

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2015

Present:

Councillor Haynes (in the Chair)

Councillors

Benson	Collett	Hunter	Robertson BEM
Blackburn	Cox	Hutton	Rowson
Brown	Cross	Jackson	Smith
Cain	Mrs Delves	Mrs Jackson	Stansfield
Callow	Doherty	Jones	I Taylor
Mrs Callow JP	Elmes	Matthews	L Taylor
Clapham	Evans	H Mitchell	Mrs Taylor
D Coleman	Galley	M Mitchell	Wright
G Coleman	Green	O'Hara	
I Coleman	Mrs Henderson MBE	Owen	

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

Carmel McKeogh, Deputy Chief Executive

Alan Cavill, Director of Place

Delyth Curtis, Director of People

Steve Thompson, Director of Resources

Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Regulatory Services/ Monitoring Officer

Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance

Yvonne Burnett, Democratic Governance Projects Officer

Jenny Bollington, Media Manager

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Campbell and Ryan who was on official Council business.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stansfield declared a personal interest in agenda item 6(f) 'Executive Report from the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care'.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2015

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council held on 27 February 2014 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that Colin Dockery, Civic Attendant, would be leaving the authority after 41 years in local government and on behalf of the Council, thanked Colin for his dedication and professionalism in his work.

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The Mayor also sought agreement from the Council to take item 5 on the agenda 'Public Participation', as the next item of business.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Jake Adams, Miss Kirsty Lee-Topping and Miss Molly Swarbrick addressed the Council to raise awareness of the work of Blackpool Youth Voice and its campaigns and achievements. The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Councillor Ivan Taylor, responded on behalf of the Council.

5 RETIRING MEMBERS

The Council paid tribute to those members who had announced that they would not be seeking re-election, namely Councillors Mrs Delves, Doherty, Evans, Mrs Haynes, H Mitchell and Mrs Taylor and remembered those who had sadly passed away during the current term of office.

6 EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND OUTSIDE BODY REPORTS

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members presented reports to the Council on work undertaken in their portfolio areas. All the reports covered decisions taken, work in progress and projects to be undertaken in the near future. Members also received the report from the Council's representatives on the Combined Fire Authority. Questions, comments and debate were invited from all councillors on each of the report areas.

Notes:

- (1) In response to the query raised by Councillor Mrs Callow in relation to income generation through the sale of items collected by ROVER and donated to the recycling shop, Councillor Cross agreed to confirm the amount that would be donated to the Mayor's charity. Councillor Cross also agreed to provide a response to Councillor Brown on whether the ROVER collection service had or would be made within the Greenlands ward.
- (2) Councillor H Mitchell left the meeting during the above item.

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECLARATION ON TOBACCO CONTROL

Members considered the recommendations from the Executive in relation to the Declaration on Tobacco Control which would act as a Council statement of commitment to ensuring that tobacco control was part of mainstream public health work and which committed the Council to taking comprehensive action to address the harm from smoking.

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

- '1. To endorse the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control.
2. To sign up to the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control.'

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

8 COUNCIL'S PAY POLICY STATEMENT

The Council considered the report on the proposed Pay Policy Statement which was required to be in place for the 2015/16 financial year. The Statement set out policy on Chief Officer Remuneration, remuneration of its lowest paid employees including the definition used for this group as well as the relationship between the chief office remuneration and that of other staff.

Members noted that the draft Statement incorporated the fee paid to the Chief Executive in his personal role as Returning Officer and a revised set of fees for staff employed by him.

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

‘To approve the Pay Policy Statement and the scale of fees for elections, as recommended by the Chief Officers Employment Committee.’

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

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 9.35 pm)

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