

# MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2021

## **Present:**

Councillor Cross (in the Chair)

### Councillors

Baker	Collett	Kirkland	R Scott
Blackburn	Cox	Matthews	Sloman
Brookes	Critchley	B Mitchell	Smith
Burdess	Farrell	M Mitchell	Stansfield
Cain	Galley	O'Hara	Taylor
Mrs Callow JP	Hobson	Owen	Walsh
Campbell	Hugo	Robertson BEM	L Williams
Clapham	Hunter	Roberts	T Williams
D Coleman	Hutton	D Scott	Wilshaw
G Coleman	Jackson	Mrs Scott	

## **In Attendance:**

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships / Monitoring Officer

Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance

Jenni Cook, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

## **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Council noted that there were interests references to-wholly-owned companies in the Executive reports and that should discussion take place on these items, in particular regarding the financial interests of the companies, councillors would need to consider declaring the relevant interest (personal or prejudicial). If the interest affected the financial position of the company then they would need to consider declaring a prejudicial interest and leave the meeting

## **2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 September 2021 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

## **3 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced that, following consultation with the families, a special Council meeting would be arranged to take place in the Spring for the posthumous award of the Blackpool medal to former Councillors Peter Callow and Lily Henderson MBE, as well as Brian London.

## **4 EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

The Executive Lead Members for the meeting presented reports to the Council on work undertaken in the Corporate, Place and People portfolio areas. The reports covered corporate, strategic and policy issues, together with work being undertaken in transforming services and with partners.

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On behalf of Councillor Benson, Councillor Farrell provided an update on the strain of Avian flu that had been detected at Stanley Park and the actions taken by the Council with public health and environmental partners in respect of the birds and public safety.

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

Notes:

1. The Leader of the Council agreed to provide a written response to:
  - Councillor Mrs Callow on the proposed location of the driving test centre previously located at Warbreck Hill
  - Councillor Walsh on the cumulative figure of one-off Government grants received by the Council
  - Councillor T Williams on the insurance arrangements in respect of the Buffalo Bill statue.
2. Councillor Farrell agreed to pass on comments on the relevant portfolio areas to Councillor Benson and that a written response would be provided to Councillor Galley on details of the offer to young people across the borough and beyond the Better Start wards in view of future cessation of Better Start funding.
3. In response to a question from Councillor T Williams, Councillor Campbell agreed to clarify when the community payback scheme would recommence.
4. The Council agreed a five minute extension to the time allocated for questions on the Executive Member Report – Corporate Portfolio.
5. Councillor Blackburn left the meeting following consideration of the Executive Member Report – Corporate Portfolio.
6. Councillor M Mitchell left the meeting following consideration of the Executive Member Report – People Portfolios.
7. Following consideration of the Executive Member Report – Place Portfolios, the Council agreed a short adjournment.

### **5 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

The Council considered the recommendations from the Executive at its meeting on 8 November 2021 in relation to the proposed Climate Emergency Action Plan which set out how the Council would address the goal of net zero emissions by 2030.

Members noted the proposed monitoring arrangements and it was requested that details of the Pathways Options Study was circulated to all members.

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**Motion:** Councillor Hugo proposed (and Councillor L Williams seconded):

- ‘1. To approve the Blackpool Climate Emergency Action Plan attached at Appendix 5(a) and request the Executive, appropriate Scrutiny Committees and Council partners to act towards the implementation of its actions.
2. To note the monitoring agreements set out in page 19 of the Action Plan and summarised at paragraph 6.6 of the Council report and where relevant periodic update reports on progress or amendments to the Action Plan will be brought to the Executive’.

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

### **6 PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK**

Members considered recommendations from the Audit Committee for a partnership governance framework to be approved that would apply to significant partnerships held or entered into by the Council. The framework would help to provide assurance that good governance operations were in place including in key areas such as decision-making, accountability and regulatory compliance.

**Motion:** Councillor Galley proposed (and Councillor L Williams seconded):

‘To adopt the attached Partnership Governance Framework and that it forms part of the Council’s Constitution under Part 5 – Codes and Protocols.

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

### **Mayor**

(The meeting ended at 8.30 pm)

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