016/ 2017 required total savings to be found of £25.1 million. The first Corporate Budget Savings report for 2016/ 2017 was reported to the Corporate Leadership Team on 24 May. As at 30 April 2016 (month 1), 79% of the 2016/ 2017 savings target had already been delivered and the full-year effect of the 2016/ 2017 savings in 2017/ 2018 amounts to nearly 85% of the £25.1 million target.

Lancashire Combined Authority

A total of 14 of 15 Local Authorities in Lancashire are continuing to work in support of forming a Combined Authority (CA) for Lancashire. Each Council made a positive decision before Christmas 2015 in favour of public consultation. Formal public consultation took place across January and February 2016, with over 70% of respondents supporting the formation of a Combined Authority for Lancashire. Following this, all 14 local authorities took a further report in March and April 2016 to their Councils recommending the formation of a shadow Lancashire Combined Authority. All 14 Councils made positive decisions in favour.

The shadow Lancashire Combined Authority will hold its first formal meeting in early July 2016, although regular meetings are already taking place between all 14 Leaders. Leaders have now given senior officers approval to pen negotiation with Government on the formation of a Combined Authority for Lancashire and to start to negotiate on a first devolution deal. Officers met with the Department for Communities and Local Government's Governance Team in mid-

May to begin work on a draft Parliamentary Order that must be laid before Parliament to enable the formation of the Combined Authority. This is a complicated process, but sound progress has already been made as Lancashire is advanced in its governance proposals. Civil servants hope that the Order can be presented to Parliament in autumn, with passage through Parliament in the months following. This will enable the Lancashire Combined Authority to come into formal legal existence in either late 2016 or early 2017.

Officers hope to commence direct negotiation with civil servants on a first devolution deal for the County over the summer. At the same time, officers are currently preparing a work programme for the shadow CA. This work programme will include production of a Lancashire Plan setting out a vision for the County and will address the key strategic themes already identified e.g. economic growth, housing, transport, skills and health.

Policy Issues

Welfare Reforms

The Department for Work and Pensions has confirmed that an additional 365 Blackpool households will be affected by the changes to the Benefit Cap, which are due to be introduced later this year. The maximum amount of out-of-work benefits that a working-age family can receive each year will reduce to £20,000 from £26,000 whilst the amount for single adults with no children will reduce to £13,400 from £18,200. Based on current numbers the cap will equate to a loss of £1.47m per annum in total benefits across Blackpool with the reduction being applied to Housing Benefit or Universal Credit Housing Costs.

Additional funding to support those affected by the Benefit Cap has been made available to local authorities in the form of Discretionary Housing Payment.

Local Government Transparency Code

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has circulated a consultation paper on changes to the Local Government Transparency Code 2015. Local Authorities and interested parties are requested to respond by 8 July 2016. The proposed changes would require Local Authorities to record the publication of some existing provisions on Central Government sites instead of Local Authority websites. It also seeks to extend current provisions in some areas including a proposal, which requires Local Authorities with 'in-house' services to provide a one-off set of information to local residents, which justifies that the service is being delivered cost effectively. Local Authorities would also have to undertake a re-assessment of costs and benefits of in-house provision against private firms after an appropriate time period.

Transforming Services

People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA)

The Benefits Service has recently implemented a new process to exchange data with the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA). Previously customers used to have to visit Customer First to obtain verification that they were in receipt of Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction in order to obtain free treatment.

The process is now much more streamlined with a secure data sharing process in place that allows the Council to email the PDSA with the relevant information. It has saved clients making multiple trips to the PDSA, as previously they could have been given emergency medication, have to complete the registration process and then return to the PDSA for the rest of the medication course.

Working with Partners

Blackpool Teaching Hospital Trust

Shared working is continuing to be developed with the Trust with arrangements for Property Services already in place and support being provided for governance and legal. The Electoral Services Team is also assisting with the 'Governor' elections for the Trust due to be held this summer.

Blackpool Victoria Hospital

In order to support recruitment difficulties in relation to professional roles across Blackpool (Social Workers, Nurses, Doctors, Consultants, Teachers) joint working has taken place with Blackpool Victoria Hospital to develop a recruitment microsite.

The microsite is targeted at encouraging relocation of professionals into Blackpool by promoting "what Blackpool, the Fylde Coast and the North West have to offer in terms of lifestyle careers in Blackpool, employee benefits and professional development support available".

The Social work element of this site is now live and Health and Education will follow shortly.

**DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (TOURISM, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOBS) –
COUNCILLOR GILLIAN CAMPBELL**

The Places area covers my portfolio and those of:

- Councillor Fred Jackson (Municipal Assets),
- Councillor Mark Smith (Business and Economic Development) and
- Councillor Wright (Housing, Procurement and Income Generation).

The full details of the portfolio areas can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/Your-councillors/Executive-members.aspx>

Corporate Issues

Plymouth Road Bridge

The programme to repair or replace ten bridges within the borough continues with the replacement of Plymouth Road Bridge, which starts in July 2016.

The works are part of an £11.3m (Department for Transport £5.5m/Lancashire Enterprise Partnership £3.8m/Blackpool Council £2m) programme, which has already seen £1.5m spent on replacing Princess Street Bridge. The cost of replacement is £5.1m, although Network Rail requires the bridge heightening, which they will provide the extra funding for, which is circa £1m.

The bridge is in a poor condition and the works will link to the upcoming North Fylde line rail electrification, as it must be capable of accommodating the overhead line equipment. Partial road closures will operate from July until the end of the Illuminations, which will see utility services diverted, with the bridge closed for replacement after that date until April 2017. It will be reopened after that date with partial closures until July 2017 at which point it will be then reopened.

A robust approach to public consultation and awareness will take place, with the project following on from the same principles adopted in relation to the works to Yeadon Way and Princess Street Bridge, which were both completed on time, within budget and included comprehensive public and business communication plans.

The Tip Shop

The Household Waste Recycling Centre Shop, recently renamed The Tip Shop, has enjoyed its most successful run of performance since inception three years ago. To date, figures are over £5,000 up on the same period for last year.

All tip related activities (issuing permits, selling compost, etc.) have all been transferred to the Tip Shop, which has recently been fitted out with IT and networking capability. This has helped to increase the footfall and boost sales with a card payment facility soon to be made available.

Domestic Euro Containers (large containers)

Veolia are working more closely with Street Cleansing in serving areas where the Council has installed large domestic bins. Mechanical sweepers go in directly after the collection to ensure a clean sweep of the areas is undertaken, which is having a positive impact on the wider area. Veolia operatives are also becoming more integrated in terms of recording and reporting fly tipping to Street Cleansing maintaining a pro-active culture. The latest area to receive these large, communal containers is the alley between Brooke Street and Crossland Road, a map is being produced to highlight the areas where these are located.

Rover

Rover still continues to perform well and is very popular with residents. Locations are continually reviewed to ensure access to residents in hard to reach areas. In light of the pending changes to green waste, Rover will not accept any green waste and material have been update to reflect that.

Queens Park

The demolition by implosion of the three remaining tower blocks at Queens Park has been postponed by a couple of months from the planned date in May. This is because of delays in getting all of the services disconnected and to ensure that any lessons learned from the failed demolitions in Merseyside can be incorporated. Local residents in the immediate area will continue to be kept informed of the plans. The last new homes should still be completed by March 2018.

Car Parks

Parking Services has almost hit their £6 million income target, despite the targets being set prior to the closure of six car parks. In 2015/ 2016, income was up 5.1% on 2014/ 2015 and is the highest for five years.

Contracts and Procurement

Contracts awarded since the last meeting are as follows:

CONTRACT	PROVIDER (Locations)	CONTRACT VALUE
Janitorial Products	Alliance Disposals (Cheshire)	Circa £80,000 per annum (dependent on usage)
Employee Assistance Programme	Health Assured (Manchester)	£110,000
Electoral Services Management Software	Xpress Software Solutions (London)	£36,000
Environmental Services for BCH	5 A.M. Contract Cleaners Ltd (Blackpool)	£450,000
PRU – Cleaning Tender	Elite Cleaning & Environmental Services Ltd (Manchester)	£300,000
Planning Report Consultancy	Keith Reed Ltd (Carnforth)	£26,000
Consultancy Support for Green Corridors Business Case	Regeneris (Manchester)	£14,325
Framework-i	Servelec Corelogic (Sheffield)	£305,875
Switch-On	Richmond Event Management (Bristol)	Circa £800,000
Lightpool Show for Blackpool Illuminations	The Macula (Prague)	£35,000
Leisure Products for Sports Centres	Zoggs (Surrey)	£14,025
Vending Products for Vending Machines in Leisure Centres	Jack Turner Refreshments (Blackpool)	£34,495
Webcasting	CLC Media (Blackpool)	£23,000

Strategic Issues

Blue Flag Award

All four sea water quality testing areas (South/Central/North/Bispham) passed the stringent European Directive water quality tests carried out by the Environment Agency during the bathing season in 2015.

The results for Blackpool South were excellent, which was the catalyst for applying for Blue Flag status for that stretch of beach. The award was achieved and announced publicly on 19 May, with Blackpool achieving the North West's first Blue Flag.

Blackpool receiving the award achieved national attention and recognition is a huge boost to the town.

A great deal of hard work has been invested in beach management and water quality over the last four years with public, private and community sectors coming together to all play a part in contributing to improving our coastline. Having a Blue Flag and three seaside awards at Central, North and Bispham is truly something we can all be proud of.

Our progress in this area has been further demonstrated by sightings of dolphins enjoying our newly Blue Flag acclaimed waters off the Blackpool coast.

Keep Blackpool Tidy Litter Strategy

A 'Keep Blackpool Tidy' Litter Strategy 2016-2020, prepared in conjunction with Keep Britain Tidy has been agreed, which has six strategic objectives that have been identified because of consultation with the public, businesses, officers and members.

The objectives are as follows:

Objective One – Monitoring

A total of 90% of Blackpool's public spaces will meet a Local Environmental Quality standard of B+ and be predominantly free of any litter.

Objective Two – Communication

At any time, 90% of people living, working and visiting Blackpool are aware of the 'Keep Blackpool Tidy' campaign.

Objective Three – Design

Litter traps have been identified and remodeled where possible. Good quality, consistent styled bins are gradually rolled out, prioritising high footfall areas. There are no reports of overflowing bins.

Objective Four - Education

Every child in Blackpool has the opportunity to learn about the impacts of litter and to take part in at least one litter pick per year.

Objective Five – Engagement

Individuals, communities and businesses across Blackpool take up voluntary measures to keep their areas clear of litter and loose waste.

Objective Six – Enforcement

Proportionate, regular enforcement supports a growing perception with residents of Blackpool that action is being taken on persistent litterers.

In addition, and as part of the strategy, it has been agreed to enter into a one-year pilot with 3GS Environmental Enforcement Solutions to take a more robust approach in litter and dog fouling enforcement.

The service will work in conjunction with the Public Protection division and will be cost neutral. 3GS Environmental Enforcement Solutions work in conjunction with a number of local authorities including Bournemouth Council, Swansea Council, Rhondda Cynon Taff Council and Leeds City Council.

Homes and Communities Agency Starter Homes Programme

The Council has submitted an Expression of Interest to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to work with them in delivering new Starter Homes in Blackpool. Starter Homes are homes for sale to first time buyers under the age of 40, which are sold at a 20% discount. The help available from the HCA is yet to be agreed, but could include them buying sites and providing expertise to work up plans and find developer partners. We expect to hear whether the HCA will work with Blackpool Council on this programme within the next couple of months, and would then start to develop detailed plans.

Additional Licensing

The new Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Additional Licensing scheme will go live in the Central area of Blackpool in July, following approval by Executive in April. The scheme will mean that around 700 HMOs will require a license for homes to be privately rented, with landlords signing up to license conditions that set out minimum standards of property management. An inspection programme will ensure that all affected properties are identified and that conditions are being met. The Transience Programme will also start to operate in the area, identifying tenants who need support and helping them to access public and community services.

Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone

The Blackpool Enterprise Zone became operational on 1 April 2016, and will run for a period of 25 years. It covers a total area of 144 hectares straddling the boundary between Blackpool and Fylde. The Enterprise Zone is able to offer two financial incentives with set areas, business rates relief of up to £55,000 for five years or enhanced capital allowances, which allows companies to offset 100% of fixed capital investment against tax in a single year.

The Enterprise Zone has the capacity to host an additional 3000 jobs and 180 new businesses as well as potentially generating some £63m of new business rates across Blackpool and Fylde. Government is clear that retained business rate growth must be prioritised to support investment into the development and promotion of the Enterprise Zone. The Enterprise Zone will be primarily targeting companies in the energy, food and drink manufacture, aviation and

digital and creative sectors and will be crucial in ensuring the long-term sustainable future for Blackpool Airport.

Subject to approval of governance proposals, a Memorandum of Understanding will be entered into in July between Blackpool and Fylde Councils and Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) setting out the basic development proposals for the Enterprise Zone. This will be followed in March 2017 by a more detailed delivery agreement, which will be negotiated with key stakeholders and be subject to full Council approval. As the Enterprise Zone straddles two authorities, a protocol is under development to set out criteria for the award of business rates relief to ensure a common approach across both authorities and in respect of the Hillhouse site in Wyre, thereby ensuring that there is no unhealthy internal competition for investment. The rates relief protocol will be brought forward for consideration in July.

To date initial marketing of the Enterprise Zone has seen encouraging results with some 78 live enquiries across the two zones. Eight new businesses have already located within Blackpool Airport EZ, creating 110 net brand new jobs in the area (circa 300 gross total).

Blackpool Enterprise Week

The Council's Business Support Team held the first Blackpool Enterprise Week on 18 to 22 April. The week comprised of nine events, covering key business topics at venues across the resort, aiming to enthuse and inspire business start-ups and established companies to invest and grow. The highlight of the week was a Google Digital Garage held in partnership with Blackpool and Fylde College where the global giant presented to over 90 delegates. Several workshops were provided free by local businesses, funding providers (banks, crowd cube) and other enterprise specialists available at a Lancashire level. Overall, 244 workshop places were filled with 150 unique attendees. The event built on the previous Global Entrepreneurship Week event held in November last year and will be repeated in 2017.

Talbot Multi Storey Car Park

A schedule of the landlord works is being agreed with The Gym. We have received competitive quotes for this work and have agreed with The Gym to pay the value of the work on proof of the work being carried out rather than the Council doing the work prior to The Gym occupying the site.

Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's are trading well and they have taken on additional staff and are proposing to start the online shopping delivery service for the Fylde in June (at present this is managed from Preston).

Speculative Offices, Retail Units and Sale of Assets

A number of both public and private sector organisations viewed the first floor of Bickerstaffe House and are very interested. The two most recent were Hewlett Packard and CBRE with the client they are representing. It is understood that they are both for Government contracts and once a decision is made, they would wish to proceed very quickly.

The Tower Coffee Company opened their café in unit 2A of No. 1 Bickerstaffe Square on Monday 11 April.

Demolition

The demolitions of 23 High Street, 58, 60 and 62 Springfield Road are progressing well. The only work remaining is the reconstruction of the gable to 25 High Street, the surfacing of the cleared area and the fence round the site.

The demolitions of 25 - 31 Deansgate and 12 - 14 (the garage) East Topping Street are complete.

Acquisition of the Wilko's Building

The acquisition of the Wilko's building was completed on 15 April.

Coolsilk were granted outline planning permission for the Tower Street development on 8 March and are obligated to relocate the Wilko store to this site by the end of 2017.

The purchase of this site will enable the new tram terminus on Talbot Road/ Dickson Road to be located off the highway and create development opportunities for the future. In the short term once Wilko's has been demolished the surplus land can be a surface level car park, the income from this will support the acquisition cost prior to development taking place.

Tramway

It is now proposed that following the acquisition of the Wilko's building, the tramway terminus will be located in the middle of the Wilko's site. There is now an updated draft programme that coordinates the acquisition, relocation and demolition of Wilko's, the construction of the new Bank Street Car Park entrance and the development of an integrated tram terminus with an improved underpass under High Street to Blackpool North station.

Access to Bank Street Car Park

A meeting between Network Rail, Aviva (formerly Northern Rail), Muse and Blackpool Council took place on 18 April, with a further meeting on 13 June. The outline design for the new entrance to Bank Street Car Park via Springfield Road is now complete and has been submitted to Network Rail and the new operator for them to sign off. There are also a number of both transactional and regulatory processes to go through, which will take approximately 12 months to complete. It is proposed that the Council will trade some land at the bottom of the car park and around the existing entrance for the land required to form the new access and there is a need to construct a new mess building. It is also proposed that the access will become an adopted highway.

Highways Infrastructure

There will be revisions to the infrastructure required to accommodate the tramway link and the new entrance to Bank Street Car Park. The Council's Highways team has outline plans for a

traffic management scheme that will require modifications to Talbot Road, Cookson Street, Topping Street and Deansgate to accommodate the disruption to the network and provide resilience. Their proposals provide a tram/ taxi/ bus interchange and were completely dependent on the acquisition of the Wilkinson's building and the tram terminus being located within this area.

Further consultations will need to take place with both the Highways and Planning teams to determine how the tramway link affects the highway network both within and beyond the Talbot Gateway area.

There is also a Growth Corridor Project planned for the town centre area.

Policy Issues

Review of the Holiday Accommodation Supplementary Planning Document

Following the Examination of the Core Strategy last year, the Planning Inspector in his report urged the Council to complete a review of the Holiday Accommodation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) as early as possible. The original SPD was adopted in March 2011, identifies the detailed boundaries of the holiday accommodation areas in Blackpool, and provides detailed guidance on changes in use of properties in the holiday accommodation areas.

To assist in the review of the SPD, Envision Consultancy has recently been commissioned to undertake the work. It is anticipated that the review will take approximately six/ nine months and will include stakeholder engagement and public consultation.

Any recommendation to retain or revise the existing Holiday Accommodation Areas and detailed guidance will be subject to further formal public consultation and Council approval.

It is important to note that this review only relates to the detailed guidance in the SPD and is not a review of the overarching policy CS23 – Managing Holiday Bed Spaces in the Core Strategy. The content of the latter will remain unchanged.

Transforming Services

Blackpool Community Heritage Programme – Developing a new Business Model

The Blackpool Community Heritage Programme is delivered in partnership with the Volunteer Centre. It covers a range of community-based, heritage-related activities including Heritage Open Days, the Heritage Newsletter, The Blackpool Heritage Guides and heritage volunteers. It generates some income through the heritage tours and has been successful in securing external project-based grant awards. However, if the programme is to continue in the long term it needs to operate more like a business and become more self-sustaining. The Head of Heritage is working with the Community Heritage Steering Group to research and create a new business

model in which a range of heritage-based paid for services are developed to offset the core costs of the programme. This work is being supported by Council colleagues from Economic Development's Business Support.

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Bid

Blackpool Library Service, working with colleagues from Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire, has been successful with a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £49,000.

"Lancashire Not Forgotten" is a project of empowerment, as it will give those living with dementia the opportunity to share their memories of local places. Via a programme of "light touch" social events, held at heritage sites and using heritage collections, they will contribute to the development of a dementia-friendly, digital record of life in twentieth century Lancashire.

This will be a tool for others to use. The three strands of the project how we used to live, work and play will each be developed by one of the three partner authorities and then drawn together as one resource. Collaboration underpins this initiative sharing good practice, delivering complementary programmes and producing a legacy relevant to all. It builds on the dementia-focused work, which has gone before and will create a heritage-based model, which others may copy.

The project will be delivered from September 2016 to November 2017 and can give each authority more outputs and evidence to show how they positively contribute to the health and well-being agenda in libraries.

New Prestigious Award for Grundy to Collect Light Art Works

The Grundy Art Gallery has been awarded £80,000 by the Art Fund to buy new artworks around the theme of light. The Award is part of the Art Fund's £400,000 'New Collecting Awards' programme, which this year saw six awards given to museums around the British isles including National Army Museum and the British Museum in London. The £80,000 award to Grundy Curator Richard Parry was the joint highest sum, with the same amount going to curators at the Royal Pavilion in Brighton and at the National Galleries of Scotland in Edinburgh.

The award is a significant boost for the gallery, which has seen a doubling of audiences through the light strand of its programming and follows a further award from the John Ellerman Foundation, supporting new work with the collection, which has enabled important behind-the-scenes improvements including the employment of a new Collections Manager.

Working with Partners

Lloyds

In January 2016, Halifax Bank and the Society of Chief Librarians launched a digital skills partnership to provide 2,000 Halifax Digital Champions in libraries to support existing IT taster sessions. As part of the Universal Digital Offer, this partnership extends across England, Wales

and Northern Ireland and is intended to complement existing IT skills sessions run by library staff.

The Blackpool launch took place at Layton Library on 6 May. The event was attended by senior officers from the Northern Lloyds Banking Group (and Halifax), and very useful links were formed, not only to extend our volunteer led sessions, but to further support the work jointly address digital exclusion in Blackpool. Plans are currently in place for some partnership work to support Get On Line Week in October 2016.

Nickelodeon SLIMEFEST

SLIMEFEST will feature two live shows, games, characters and plenty of slime, tickets are now available from Ticketmaster. The live-ticketed shows will take place on Saturday 3 September at the Empress Ballroom in the Winter Gardens. The UK edition of SLIMEFEST will be an immersive music and entertainment festival focusing on kids aged four to 15. Featuring costume character appearances, hands-on activities, games and music, SLIMEFEST will run across 3 and 4 September.

Central Library Café

The Central Library welcomed the Camerados' Living Room pop up café to operate between 19 May and 18 June. It breathed new life into the library cafe and created a place to regroup for anyone who already saw the library as a walk-in lifeline of learning, culture and inspiration.

Award-winning chef and social entrepreneur Simon Boyle, founder of Brigade restaurant in London, has been working with local volunteers to prepare a down-to-earth and incredibly tasty comfort food menu including Lancashire hotpot as well as vegan and gluten free options.

Camerados is a new national movement of people who want to provide a solution to tough times, it is not a service and are simply people helping each other find the two essentials in life Friends and Purpose.

Positive feedback has been received from staff and library users. To quote a member of the library team "I think the atmosphere was great the week that the café opened and such heart-warming feeling.

Quotes from customers include "Opening your doors to Camerados... Well done for taking the risk! That was a great thing to do for Blackpool" and "I am very impressed by the community café, everything is wonderful, and the atmosphere is terrific. It is a joy to see such enthusiasm."

Turner Prize Winner, Mark Leckey's new exhibition at the Grundy

The exhibition now open at the Grundy and running until the 13 August centers on the work of Mark Leckey, a Turner Prize Winning artist and his long-standing interest in the iconic cartoon character Felix the Cat. The exhibition is one of the most significant exhibitions yet to be staged

at the gallery and includes a range of images of the black and white feline in artworks including Inflatable Felix (2013) a giant blow-up version.

Re-New/ Shabby2Chic Waste Partnership

The Re-New waste partnership with Calico is increasing its output of both training numbers and items for sale, with now included in the partnership with Shabby2Chic at the newly completed furniture restoration workshop located at Bristol Avenue. The project not only refurbishes items diverted away from landfill, but also undertakes 'commissioned' work via auction houses and antique dealers, providing volunteers and placements with practical woodworking skills amongst other life-skills training.

In conjunction with Calico the new re-use shop in Caunce Street, Furniture Matters, has also been up and running for a number of weeks. Stocking items re-furbished and reused by Re-New/ Shabby2Chic, it has had a successful reception achieving its short-term financial targets. Although it is a re-use shop, it has a high-end, unique feel, which is proving popular with local residents.

The official opening of the new shop and the Re-New/Shabby2Chic partnership is being planned for week commencing 4 July and being coordinated between our Communications Department and Calico.

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CABINET SECRETARY (RESILIENT COMMUNITIES) – COUNCILLOR GRAHAM CAIN

The Resilient Communities area covers my portfolio and those of:

- Councillor Eddie Collett (School Improvement and Children’s Safeguarding),
- Councillor Amy Cross (Reducing Health Inequalities and Adult Safeguarding), and
- Councillor Maria Kirkland (Third Sector Engagement and Development).

The full details of the portfolio areas can be found on the Council’s website at <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/Your-councillors/Executive-members.aspx>

Corporate Issues

Children’s Social Care

The Service has continued to see a significant rise in demand for social care services and as a Local Authority we still have the highest rate of looked after children per 10,000 population in the country (currently at 493). The rise in numbers is not being seen across the whole North West region, but local partner agencies are reporting similar pressures especially since December 2015. In order to understand this picture further the Blackpool Safeguarding Children’s Board will support their newly appointed analyst to undertake a whole town review of rising demand to develop a better understanding of the issues which underlie this. In addition the Deputy Director (People) is leading an audit of children received into the looked after system and of those subject to child in need plans. This is in addition to other audits which have been carried out to consider the consistency of thresholds. Additional Social Worker posts are currently being recruited to. The Leadership Team is also reviewing a number of services to support a more robust offer for those in need of early help, adolescents in crisis and on the edge of being in care. This offer will be a combination of the revision of existing council services and bids for new monies/ resources, for example through the Social Work Innovation Fund.

Strategic Issues

Early Help

Blackpool has been successful in a bid to the Department for Work and Pensions for a Local Family Offer equating to funding of £41,500. The overarching objective of the funding is to improve and maintain the quality of the couple/ co-parenting relationship locally (whether they are together or apart) in order to sustain a safe, stable and nurturing family environment for their children.

As part of our Local Family Offer, Blackpool intends to ensure that couple/ co-parental relationships become a key part of the current assessment process and the delivery of interventions. The intention is to equip practitioners to have meaningful conversations about relationships in order to establish where families need most support.

The chosen approach will be to undertake an enquiry driven piece of work for six months including the development of a clear pathway of support available around the couple/ co-parenting relationship and materials/ tools to upskill the workforce. The scoping of the current relationship support offer will feed into the creation of the pathway and dovetail with emerging practice such as the delivery of Parents as Partners and the Step Up pilot.

Healthier Lancashire

Progress is being made under the banner of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Change Programme. The Case for Change work, which includes an intensive six-week analytical piece, is now in full swing. This important and sensitive work is a vital stepping-stone on our change journey and as with everything we do, requires real collaboration and co-design across the whole Lancashire and South Cumbria health and social care system.

For each of the eight priority areas (Acute and Specialised, Urgent and Emergency Care, Prevention, Primary Care, Mental Health, Regulated Care Sector, CAMHS and LD) the approach to the Case for Change will be bespoke, as each area is at a different stage and the analytical work needs to provide the most helpful and appropriate support.

However, for all of the areas the outcome of the Case for Change work will also include:

- A detailed understanding of how the challenges against the 'triple aims' (health and wellbeing, care and quality, and finance and efficiency) are expected to evolve over the next five years
- A clear view of what interventions will have the greatest impact to improve health and wellbeing and will help close the quality and financial gaps.

As the Lancashire and South Cumbria (LSC) Change Programme completes its final strategic planning phase activities, we are looking ahead to the next stage.

Each Workstream Mandate provides an overview of the:

- Objectives
- Background
- Approach
- Benefits
- Required resources
- Leadership team
- Links and dependencies

The mandates are currently being finalised and will be shared fully with the system. Currently it is helping to frame the drafting of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan through the STP workshops.

Refreshed Market Position Statement.

Contracts and commissioning are developing an updated Market Position Statement that will encompass regulated services predominantly Domiciliary and Residential care across Adult Social Care (excluding Learning Disabilities as this falls within the transforming care programme). The Market Position statement will provide a detailed picture on the current position in Blackpool in terms of demographics and challenges as well as projecting future requirements. It will be used to engage with providers across the market in order to shape future provision and to encourage innovation in terms of options to deliver services differently, within the climate of reducing budgets and increased responsibilities resulting from recent legislative developments such as the Care Act. Timescales are to have a draft discussion document to share at a provider day and through other networks and forums by the end of Quarter 2.

0-19 Healthy Child Programme Services review – 31 May 2016

0-19 Healthy Child Programme Services review

The statutory responsibility for delivering and commissioning public health services in line with the recommendations of the Healthy Child Programme (HCP) for children and young people aged five to 19 years transferred to local authorities in April 2013. The responsibility for children's public health commissioning for 0 to five year olds, specifically health visiting, transferred from NHS England to local authorities on 1 October 2015.

Key services that deliver specific elements of the Healthy Child Programme are Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership for 0 to five year olds and Public Health School Nursing services for five to 19 year olds. Other services include oral health provision, National Childhood measurement and breast-feeding peer support services. Together these services focus on promoting the health and wellbeing of the 0-19 population. The provisions of the Healthy Child programme will include the core public health offer for children:

- providing child health surveillance and development reviews
- promoting child health protection, immunisation and screening
- providing information, advice and support for children, young people and families
- providing early intervention and targeted support for families with additional needs
- providing health promotion and prevention by the multi-disciplinary team
- contributing support in early years and education settings for children with additional and complex health needs
- providing additional or targeted public health nursing support as identified by public health intelligence or Joint Strategic Needs Assessments

Purpose of 0-19 Review

The primary aim of the 0-19 services review in Blackpool is to ensure that we secure the biggest improvement in the health and wellbeing of our children through commissioning best value, evidence based services for children and young families in Blackpool within available resources. Through opportunities afforded by A Better Start and the Council, having overall responsibility for commissioning these key services presents a unique opportunity to analyse how services can be improved upon, possibly integrated, or delivered creatively to best meet the needs of children and young people in Blackpool. A review to understand how we can deliver services differently to meet the needs of children, young people and their families will inform the development of a new model of service delivery and will inform commissioning options and recommendations for the future. Engagement and consultation with key stakeholders and families is ongoing throughout the summer and early autumn to identify what families need from these services.

Key dates to note are:

- Market Testing and Procurement Event - 0-19 Healthy Child Programme Public Health Nursing service - Wednesday 15 June 2016, 13:30 - Cabinet Room D, Henry Bolingbroke room, County Hall, Preston
- Health Visitor and School Nurse Stakeholder event Thursday 23 June (Venue to be notified).

Policy Issues

Implementation of the additional 15 hours Childcare Free entitlement

The Early Years team is working on the preparations for the delivery of the +15 Hours Childcare Free Entitlement policy (commonly referred to as 30 hours), which will provide an additional 15 hours of free childcare for the working parents of three and four year olds and is due to be implemented from September 2017.

A consultation is underway to assess the impact that this will have on families and how and where they are likely to take up the additional hours and the impact on demand for places and the future plans of the childcare settings who will deliver the funded hours in Blackpool.

The Early Years team is working with the Systems team and the Department for Education (DfES) ECS (Eligibility Checking System) Change Team to develop further the Council's in-house free entitlement database to administer the +15 hours funding to providers and to link the system directly with the Electronic Checking Service to perform eligibility checks for the +15 hours entitlement.

Transforming Services

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Summer Ventures, Blackpool Council's Connexions Service summer programme for NEET and school leavers at risk of becoming NEET, is recruiting for its third year of delivery. In May 2016, 70 young people have signed up for this year, well ahead of this time last year.

Connexions are currently in the first full year delivering the Virtual Early Leaver service. This service is designed to quickly identify early leavers from Colleges and training Providers and then provide immediate support to them. At the end of April 2016, 396 young people have come through the service with 268 moving into a positive destination within six weeks.

Connexions and the Virtual School continue to work together to provide all 16 to 24 Children Looked After who are in education, specialised Careers Guidance, financial advice and early intervention for those at risk of disengaging. This project has also allowed us to know what the current destinations of our Children Looked After are including the qualifications they are undertaking and progress against them. Currently seven of Our Children are planning to start degree level qualifications in the new academic year and one is planning to commence postgraduate studies.

Youth Employment

As at the end of April 2016, the proportion of 16 to 18 year olds who were NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) was 6.9% compared with 6.8% in April 2015 and the proportion "Not Known" to the service was 4.1% in April 2016 compared with 4.3% in January 2015. Skills For Care, the Care Industry Skills body, contracted with Blackpool Council's Connexions service to deliver pre apprenticeship programmes for 16 to 24 year olds.

Blackpool Council's Connexions service has continued delivery of its pre traineeship programme, "Advance", for long term NEET 19 to 24 year olds with the support of the Adult, Community and Family learning team. Since January 2016, 20 young people have taken part with seven moving into employment or training.

The Connexions Youthability Hub has completed its second year of activity. Connexions Youthability Hub is a one-stop shop for young people aged 16 to 24 to get a range of support that helps them into employment. This support includes specialist careers advice, NHS counsellor support (from Connect) and direct input from employers alongside other Council/ Third sector support services. Over the last three months, employers such as Blackpool Transport, Premier Inn, Arnold Clark and McDonalds have supported Youthability. During Feb-April 2016, 260 young people have accessed Youthability during its weekly three-hour slot with 39 young people gaining employment.

Arnold Clark Automobiles Limited interviewed six young people for Apprentice mechanic vacancies and two were successful in obtaining apprenticeships. Pyramid Training took on five

apprentices in childcare. McDonalds Restaurant interviewed young people for Cook positions, eight were offered jobs. Groundwork and the Fire Service Princes Trust Advisors have attended and signed up 15 to 20 young people for the forthcoming 12-week programmes.

Adult Safeguarding and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

This area of work continues to grow and work is underway with key partners to ensure that we are able to respond within our statutory requirements.

Adult Social Care

Vanguard monies for 2016/ 2017 has now been allocated to the Fylde Coast, but at a significantly reduced rate to the bid, leading to reconsideration of the planned programme of work to fit within the available financial envelope.

Sexual Health - Sector Led Improvement: Chlamydia

Sector-led improvement (SLI) is an approach to improvement where local authorities help each other to improve continuously. SLI is based on the underlying principle that local authorities are responsible for their own performance, are accountable locally and that there is a collective responsibility for the performance of the sector as a whole.

Blackpool Public Health has come together with colleagues in Lancashire, Blackburn, Cumbria and Public Health England as part of a strategic partnership group, to focus on Chlamydia and the local delivery of the National Chlamydia Screening Programme (NCSP). The process itself involved examining the data for each area and clinical provider. Each Local Authority having areas where they excelled or needing further improvement, for example engagement of boys and young men, partner notification and length of time from testing to treatment.

Although Blackpool has historically and continues to perform well in relation to the NCSP, the exercise has revealed that there are still areas for improvement. There is now an action plan in place, involving work with our young people's sexual health provider, local laboratories and other stakeholders to increase the number of tests undertaken for boys and young men, reduce the length of time from testing to treatment and improve data quality. The sector led improvement process is being evaluated and the findings will be submitted for publication, to inform the wider public health community.

Working with Partners

Third Sector

Work is underway to develop a market position statement for the Third Sector operating in Blackpool.

This is in response to feedback from the Sector, which requires a clear direction from the public sector and an agreed understanding as to what is needed in a world of austerity and increasing integration. It is expected that this work will bring together key stakeholders and a position

statement ready for sharing by the Autumn, showing where we are now, the strategic direction and challenges ahead, and the potential role for the Third Sector in future developments.

Adult Community and Family Learning

JobCentre Plus gave feedback that the European Computer Driving License (ECDL) Level 2 qualification (computer course) was in demand by employers for those learners who had completed basic ICT courses and wanted to progress to a higher level course. The first courses started in January and have been run on a roll on roll off basis with learners being able to work at home as well as attend sessions on a Monday night at Palatine Library enabling learners to work at their own pace in a flexible way. Learners pay on a half-termly basis to make the cost more manageable and the first learners have now completed the qualification.

Well-being courses are going exceptionally well and are currently oversubscribed and the mental health lead is scheduling in additional courses to cover the demand. Topics such as stress management, anxiety, confidence building and Mindfulness have been very popular. The work with partners has proved very fruitful with work continuing with Lancashire Women's Centre, the Bridge Project at the Salvation Army and Public Health.

Family Learning continues to work in schools and children's centres, with a range of courses including Safeguarding for Families, Family First Aid, Family Maths, Family English and Family Arts and Crafts. Functional Maths and English are ongoing in four children's centres and two Secondary Academies working with parents to improve their own skills and support them to help their children. A total of 40 parents are due to sit Functional Skills exams in July.

Working with Better Start, the Family Learning service delivered a project based around Julia Donaldson's book, Stick Man in children's centres, libraries and Stanley Park. Families enjoyed hunting for stick man, making their own stick families and other activities such as stick weaving and making family flags. In half term, Family Learning worked with five children's centres to deliver workshops based on Under the Sea to support National Bookstart Week.

Eight parents completed REAL Training (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy) to enable them to support their children's literacy development and several are already working as volunteers to support other families with the project.

Children's Centres

Annual Conversation meetings have taken place with all Local Authority and Academy/ School based Children's Centres. The focus of the meeting was to review each Centre's progress against the Blackpool Children's Centre Outcomes Framework and to set targets for 2016/ 2017.

The Blackpool Children's Centre Outcomes Framework was introduced in 2015 and findings from 2015/ 2016 demonstrated that progress had been made against over 92% of the outcomes set. The Children's Centre outcomes for 2016/ 2017 focus on specific target groups such as Children on statutory plans, Children who live in low income households and Children living with

Domestic Abuse. Currently 6,780 (81.4%) children under five years old are registered with a Blackpool Children's Centre.

Safeguarding Guidance for Early Years Settings

New guidance for settings has been developed recently. This has been approved by the Blackpool Safeguarding Children's Board and is being disseminated in June. This will help settings to ensure they implement effective safeguarding and record keeping processes.

The Harbour

A particular piece of focused work is being undertaken with Lancashire Care Foundation Trust via the Systems Resilience Group, regarding issues of concern at The Harbour, adopting a partnership approach to understanding and resolving problems.

Healthworks

This is a new initiative aimed at service alignment of a series of employment and health services, co-located within Blackpool town centre. The idea arose from partners' desire to realign existing services with new project opportunities to create a more efficient and user friendly hub. This initiative aligns closely with both priorities of Blackpool Council's new plan 2015/ 2020:

Priority One - The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool

The Council has a track record of delivering successful employment and enterprise programmes that have helped thousands of local residents to access employment, transforming their socio-economic life chances and creating new job opportunities from successful start-up and growth businesses. A core objective is to assist those most distant from the labour market, often with complex health related conditions, to get a foothold on the local jobs market to directly benefit from new investment. The Chancellor's Spending Review and Autumn Statement 2015 announced significant future funding for the introduction of a new Work and Health Programme (to replace the current Work Programme and Work Choice). This will provide specialist support for people with health conditions or disabilities and longer term unemployed back into the workplace.

Priority Two – Communities: Creating Stronger Communities and Increasing Resilience

In the past, we have had the resources to support people with health issues by providing services. Due to funding cuts and austerity measures, we now have to help people understand the changes they need to make to their lifestyle and/ or behaviours in order to be healthier, both mentally and physically, so they are less reliant on our help and more in control e.g. resilient. A number of other related Public Health contracts have been reviewed in parallel with the Wellness Service and a degree of duplication was identified. This proposal aims to reduce replication, join up services and pathways that promote health and wellbeing and address social isolation, lack of physical activity and unhealthy weight. HealthWorks will also facilitate self-referrals and/ or signpost to online interactive self-help tools, which promote health and wellbeing, including a selection of the best apps, health diaries and online CBT programmes etc. There will also be online resources for frontline workers for use with clients, such as easy

recipes for people in receipt of discretionary food parcels, safe cycling maps, easy walking routes etc.

By joining up services in a meaningful way through such opportunities as co-commissioning, local residents will have access to a combination of services that hitherto have remained disconnected and difficult to access. Healthworks aims to improve the customer journey to improve employment and health outcomes simultaneously.

Meeting with representatives of Funeral Directors and Clergy

A second partnership meeting has taken place regarding the development of Carleton and Layton cemeteries and the crematorium. It was a positive meeting and further meetings are being scheduled on a quarterly basis. The grounds of both Carleton and Layton look well maintained and Saturday bookings in the crematorium are starting to increase as this is being promoted more. There is provision identified to extend Carleton cemetery in the coming years as demand dictates and it was agreed to have representatives from the group closely involved in that design.

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting	29 June 2016

FREEDOM OF ENTRY – DUKE OF LANCASTER REGIMENT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 Following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Conservative Group, the Council is asked to give consideration to agreeing in principle to confer 'Freedom of Entry' status on the Duke of Lancaster Regiment. 'Freedom of Entry' is associated with the 'Freedom of the Borough' and is granted to Service Units which have rendered eminent service and which are closely associated with the Borough.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To agree to arrange a Special meeting of the Council to be able then to pass a resolution under 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 to confer 'Freedom of Entry' status to the Duke of Lancaster Regiment, in recognition of the service provided by that unit to the Borough.
- 2.2 That the Director of Governance and Partnerships be requested to arrange this Special meeting of Council following the Council recess in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To recognise the strong local connection with the Duke of Lancaster Regiment and the unconditional support the Regiment has given to the Borough in supporting many events over recent years.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To not award the 'Freedom of Entry' status.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The recommendations in this report meet all the Council's priorities.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The status of Honorary Freeman is probably the highest honour that a local authority can bestow on a citizen and has been conferred on rare occasions by the Council. For service units the 'Freedom of Entry' is the equivalent award and again has been issued on few occasions over the many years of the Council. The only surviving Honorary Freeman of Blackpool is Jimmy Armfield CBE (awarded in 2003) and the last time 'Freedom of Entry' was awarded was in 1990 to HMS Penelope.

5.2 The 'Freedom of Entry' grants the service unit the right, privilege and honour of marching through the streets of Blackpool on ceremonial occasions with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and colours flying.

5.3 The Duke of Lancaster Regiment was formed on 1 July 2006, by the amalgamation of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment, the King's Regiment and the Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

5.4 The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment is the Infantry Regiment for the North-West of England. It consists of two Regular Army Battalions (1 Lancs and 2 Lancs) and one Army Reserve Battalion (4 Lancs). The Battalion 2 Lancs is based at Weeton Barracks, and 4 Lancs is based at Fulwood Barracks with two units based in Blackpool (4 Mortar Platoon and C Squadron 208 Field Hospital). The local Army cadet units also come under the Duke of Lancaster Regiment. Her Majesty the Queen, the Duke of Lancaster, is the Colonel in Chief.

5.5 The Regiment is actively involved in the Armed Forces week and its organisation and has been for many years and when the Regiment became aware that Blackpool had adopted Neuve Chapelle to aid its recovery post war, Blackpool's Mayoral party was invited to attend the 100th anniversary service. They also hold regular career guidance and mentoring sessions within Blackpool schools, support all employment fairs and events within the area that they also have a big part to play in our remembrance day commemorations. The regiment recruits from the Blackpool area with over 100 people recruited annually.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 allows Councils to confer the award of Freedom of the Borough (known as Freedom of Entry for service units). A special meeting of the Council would need to be convened where the proposed resolution would receive the support of not less than two-thirds of the Members voting.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 There are no Human Resource considerations

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 There are no equalities considerations

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 An illuminated scroll would be purchased to be presented to the Regiment, but this can be met from within current budgets.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 There are no risk management considerations

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 The conferring of such an award recognises the dedicated service the Regiment has and continues to make to the borough of Blackpool.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation has taken place with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Conservative Group.

13.0 Background papers:

None

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Gillian Campbell, Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs)
Date of Meeting:	29 June 2016

BLACKPOOL TRAMWAY EXTENSION TO BLACKPOOL NORTH STATION

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 20 June 2016 relating to the application of the necessary order to authorise an extension of the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the making of an application to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Transport and Works Act Order under the 1992 Act, to authorise an extension of the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Extending the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station would facilitate:
- Connectivity and integration between the existing tramway and National Rail services at Blackpool North railway station. At present, there is no connection between the tramway which runs alongside the Promenade, and the railway station. The tramway extension will improve connectivity both within Blackpool and to the wider sub-region for commuters, and for visitors accessing the resort;
 - the use of public transport, by enabling visitors and residents to access the existing railway station from the tramway network, thus encouraging modal shift and reducing transport emissions;
 - Regeneration and economic growth, by improving transport provision and accessibility to jobs and services, and improving the connectivity between the economically important seafront and the redeveloping town centre. The tramway extension will facilitate urban realm enhancements in the town centre as well as improving access for employers in Blackpool to a larger labour pool; and

- The promotion of quality of life through a safe and healthy built and natural environment.

3.2 In order to extend the tramway, powers are needed to construct, maintain and operate the tramway extension, and to acquire necessary land rights. The most convenient way of obtaining these powers is through a Transport and Works Act Order.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

It is possible to apply separately for planning permission for the tramway extension, and to seek to acquire all the necessary land rights voluntarily. However, this is a more complex course of action, and less likely to succeed than making a single application for a Transport and Works Act Order. In addition, the Transport and Works Act Order can clarify the relationship between the operating powers for the tramway extension and those for the existing tramway, which would not be possible through a planning application.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant council priority is: "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 A Transport and Works Act Order under the 1992 Act provides approval for the construction, operation and maintenance of a transport system. An order authorises the construction of the works and provides the necessary rights over land on a permanent and temporary basis. Blackpool Council intends to apply for such an Order to undertake an extension to the Blackpool Tramway from North Pier to Blackpool North Station. The Order application will be accompanied by a request to the Secretary of State to give a direction as to deemed planning permission, along with draft planning conditions.

5.2 Whether or not the matter proceeds to inquiry, the Secretary of State will decide whether to grant the application for the Order, and whether any changes to it are required. The Secretary of State's decision will be given in writing. It will also be advertised and those who participated in any inquiry will be sent a copy of it.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 8(a) - Executive Decision Notice EX31/2016

A copy of the supporting documentation to this decision notice was submitted with the agenda for the Executive and can be found on the [Council's website](#).

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Preparation and submission of the application for the Order will accord with all relevant procedures and processes, guided and led by a Parliamentary Agent. The resolution recommended in this report is the first of two such resolutions required to make the application for the Order.

6.2 By virtue of Section 20 of the 1992 Act, Councils have the power to apply for Transport and Works Act Orders. In conjunction with other ancillary consents, such an Order would provide the Council with the necessary authorisation to build, maintain, and operate a relevant scheme. The power to promote an order is, by virtue of Section 20 of the 1992 Act and Section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972, subject to the same conditions as would apply to a Council was it to promote a Parliamentary Bill. This means that the resolution to apply for an order must be passed at a meeting of the Full Council and confirmed at a further meeting of Full Council after the application has been made. It is anticipated that the first resolution would be considered by Full Council on 8 July 2016, and the second on 16 September 2016. In each case the necessary resolutions must be passed by a majority of the Full Council.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 Staff time will be needed to produce documentation and manage the process, which can be found internally and through necessary specialist consultancy support.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The cost of preparing and submitting the application for a Transport and Works Act Order does not deviate from information provided in reaching the decision on the Extension of the Tramway on 28 April 2014 (Decision EX30/2014 refers).

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 For the project to proceed, it is vital that the required resolutions are passed by a clear majority of members of the authority. If the required resolutions are not made, the application cannot be progressed.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 A stakeholder and public consultation process is ongoing. Statutory consultees (including the Environment Agency, Natural England, and Blackpool Council (Flood Risk)) have been consulted. None of those statutory bodies have raised any issues with the scheme.

Additionally, the proposal was featured in the Spring 2016 edition of Your Blackpool. A public exhibition will be held in Blackpool to coincide with the submission of the application in July 2016. Further, as noted above, various notices will be posted and sent and application documents will be made available for public consideration, during the 42 day period referred to at Paragraph 5.5 of the report.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX31/2016
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Gillian Campbell, Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs)
Date of Meeting:	20 June 2016

BLACKPOOL TRAMWAY EXTENSION TO BLACKPOOL NORTH STATION

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider recommending the Full Council to apply for the necessary order to authorise an extension of the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To recommend to the Council to approve the making of an application to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Transport and Works Act Order under the 1992 Act, to authorise an extension of the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Extending the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station would facilitate:
- Connectivity and integration between the existing tramway and National Rail services at Blackpool North railway station. At present, there is no connection between the tramway which runs alongside the Promenade, and the railway station. The tramway extension will improve connectivity both within Blackpool and to the wider sub-region for commuters, and for visitors accessing the resort;
 - the use of public transport, by enabling visitors and residents to access the existing railway station from the tramway network, thus encouraging modal shift and reducing transport emissions;
 - Regeneration and economic growth, by improving transport provision and accessibility to jobs and services, and improving the connectivity between the economically important seafront and the redeveloping town centre. The tramway extension will facilitate urban realm enhancements in the town centre as well as improving access for employers in Blackpool to a larger

labour pool; and

- The promotion of quality of life through a safe and healthy built and natural environment.

In order to extend the tramway, powers are needed to construct, maintain and operate the tramway extension, and to acquire necessary land rights. The most convenient way of obtaining these powers is through a Transport and Works Act Order.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

It is possible to apply separately for planning permission for the tramway extension, and to seek to acquire all the necessary land rights voluntarily. However, this is a more complex course of action, and less likely to succeed than making a single application for a Transport and Works Act Order. In addition, the Transport and Works Act Order can clarify the relationship between the operating powers for the tramway extension and those for the existing tramway, which would not be possible through a planning application.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant council priority is: "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 A Transport and Works Act Order under the 1992 Act provides approval for the construction, operation and maintenance of a transport system. An order authorises the construction of the works and provides the necessary rights over land on a permanent and temporary basis. Blackpool Council intends to apply for such an Order to undertake an extension to the Blackpool Tramway from North Pier to Blackpool North Station. The Order application will be accompanied by a request to the Secretary of State to give a direction as to deemed planning permission, along with draft planning conditions.

5.2 The order is to provide for, amongst other matters: The power to construct, maintain, and operate the tramway, including powers to keep apparatus in streets, to undertake relevant street works, to survey and investigate land, and to give the

necessary rights over the land, including temporary use of land for construction and maintenance of the tramway. It will also modernise the operating powers for the existing tramway, where appropriate.

5.3 The following documents will be submitted:

- Transport and Works Act Order Application Form
- Draft Order
- Explanatory Memorandum
- Statement of Aims
- Statement of Consultation
- Declaration as to the status of Applicant
- List of all consents, permissions or licences required
- Funding Statement
- Estimate of Costs
- Request for Direction as to Deemed Planning Permission
- Supporting/Planning Statement
- Land and Works Plans, Sections, Traffic Regulation Plans and other Order Plans
- Planning Direction Drawings
- Supporting Environmental Documentation (Air Quality Assessment, Flood Risk Assessment, Heritage Assessment, and Transport Assessment)
- Book of Reference

5.4 A notice will be published in a local newspaper to inform members of the public and other interested parties of the application. The first notice will be published not more than 14 days prior to the date of the application and not later than the actual application date. The second notice will be published not later than seven days after the date of the application. Further, notices will be posted along the route of the proposed works, and sent to affected owners, occupiers and statutory consultees. The application documents will be deposited in the local area (likely at Central Library) and on the Blackpool Council website.

5.5 After the application for the Order there will be a statutory 42 day period where representations, supportive comments or objections can be submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport. The Secretary of State may appoint an independent Inspector to conduct a local public inquiry into the proposals if the objections warrant this. This would be an opportunity for those wanting to take their representations and comments further to put forward their views in full. Likewise, the council would be able to set out its case for the scheme. After the end of the inquiry the Inspector will submit a report to the Secretary of State for Transport with the Inspector's recommendations.

5.6 Whether or not the matter proceeds to inquiry, the Secretary of State will decide whether to grant the application for the Order, and whether any changes to it are required. The Secretary of State's decision will be given in writing. It will also be advertised and those who participated in any inquiry will be sent a copy of it.

5.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.8 List of Appendices:

None

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Preparation and submission of the application for the Order will accord with all relevant procedures and processes, guided and led by a Parliamentary Agent. The resolution recommended in this report is the first of two such resolutions required to make the application for the Order.

6.2 By virtue of Section 20 of the 1992 Act, Councils have the power to apply for Transport and Works Act Orders. In conjunction with other ancillary consents, such an Order would provide the Council with the necessary authorisation to build, maintain, and operate a relevant scheme. The power to promote an order is, by virtue of Section 20 of the 1992 Act and Section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972, subject to the same conditions as would apply to a Council was it to promote a Parliamentary Bill. This means that the resolution to apply for an order must be passed at a meeting of the Full Council and confirmed at a further meeting of Full Council after the application has been made. It is anticipated that the first resolution would be considered by Full Council on 8 July 2016, and the second on 16 September 2016. In each case the necessary resolutions must be passed by a majority of the Full Council.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 Staff time will be needed to produce documentation and manage the process, which can be found internally and through necessary specialist consultancy support.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The cost of preparing and submitting the application for a Transport and Works Act Order does not deviate from information provided in reaching the decision on the Extension of the Tramway on 28 April 2014 (Decision EX30/2014 refers).

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 For the project to proceed, it is vital that the required resolutions are passed by a clear majority of members of the authority. If the required resolutions are not made, the application cannot be progressed.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 A stakeholder and public consultation process is ongoing. Statutory consultees (including the Environment Agency, Natural England, and Blackpool Council (Flood Risk)) have been consulted. None of those statutory bodies have raised any issues with the scheme.

12.2 Additionally, the proposal was featured in the Spring 2016 edition of Your Blackpool. A public exhibition will be held in Blackpool to coincide with the submission of the application in July 2016. Further, as noted above, various notices will be posted and sent and application documents will be made available for public consideration, during the 42 day period referred to at Paragraph 5.5 of the report.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1	Is this a key decision?	Yes
14.2	If so, Forward Plan reference number:	8/2016
14.3	If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days?	No
14.4	If yes , please describe the reason for urgency:	

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 10 June 2016 Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 Councillor Mrs Wright declared a personal interest in the decision, the nature of the interest being that she was a Council appointed director of Blackpool Transport Limited.

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

To recommend to the Council to approve the making of an application to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Transport and Works Act Order under the 1992 Act, to authorise an extension of the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station.

18.2 **Date of Decision:**

20 June 2016

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

Extending the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station would facilitate:

- Connectivity and integration between the existing tramway and National Rail services at Blackpool North railway station. At present, there is no connection between the tramway which runs alongside the Promenade, and the railway station. The tramway extension will improve connectivity both within Blackpool and to the wider sub-region for commuters, and for visitors accessing the resort;

- the use of public transport, by enabling visitors and residents to access the existing railway station from the tramway network, thus encouraging modal shift and reducing transport emissions;
- Regeneration and economic growth, by improving transport provision and accessibility to jobs and services, and improving the connectivity between the economically important seafront and the redeveloping town centre. The tramway extension will facilitate urban realm enhancements in the town centre as well as improving access for employers in Blackpool to a larger labour pool; and
- The promotion of quality of life through a safe and healthy built and natural environment.

In order to extend the tramway, powers are needed to construct, maintain and operate the tramway extension, and to acquire necessary land rights. The most convenient way of obtaining these powers is through a Transport and Works Act Order.

19.1 Date Decision published:

21 June 2016

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1 Councillor Blackburn, in the Chair

Councillor Campbell, Cross, Kirkland, Jackson, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1 The following non-Executive member was in attendance: Councillor Humphreys

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Gillian Campbell, Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs)
Date of Meeting:	29 June 2016

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 20 June 2016 relating to extension of the current plan approved in March 2011 for a further year.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the extension of the Local Transport Plan Strategy, 2011 to 2016, until April 2017.
- 2.2 To delegate authority to the Director of Place to make the necessary amendments to the Local Transport Plan document to confirm the new period covered by the Plan and publish the Plan.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Blackpool Council is required to have a Local Transport Plan in place. Continuing with the current plan enables continuity while a full review of the plan is begun with a view to delivering a full updated plan in 2017.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Blackpool Council is required to have a Local Transport Plan (LTP) in place. The current Local Transport Plan expired on 31 March 2016. To enable the Council to meet its statutory requirements and also to review fully the plan for the future it is proposed to extend life of the current document for a year so a new plan can be prepared that takes account of:

- Blackpool Local Plan, Part 1: Core Strategy (2012-2027), adopted January 2016.
- the Blackpool Strategic Parking Review being produced by consultants AECOM for the Council.
- the Fylde Coast Highways and Transport Masterplan, July 2015, produced jointly with Lancashire County Council.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 9(a) - Executive Decision Notice EX31/2016

A copy of the supporting documentation to this decision notice was submitted with the agenda for the Executive and can be found on the [Council's website](#).

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation took place before the initial approval of the Local Transport Plan and extensive consultation is planned for the full review of the plan in 2017.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

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Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX30/2016
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Gillian Campbell, Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs)
Date of Meeting	20 June 2016

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 Blackpool is required to have a Local Transport Plan in place for this year which will be sent to the Department for Transport (DfT). It is proposed to extend the current plan approved in March 2011 for a further year.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To recommend the Council to extend the Local Transport Plan Strategy, 2011 to 2016, until April 2017.
- 2.2 Subject to the approval 2.1 above, to recommend Council to delegate authority to the Director of Place to make the necessary amendments to the Local Transport Plan document to confirm the new period covered by the Plan and publish the Plan.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Blackpool Council is required to have a Local Transport Plan in place.

Continuing with the current plan enables continuity while a full review of the plan is begun with a view to delivering a full updated plan in 2017.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Blackpool Council is required to have a Local Transport Plan (LTP) in place. The current Local Transport Plan expired on 31 March 2016. To enable the Council to meet its statutory requirements and also to review fully the plan for the future it is proposed to extend life of the current document for a year so a new plan can be prepared that takes account of:

- Blackpool Local Plan, Part 1: Core Strategy (2012-2027), adopted January 2016.
- the Blackpool Strategic Parking Review being produced by consultants AECOM for the Council.
- the Fylde Coast Highways and Transport Masterplan, July 2015, produced jointly with Lancashire County Council.

5.2 The current Local Transport Plan was approved by Executive in March 2011 (EX27/2011) and is attached at Appendix 2a.

5.3 The Plan identified six key issues: highway maintenance, road safety, congestion, visitor economy, parking and accessibility. Strategic objectives had been devised to address the issues that had been identified and the Strategy described how the challenges would be met over the five-year Local Transport Plan period. It is proposed to continue with these priorities in the interim for the next year to enable continuity while seeking to undertake a full consultation exercise to deliver a new Local Transport Plan for 2017-2022.

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.5 List of Appendices:

Appendix 2a: Previously approved Local Transport Plan 2011-2016

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation took place before the initial approval of the Local Transport Plan and extensive consultation is planned for the full review of the plan in 2017.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 15/2016

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? N/A

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 10 June 2016 Date approved: N/A

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

1. To recommend the Council to extend the Local Transport Plan Strategy, 2011 to 2016, until April 2017.
2. To recommend Council to delegate authority to the Director of Place to make the necessary amendments to the Local Transport Plan document to confirm the new period covered by the Plan and publish the Plan.

18.2 Date of Decision:

20 June 2016

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

Blackpool Council is required to have a Local Transport Plan in place.

Continuing with the current plan enables continuity while a full review of the plan is begun with a view to delivering a full updated plan in 2017.

19.1 Date Decision published:

21 June 2016

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1 Councillor Blackburn, in the Chair

Councillor Campbell, Cross, Kirkland, Jackson, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1 The following non-Executive member was in attendance: Councillor Humphreys

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