



## BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

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, 25 January 2017 commencing at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business specified below.

Director of Governance and Partnerships

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### **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 MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2016** (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 23 November 2016 as a true and correct record.

#### **3 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive official announcements from the Mayor.

#### **4 DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE/ DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Mrs Delyth Curtis, the Director of People/ Deputy Chief Executive is due to leave the Council at the end of the month to take up a Deputy Chief Executive position with Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Councillor Cain will be invited to speak on behalf of the Labour Group and Councillor Clapham on behalf of the Conservative Group, to show their appreciation to Mrs Curtis for her service to the Authority.

#### **5 EXECUTIVE REPORTS** (Pages 7 - 32)

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.

#### **6 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME** (Pages 33 - 46)

To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 15 December 2016 relating to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

#### **7 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL EXTERNAL AUDITOR** (Pages 47 - 52)

To consider the appointment of a local external auditor in line with Section 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, which states that a “relevant authority must appoint a local auditor to audit its accounts for a financial year not later than 31 December in the preceding financial year”.

#### **8 CONSTITUTIONAL AND PROPER OFFICER CHANGES** (Pages 53 - 58)

To consider changes to the Council’s constitution and interim arrangements for the statutory director of children’s services position.

**9 MOTIONS AT COUNCIL**

(Pages 59 - 60)

To consider the motion at agenda Item 9, which has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1.

**10 MAYOR ELECT 2017/ 2018**

To determine who should be invited to offer themselves for election as Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 15 May 2017 and agree that the meeting commence at 2.00pm, as it has in previous years.

**Venue information:**

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

**Other information:**

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