

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

Present:

Councillor Campbell (in the Chair)

Councillors

Baker	Ellison	Jones	S Smith
Bamborough	Farrell	Marshall	Taylor
Benson	Fenlon	B Mitchell	Thomas
Boughton	Flanagan	C Mitchell	Walsh
N Brookes	Galley	D Mitchell	Warne
P Brookes	Hobson	Roberts	Webb
S Brookes	Hoyle	Roe	Williams
Burdess	Hugo	D Scott	Wilshaw
Cartmell	Humphreys	Mrs Scott	
Cooper	Hunter	Sloman	
Critchley	Jackson	M Smith	

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

John Blackledge, Director of Community and Environmental Services

Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy and Assistant Chief Executive

Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health

Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships / Monitoring Officer

Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance

Jenni Cook, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

Jenny Bollington, Media Manager

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2023

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 June 2023 be signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made by the Mayor.

4 EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

The Council received reports from the Executive Members on areas within their portfolio.

Members also received a report from representatives of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority in relation to the work being undertaken by the authority.

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

Notes:

1. Councillor Benson, Cabinet Member for Young People and Aspiration agreed to confirm for Councillor M Scott if RAAC (concrete) was present in any Council buildings, Council-owned buildings or assets.
2. In response to a question from Councillor Walsh regarding the additional CCTV cameras in the town, Councillor Burdess, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Street Scene and Neighbourhoods agreed to provide written confirmation of the planned consultation and proposed locations.
3. Councillor Farrell, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up: People, agreed to provide a written response to:
 - Councillor Warne on the number of people supported by projects helping with food, cost of energy and wider essentials
 - Councillor Galley on the financial consequences and risks associated with Catering Services contracts with academies.
4. Councillor Hobson, Cabinet Member for Children's Services agreed to provide Councillor Sloman with details of the mechanism in place to ensure that practical burdens were borne by authorities that placed looked after children within the borough.
 - Following a question from Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hugo, Cabinet Member for Climate Change agreed to provide details of the recycling facilities available for larger Council owned buildings.

5 HONORARY ALDERMEN

Following a deferral from the last meeting, members considered proposals for a special meeting to be held to confer the title of Honorary Alderman for recently retired councillors that wished to be considered for the award in line with agreed criteria.

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

- '1. To agree to hold a special meeting of Council to confer the title of 'Honorary Alderman' of the Borough of Blackpool under section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to three former councillors:
 - Don Clapham
 - Gary Coleman
 - Allan Matthewsthe time and date of this to be agreed by the Mayor.
2. That the Group Leaders continue to meet to review the Civic Honours available in Blackpool and report back to a future meeting on any recommended changes'.

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

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 7.57 pm)

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