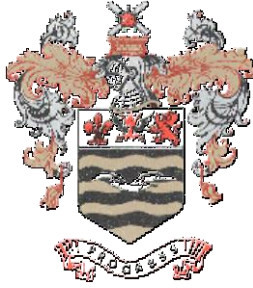


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BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

Thursday 5 May 2016

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 Monday, 16 May 2016 commencing at 2.00 pm for the transaction of the business specified below.



Director of Governance and Partnerships

Business

1 THE ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL

To elect the Mayor of the Council.

2 THE MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Worshipful the Mayor to make a Declaration of Acceptance of the Corporate Office of Mayor.

3 THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL

To appoint a Deputy Mayor.

4 THE DEPUTY MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Deputy Mayor to make a Declaration of Acceptance of the Corporate Office of Deputy Mayor.

5 THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The Worshipful the Mayor to address the meeting.

6 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INCOMING MAYOR

Councillors Blackburn and T Williams, followed by the Oberbürgermeister Bernd Tischler who will congratulate the new Mayor on behalf of the people of Bottrop.

7 APPRECIATION TO THE EX-MAYOR

To adopt a resolution of appreciation for the ex-Mayor (Councillor Peter Callow).

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

The ex-Mayor (Councillor Peter Callow) to reply to the resolution of appreciation.

9 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 30 MARCH 2016 (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 March 2016 as a true and correct record.

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive official announcements from the Mayor.

11 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES (Pages 7 - 16)

The Council will be asked to consider the appointment of its committees, in accordance with the Council's Constitution and the Local Government Act 1972.

12 SCHEME OF DELEGATION (Pages 17 - 20)

The purpose of the report to agree the scheme of delegation or such part of it as the Constitution determines it is for the Council to agree.

13 PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Pages 21 - 30)

The Council will be asked to consider a programme of meetings for the remainder of 2016 and the calendar year 2017.

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

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

Carmel McKeogh, Deputy Chief Executive

John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services

Delyth Curtis, Director of People

Karen Smith, Deputy Director of People (Adult Services)

Steve Thompson, Director of Resources

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

Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance

Chris Williams, Democratic Governance Adviser

Jenny Bollington, Media Manager

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2016

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 February 2016 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Jim Hobson to his first meeting of the Council, following his recent election at the Bloomfield by-election.

The Mayor also announced that the Mayor Elect, Councillor Kath Rowson, had chosen Councillor Gary Coleman as the Deputy Mayor Elect for the forthcoming civic year.

4 PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

Ms Julie Gillespie, spokesperson for the South Beach Beacons, addressed the Council on the projects being undertaken to improve the South Beach area of Waterloo Road, Bond Street and the surrounding areas and support that could be offered by the Council. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Blackburn, responded on behalf of the Council.

5 MRS CARMEL MCKEOGH, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Council expressed its appreciation to the Deputy Chief Executive, Mrs Carmel McKeogh, for her dedicated service to the authority as she was due to leave the authority at the end of the month. Councillors Blackburn, T Williams and the Mayor paid tribute to Mrs McKeogh's service and the Council wished her well for the future.

6 EXECUTIVE REPORTS, COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Secretary presented reports to the Council on work undertaken in their own portfolio area and those portfolios under their responsibility. The reports covered corporate, strategic and policy issues, together with work being undertaken in transforming services and with partners.

Councillor T Williams presented a report on behalf of the representatives of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, detailing the work of the authority from the meetings held in September and December 2015 and February 2016.

The Chairman of the Audit Committee also presented his report to the Council which detailed work of the committee during the last municipal year and future work programme.

Questions, comments and debate were invited from all councillors on each of the report areas.

Notes:

- (1) Councillor Blackburn agreed to provide Councillor Mrs Callow with a copy of the job description for the Political Assistant role.

7 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 7 March 2016 relating to the approval of the Community Safety Plan 2016/2019. The document outlined how the Blackpool Community Safety Partnership would address the key priorities identified in the 2015 Strategic Assessment namely anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, violence against the person, sexual offences and rape and child sexual exploitation.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH 2016

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

‘To approve the Community Safety Plan 2016/ 2019, as submitted.’

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

8 POLICY FRAMEWORK REVIEW

Members considered the report on the proposed review of the policy framework that aimed to ensure that the plans and strategies that formed part of the Council Policy Framework and the Executive Policy Framework, were reflective of the Council’s new priorities and were reviewed at the appropriate time including any changes initiated through legislation or at an organisational level.

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

1. To approve the Council and Executive Policy Framework in light of the new Council Plan priorities.
2. To agree that future iterations of the strategies set out at Appendix 4(c) of the report to the Executive meeting on 7 March 2016, are approved by the Executive.’

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

9 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS - STANDARDS

Members were aware that under the Localism Act 2011, all local authorities were required to appoint at least one Independent Person as part of the process for dealing with complaints of member misconduct. The Council noted that three persons had originally been appointed for a three year term on a shared basis with Fylde Borough Council and whose term of office was coming to an end. The report outlined that Mr R A Ellwood who had served as an Independent Person had indicated that he did not wish to seek re-appointment as part of the process.

Members were informed that a recruitment exercise had recently been undertaken and a number of people had been interviewed by a Panel involving the Monitoring Officers of both Councils along with the Chairman of Blackpool’s Standards Committee and Chairman of the Audit and Standards Committee at Fylde Borough Council.

The Panel had recommended three persons to be appointed for the three year period, namely Mr A Mozley and Mr B Horrocks (both of whom had served previously as Independent Persons) and Mrs H Broughton, a local business partner.

The report also contained a proposal for the term of office to end on 30 September 2019, as that was an election year and to allow advertising of the positions during the summer months.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH 2016

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

1. To agree to appoint Mr A Mozley, Mr B Horrocks and Mrs H Broughton as statutory Independent Persons pursuant to Section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011, for a three year period starting from 1 May 2016 until 30 September 2019.
2. To confirm the continuation of the sharing arrangement with Fylde Borough Council, for the use of the Independent Persons.
3. To request the Chairman of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer to write a joint letter on behalf of the Council to Mr Ellwood, to thank him for his service as an Independent Person over the previous three years and to wish him well for the future.'

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

10 GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT

Members were aware, from consideration of the item at the Council meeting on 25 November 2015, that a combined authority had been proposed as the preferred vehicle for closer collaborative working across Lancashire on economic related matters. The report from the Chief Executive outlined how a combined authority would operate in that it would provide a legally constituted body to take strategic decisions on transport, economic development and regeneration, strengthen the relationship with the Local Enterprise Partnership and between local authorities in the county, as well as providing a voice for Lancashire to shape the 'Northern Powerhouse'.

The Council noted that a consultation exercise had been held from 11 January to 19 February 2016 and that of the 2,000 responses received, 70% agreed with the proposal to establish a combined authority for Lancashire. Members also noted that the consultation had shown that the main concern of those who had disagreed, was in relation to the focus of resources and any adverse impact upon local services.

Members went on to consider the initial governance arrangements in relation to membership, decision making, scrutiny and finance. Members also noted that while there was a close link between combined authorities and devolution deals with the Government, both were separate issues and therefore subject to negotiation.

The Council noted that other councils in Lancashire in March and April would be considering similar reports proposing that authorities become constituent members of a combined authority. It was reported that subject to those Council decisions, a proposal to form a Lancashire Combined Authority would then be submitted to Government for consideration and negotiation. The report also recommended for a shadow combined authority to operate from July 2016, using the guiding principles set out in the Scheme of Governance.

Members discussed the principles of a combined authority and a range of views were expressed.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH 2016

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

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To note the appended response to the public consultation on the Combined Authority proposals.
3. To agree to become a constituent member of a Lancashire Combined Authority and submit proposals to do so to the Secretary of State.
4. That in the interim period, the Council agrees to form a shadow Lancashire Combined Authority.
5. That any future proposals for a devolution deal with the Government be brought back to Council for agreement.'

Prior to voting, five members of the Council requested that the vote on the motion be recorded. The voting was as follows:

For the original motion: Councillors Benson, Blackburn, Cain, Campbell, D Coleman, G Coleman, I Coleman, Collett, Critchley, Cross, Elmes, Hobson, Humphreys, Hunter, Hutton, Jackson, Kirkland, Matthews, O'Hara, Owen, Rowson, Ryan, Singleton, Smith, I Taylor, L Taylor, L Williams, Mrs Wright - **total 28.**

Against the original motion: Councillors Brown, Mrs Callow, Clapham, Galley, Roberts, Robertson, Stansfield, T Williams - **total 8.**

Abstentions: Councillors Callow, Scott - **total 2.**

Motion carried: The motion was therefore carried.

11 PAY POLICY STATEMENT

The Council considered the recommendation from the Chief Officers Employment Committee on the proposed Pay Policy Statement which was required to be approved for the 2016/17 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 officer remuneration and that of other staff.

Members noted that the policy was likely to be reviewed during the 2016/17 year as a result of a number of changes proposed by the Government to the terms and conditions of public sector workers and that appropriate changes would be made and resubmitted to Council, when further guidance was issued.

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

'To approve the Pay Policy Statement, as recommended by the Chief Officers Employment Committee.'

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

12 STREET COLLECTIONS REGULATIONS

Members were reminded that under legislation, an authority was permitted to make regulations for places where and conditions under which persons could be permitted to collect money for charitable or other purposes. It was reported that the Council's current street regulations had been approved in 1996 and therefore they required review to ensure that they were fit for purpose.

The main changes being proposed related to collections only taking place on footpaths, ensuring that collectors did not approach people to request donations and enabling the authority to publish details of the amounts collected online.

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

1. To agree to the amended regulations as submitted and to authorise the Chief Executive to forward these draft regulations to the Secretary of State for formal approval, as recommended by the Licensing Committee.
2. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, to undertake the necessary advertising as required under Police, Factories, etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916, as recommended by the Licensing Committee.

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

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 8.00 pm)

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	16 May 2016

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Council will be asked to consider the appointment of its committees, in accordance with the Council's Constitution and the Local Government Act 1972.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To appoint the following Council committees, in line with the political balance calculations and adjustments at Appendix 11(a). 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).

2.2 To appoint the following Scrutiny committees, in line with the political balance calculations and adjustments at Appendix 11(a). 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)

- 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.
- 2.3 Subject to the appointment of the committees as set out in 2.1 above, 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.
- 2.4 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).
- 2.5 Subject to (2.5) above, 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).
- 2.6 Subject to the approval of the above recommendations, to note the appointment of members to committees as set out in Appendix 11(c) (to be circulated separately) and thereafter any nominations or changes to nominations reported to the Director of Governance and Partnerships by the relevant Group Leader.
- 2.7 Subject to the approval of the above recommendations, 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) based on the above recommendations.
- 2.8 To confirm the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in Appendix 11(c) and request that Board to consider the future role of the Children’s Young People Partnership.
- 2.9 Subject to the approval of the above recommendations, to agree that the Director of Governance and Partnerships be authorised to amend the Constitution accordingly.
- 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**
- 3.1 To enable Council business to be transacted by various committees and for the size of the committees to reflect the current political balance of the political groups on the Council. This will also meet statutory requirements.
- 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:

There are no other options other than a different or varied set of committees; however the current committees have been appointed by Council in recent years and help transact the business of Council efficiently. The inclusion of a Health Scrutiny Committee will strengthen the holding to account of the various statutory health bodies as per the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and associated legislation.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The appointment of Council Committees will help the Council achieve all its priorities. Two of the Scrutiny Committees will focus on the priorities of the Council and performance management in those areas and the third Scrutiny Committee will ensure the Council meets its statutory health scrutiny responsibilities.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 **Overview and Scrutiny** - The Council currently has two scrutiny committees based around the Council's priorities. However, experience has shown that the Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee's workload is greater as it also takes in the statutory health scrutiny functions. Following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition, it is therefore recommended that a separate Health Scrutiny Committee be formed to focus on those statutory functions.

5.2 In particular with such a changing health sector climate, the ever changing ways that health services are being provided and the financial pressures the sector faces, it is considered that a more focused scrutiny function would be relevant. It is suggested that this new Committee has set meetings quarterly but continues to be responsive to setting up special meetings for specific issues, as has happened with the recent scrutiny of The Harbour. Updated terms of reference for all the Resilient Communities and Health Scrutiny Committees are attached at Appendix 11(b). No changes are proposed for the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

5.3 It is recommended that the Chairman for the three scrutiny committees be a majority party councillor and the Vice Chairman/ Shadow Cabinet Member of the committees be an opposition councillor (as per current practice).

5.4 It is also recommended that the 'call in' of Executive decisions function, be dealt with by the relevant scrutiny committee, as per the proposed responsibilities.

5.5 **The proposed committees** and their number of members are set out below:

- Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny (nine members)
- Resilient Communities Scrutiny (nine members)
- Health Scrutiny (seven members)
- Audit (nine members)
- Appeals (seven members)
- Planning (seven members)
- Standards (seven members)
- Chief Officers Employment (seven members)
- Licensing (fifteen members)

5.6 Although not subject to political balance rules, it is recommended that the same methodology be applied to Licensing and for a committee of fifteen there would be ten Labour councillors and five Conservative councillors.

5.7 The Licensing Committee would also need to appoint one permanent sub-committee (Public Protection), which is subject to the political balance rules and therefore has to be included in the aggregated proportionality calculations.

5.8 In 2013, the Council appointed a Health and Wellbeing Board. There are no proposals to make any changes to this other than the Board be asked to review the future of the Children and Young People's Partnership, as a recent review of responsibilities of similar bodies has highlighted some areas of duplication with other bodies. The membership of the Board is also listed at Appendix 11(c).

5.9 A full schedule of political balance calculations for all the proposed committees and the permanent sub-committee is attached at Appendix (a).

5.10 **Appointment of Chairmen** - the appointment of Chairmen of committees can be undertaken by either the Council or the committees themselves. At previous Annual Council meetings, the Council has appointed the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen. It is recommended that this practice continues. Appendix 11(c) lists the notified names of committee members and proposed chairmanship and vice-chairmanship positions. (The appointment of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen for the Public Protection Sub-Committee is a matter for the Licensing Committee to deal with).

5.11 In addition to the scrutiny chairmanship proposals, it is recommended that the Chairman of the Audit Committee be from the opposition group and the Vice Chairman be from the majority group. All the other proposals for Chairmen and Vice Chairmen are proposed from the majority group as has been previous practice.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 11(a) - sets out the political balance calculations

Appendix 11(b) - sets out the revised responsibilities of the Resilient Communities and Health scrutiny committees

Appendix 11(c) - sets out the proposed members to be appointed to Council committees and the Health and Well Being Board (to be circulated separately).

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to review periodically the political composition of the Authority and how this is applied to appointments to Council bodies. The rules for securing political balance on committees and sub-committees appointed by local authorities are contained in sections 15 and 16 of the Act and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations, 1990. See:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1990/1553/regulation/17/made>

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 There are no Human Resources considerations.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 There are no equalities considerations.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The additional scrutiny committee would generate a special responsibility allowance for the proposed Chairman and Vice Chairman, but this can be met from the Members Allowances budget.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Failure to appoint certain committees will hinder the Council in maintaining its statutory duties i.e. consideration of planning applications, hearing of appeals etc.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 There are no ethical considerations.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Conservative Group regarding their representatives to serve on the recommended committees.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.

Provisional Political Balance Allocations 2016/2017

STAGE 1 - Percentage representation on the Council:

Party	Membership	Percentage %
Labour	29	69.05
Conservative	13	30.95
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STAGE 2 - Total number of seats on committees to be allocated:

Committee Name	Membership
Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee	9
Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee	9
Health Scrutiny Committee	7
Audit Committee	9
Planning Committee	7
Appeals Committee	7
Public Protection Sub-Committee	7
Chief Officers Employment Committee	7
Standards Committee	7
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Total	69

STAGE 3 - Total allocation of seats to each party:

(This stage is to ensure as far as possible that the number of seats allocated to a group in total, is in the same proportion as the number of members of the group on the Council as a whole)

Party	Number of seats	Seats (rounded up)
Labour	47.64	48
Conservative	21.36	21
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STAGE 4 - Working calculations for individual committees

(This stage is to ensure that as far as possible, the number of seats allocated to a group on each committee, is in the same proportion as the number of members of the group on the Council as a whole)

Note 1: Stage 3 overrides Stage 4

Note 2: The majority political group must have the majority of seats on every committee

Committee	Party	Seats on each committee	Seat entitlement	Total for each	Seats on each
Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	Labour	9	6.21	6	9
	Conservative		2.79	3	
Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	6.21	6	9
	Conservative		2.79	3	
Health Scrutiny Committee	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Audit	Labour	9	6.21	6	9
	Conservative		2.79	3	
Planning	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Appeals	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Public Protection Sub-Committee	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Chief Officers Employment	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Standards	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Total Seats				69	

	Stage 4	Stage 3
Labour	48	48
Conservative	21	21
	69	69

Note 3

In this scenario, stage 3 = stage 4 which means that no adjustments are necessary in the allocation of seats.

If the Council wishes to allocate seats **other** than described above, this would require a resolution of Council, which no member votes against.

Note 4

The Licensing Committee does not fall under these statutory rules and has therefore not been included in the political balance calculations

However, it is recommended that the composition of the Licensing Committee be also reflective of the political balance of the Council which equates for a committee of 15 to 10 Labour and 5 Conservative members.

Note 5

The Public Protection Sub-Committee **does** not derive its responsibility from the Licensing Act 2003 and is therefore part of the aggregate political balance calculations.

Scrutiny Committees

1. To discharge the Council's overview and scrutiny responsibilities as detailed in the Local Government Act 2000. In order to carry out the functions effectively, the Committees will:
 - Hold the Executive and Cabinet Members to account in terms of both decisions taken and proposed Key decisions published in the Forward Plan
 - Make reports or recommendations to the Executive with respect to the discharge of any executive or non-executive function of the Council and other public bodies in the area
 - Scrutinise relevant performance information to ensure that targets are met in order to improve outcomes in these specific areas
 - Monitor the implementation of accepted scrutiny recommendations
 - Ensure compliance with the approved protocol on Overview and Scrutiny Committee / Cabinet member relations.
2. To deal with any decisions that have been 'called-in' in line with the approved procedure, i.e. to recommend that a decision made, but not implemented be reconsidered by the body or person who made it, or be referred to full Council in accordance with the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.
3. To consider Councillor Calls for Action, as appropriate (Section 119 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, 2007).

Specific functions for the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

1. To scrutinise the functions and responsibilities within the portfolios of the Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council.
2. To undertake financial management monitoring including holding relevant budget holders to account.
3. To monitor and comment on the Council's treasury management strategy.
4. To assist the Council and the Executive in the development of its budget framework.
5. To undertake a budget consultation exercise with the Trade Unions and Non-Domestic Ratepayers and feedback observations/ recommendations from the consultations to Executive.
6. To discharge the Council's additional statutory responsibilities in terms of crime and disorder scrutiny (Sections 19 to 22 of the Police and Justice Act, 2006)
7. To discharge the Council's additional statutory responsibilities in terms of flood risk (Chapter 2, 9FH of the Localism Act 2011)

Specific functions for the Health Scrutiny Committee

1. The scrutiny of local health services in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2001, S190 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, and any consequential regulations, directions or guidance issued by the Secretary of State and in particular:
 - (i) To review how and to what effect health policy is being implemented, and health improvement achieved, by the Council and local National Health Service bodies and to make reports and recommendations, as appropriate.
 - (ii) To promote greater awareness of health issues within the borough and to engage the people of Blackpool in the health improvement agenda.
 - (iii) To scrutinise any proposals for a substantial development or variation of health services within the authority's area, or any substantive changes that affect National Health Service patients residing within the authority's area.
 - (iv) To consider such other proposals as are referred to it by National Health Service bodies and the Council and to report back the result of its considerations to the referring body and others as appropriate.
 - (v) To appoint members to Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees with other local authorities, as directed under the Health and Social Care Act 2001, to respond to consultation initiated by a National Health Service body, which is consulting more than one local authority on proposals for substantial development or variation in health services.
2. To scrutinise the functions and responsibilities of Public Health.

Specific functions for the Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee

1. To scrutinise the functions and responsibilities within the portfolio of the Cabinet Secretary excluding Public Health.

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	16 May 2016

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 The purpose of the report to agree the scheme of delegation or such part of it as the Constitution determines it is for the Council to agree.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

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

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To undertake this annual review in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

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 make changes to the scheme of delegation relating to the Council functions, although this is not recommended.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The review of the Scheme of delegation will help the Council achieve all its priorities.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 As Members will be aware, under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Executive ceased to be a committee of the Council within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972 and the functions assigned to the Executive are for the Leader of the Council to delegate. The Council's non-executive functions and scheme of delegation are for the Council itself to delegate.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Council's Constitution (Procedure Rule 2.2 of Part 4 of the Constitution) requires the Annual meeting to consider changes (if any) to the scheme of delegation or such part of it as the constitution determines it is for the Council to agree. The current scheme of delegation is set out in Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibility for Functions).

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 There are no Human Resources considerations.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 There are no equalities considerations.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 There are no financial considerations.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 There are no risk management considerations.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 There are no ethical considerations.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 No further consultation has taken place with this item.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	16 May 2016

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2016/ 2017

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Council will be asked to consider a programme of meetings for the remainder of 2016 and the calendar year 2017.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the calendar of meetings and the start times of meetings as attached at Appendix 13(a).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To have in place scheduled meeting dates to enable the Council's committees to transact their business during the Municipal Year.

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 schedule meeting dates although this will not allow Council and its committees to plan their business and meeting dates for the Municipal year ahead.

4.0 Council priority:

4.1 The appointment of Council committees will help the Council achieve all its priorities.

5.0 Background information

- 5.1 The Constitution states that at the Annual meeting of the Council, a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council shall be determined. In agenda item 11 there is a range of committees due to be considered, should these committees be appointed then the calendar put forward is reflective of those proposals. A similar cycle as before is proposed. As indicated the agenda item relating to the appointment of committees the Health Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to meet quarterly, but will have the flexibility to arrange special meetings, to consider specific issues as happened recently with the Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee with the Harbour.
- 5.2 The Planning Committee is, again, asked to use the site visit option on an exceptional basis consider the use of technology as an alternative to a 'formal' visit, enabling all the committee and interested parties (members of the public/ applicant/ objectors etc.) to see details of the site as part of the Planning Committee meeting when the application is considered.
- 5.3 A proposed programme of meetings is set out at Appendix 13(a) with the start times for all committees are listed at the end of the Appendix.
- 5.4 It is for the Leader of the Council to schedule Executive meetings, but proposed dates have been listed in the programme at Appendix 13(a), for completeness. It will also be for the Licensing Committee to formalise the schedule of Public Protection Sub-Committee meetings.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 13(a) - Calendar of Meetings 2016/ 2017

6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 The Council's Constitution provides for the Annual meeting to formulate a schedule of Council and Committee meetings for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

- 7.1 There are no human resources considerations.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

- 8.1 There are no equalities considerations.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 There are no additional financial considerations.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Failure to put in place a schedule of meetings will put at risk the ability for the Council to transact its business efficiently.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 There are no ethical considerations.

12.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

12.1 No further consultation has taken place with this item as the schedule of meetings is in accordance with previous practice.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.

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COMMITTEES – 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May	16 Annual Council	17	18	19	20
	23 Executive	24	25 Licensing Public Protection	26 Audit	27
May/ June	30 Spring Bank Holiday	31	1	2	3
June	6	7 Planning	8 Health and Wellbeing Board	9 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	10
	13	14 Public Protection Sub	15	16 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	17
	20 Appeals Executive	21	22	23 EU Referendum	24
June/ July	27	28	29 Council	30 Audit	1
July	4	5 Planning	6 Health Scrutiny	7	8
	11	12 Public Protection Sub	13	14 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	15
	18 Executive	19 Standards	20 Health and Wellbeing Board	21 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	22
	25 Appeals	26	27	28	29
Aug	1	2 Planning	3	4	5
	8	9 Public Protection Sub	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
Aug/ Sept	29 Summer Bank Holiday	30 Planning	31	1 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	2
Sept	5 Appeals	6 Public Protection Sub	7 Health and Wellbeing Board	8	9
	12 Executive	13	14	15 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	16
	19 Shareholders Panel (BOC / BEC)	20	21 Council	22 Audit	23
	26	27 Planning	28 Health Scrutiny	29	30
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct	3	4 Public Protection Sub	5	6	7
	10 Executive	11	12	13 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	14
	17 Appeals Shareholders Panel (HC / BCH)	18 Shareholders Panel (BTS)	19 Health and Wellbeing Board	20 Audit	21
	24	25 Planning	26	27 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	28
Oct/Nov	31	1	2	3	4
Nov	7 Executive	8 Public Protection Sub	9	10	11
	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22 Planning	23 Council	24 Audit	25
Nov/Dec	28 Appeals	29 Standards	30 Health and Wellbeing Board	1	2
Dec	5	6 Public Protection Sub	7	8 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	9
	12 Executive	13	14 Health Scrutiny	15 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	16
	19	20 Planning	21	22	23
	26 Boxing Day	27 Christmas Day substitute Bank Holiday	28	29	30
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

COMMITTEES – 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan	2 New Years Day substitute Bank Holiday	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17 Planning	18 Health and Wellbeing Board	19 Audit	20
	23 Appeals Executive	24 Public Protection Sub	25 Council	26 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	27
Jan/ Feb	30	31	1	2 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	3
Feb	6 Executive (Budget)	7	8	9	10 Budget Consultation
	13	14 Planning	15	16	17
	20 Executive (Budget)	21 Public Protection Sub	22	23 Budget Council	24
Feb/ Mar	27 Shareholders Panel (BTS)	28	1 Health and Wellbeing Board	2 Audit	3
Mar	6	7 Shareholders Panel (HC / BCH)	8	9 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	10
	13 Appeals Executive	14 Planning Shareholders Panel (BOC / BEC)	15	16 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	17
	20	21 Public Protection Sub	22 Health Scrutiny	23	24
	27	28	29 Council	30	31
Apr	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11 Planning	12	13	14 Good Friday
	17 Easter Monday	18	19 Health and Wellbeing Board	20 Audit	21
	24 Executive	25 Public Protection Sub	26	27 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	28
May	1 Early May Bank holiday	2	3	4 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	5
	8 Appeals	9 Planning	10	11	12
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May	15 Annual Council	16	17	18	19
	22 Executive	23	24 Licensing Public Protection Sub	25	26
May/ June	29 Spring Bank holiday	30	31	1	2
June	5	6 Planning	7 Health and Wellbeing Board	8 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	9
	12	13 Standards	14	15 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	16
	19 Appeals Executive	20 Public Protection Sub	21	22	23
	26	27	28 Council	29 Audit	30
July	3	4 Planning	5 Health Scrutiny	6	7
	10	11	12	13 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	14
	17 Appeals Executive	18 Public Protection Sub	19 Health and Wellbeing Board	20 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	21
	24	25	26	27	28
July/ Aug	31	1 Planning	2	3	4
Aug	7	8	9	10	11
	14	15 Public Protection Sub	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
Aug/ Sept	28 Summer Bank holiday	29 Planning	30	31	1
Sept	4 Appeals	5	6 Health and Wellbeing Board	7 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	8
	11 Executive	12 Public Protection Sub	13	14 Audit	15
	18	19	20 Council	21 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	22
	25	26 Planning	27 Health Scrutiny	28	29
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct	2 Shareholders Panel (HC / BCH)	3	4	5	6
	9 Executive	10 Public Protection Sub	11	12	13
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	23	24 Planning	25	26 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	27
Oct/ Nov	30	31	1	2	3
Nov	6 Executive	7 Public Protection Sub	8	9 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21 Planning	22 Council	23	24
Nov/ Dec	27 Appeals	28 Standards	29 Health and Wellbeing Board	30 Audit	1
Dec	4	5 Public Protection Sub	6	7 Resilient Communities Scrutiny	8
	11 Executive	12	13 Health Scrutiny	14 Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	15
	18	19 Planning	20	21	22
	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

These are day meetings due to the nature and length of their business:

- Appeals: start time 10.00am
- Annual Council: start time 2.00pm
- Health and Wellbeing Board: start time 3.00pm

These are early evening meetings due to the nature of their business and/ or public involvement and all start at 6.00pm:

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| • Council | • Resilient Communities Scrutiny | • Audit | • Planning |
| • Budget Council | • Tourism, Economy and
Resources Scrutiny | • Licensing | • Standards |
| • Executive | • Health Scrutiny | • Public Protection
Sub | |

The Chief Officers Employment Committee would meet as and when required.

Please note that due to the commercially sensitive nature of the information discussed, the Shareholders Panel meetings are private and informal.