



BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday, 9 September 2014

To: The Members of Blackpool Council

Mr 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, 17 September 2014 commencing at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business specified below.

Director of Governance and Regulatory Services

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 25TH JUNE 2014 (Pages 1 - 10)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 25th June 2014 as a true and correct record.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive official announcements from the Mayor.

4 MINUTE'S SILENCE

Councillors will be asked to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Councillor Lee who sadly died on 20 July 2014.

5 COUNCILLOR TONY LEE

Group Leaders and/ or representatives will be invited to pay tribute to Councillor Tony Lee and to pass a resolution of condolence.

6 EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND OUTSIDE BODY REPORTS (Pages 11 - 56)

To receive reports from the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Members and Outside Body representatives and consider matters arising from councillors.

- a) Leader of the Council - Councillor Blackburn
- b) Cabinet Member for Urban Regeneration - Councillor Jackson
- c) Cabinet Member for Housing, Public Safety and Enforcement - Councillor Campbell
- d) Cabinet Member for Children's Services – Councillor Taylor
- e) Cabinet Member for Tourism and Leisure - Councillor Cain
- f) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care - Councillor Rowson
- g) Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Equality and Diversity - Councillor Jones
- h) Cabinet Member for Public Health - Councillor Collett
- i) Cabinet Member for Street Scene and the Environment – Councillor Cross
- j) Cabinet Member for Culture and Heritage – Councillor Wright
- k) Combined Fire Authority Representatives - Councillors Jackson, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Delves

7 REVENUE BUDGET 2014/ 2015 (Pages 57 - 74)

To consider the recommendations of the Executive from its meeting on the 8th September 2014, relating to amendments to the Revenue Budget for 2014/ 2015

8 OFFICER CODE OF CONDUCT (Pages 75 - 92)

To consider the recommendation from the Executive regarding a proposed officer code of conduct

9 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES (Pages 93 - 100)

To consider a review of the political balance calculations following the election of Councillor Luke Taylor at the recent by election for Clifton ward and also following the sad death of Councillor Tony Lee.

10 STATUTORY POSITIONS

(Pages 101 - 104)

The purpose of this report is to confirm the interim arrangements that have been put in place following the resignation of the current Director of Children's Services (and statutory post holder), Sue Harrison, who has agreed to take up a similar post at another Local Authority.

11 MOTIONS AT COUNCIL

To consider the following motions which have been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1 :-

a) TOWN PLANNING. Councillor Owen to propose.

That this Council urges the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to set up an inquiry in association with the Local Government Association and the Town and Country Planning Association to ascertain the effect that recent amendments to the country's system for managing town planning have had on local communities, and to recommend further change appropriate to the outcome of that inquiry.

b) WORKFARE SCHEMES. Councillor M Mitchell

Blackpool Council believes that work should be a paid activity and therefore opposes the introduction of schemes, which force job seekers to carry out unpaid work or face losing benefits - schemes known popularly as 'workfare'.

The Council is concerned that there is no evidence 'workfare' assists job seekers in finding real jobs and that in fact working for thirty hours a week unpaid, makes that more difficult. It believes that 'workfare' is replacing paid work and that 'workfare' stigmatises benefit claimants and locks them further into poverty.

This Council therefore pledges not to use any 'workfare' placements and also encourages contractors not to use these schemes.

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 Services Projects Officer, Tel: (01253) 477034, e-mail yvonne.burnett@blackpool.gov.uk

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