BLACKPOOL COUNCIL



Tuesday, 23 January 2024

To: The Members of Blackpool Council

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, 31 January 2024 commencing at 6.00 pm for the transaction of the business specified below.

Director of Governance and Partnerships

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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 either a
 - (a) personal interest
 - (b) prejudicial interest
 - (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

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 MEETINGS HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2023 AND 11 JANUARY 2024 (Pages 1 - 8)

To agree the minutes of the last meetings held on 29 November 2023 and 11 January 2024 as a true and correct record.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive official announcements from the Mayor.

4 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

(Pages 9 - 10)

To receive a representation from a member of the public in accordance with Procedural Standing Order 9.

5 EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT

(Pages 11 - 50)

To consider the following portfolio reports to Council from each Cabinet Member and the Combined Fire Authority report:

- a) Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Tourism, Arts and Culture
- b) Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Partnerships and Performance
- c) Cabinet Member for Climate Change
- d) Cabinet Member for Children's Services
- e) Cabinet Member for Levelling Up People
- f) Cabinet Member for Levelling Up Place
- g) Cabinet Member for Young People and Aspiration
- h) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
- i) Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Street Scene and Neighbourhoods
- j) Combined Fire Authority report

Members are reminded that:

- Each Executive Member* has up to three minutes to present their portfolio report (a green light will indicate there is one minute remaining, red for when the time is up). There will then be an opportunity for questions/comments.
- There will be three minutes per question/ comment from any Councillor on anything within the portfolio and no limit to the number of times a Councillor can ask a question.
- There will be no set overall maximum time for each report to be debated although the Mayor will decide when a suitable time has elapsed and move to the next report.

^{*} or Combined Fire Authority representative

6 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2024/25

(Pages 51 - 240)

The Council to receive an update on the impact of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme since the introduction in 2013/14 and to consider the recommendations of the Executive at its meeting on 11 December 2023 on the proposals for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2024/25.

7 BLACKPOOL YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE ANNUAL PLAN 2023/24

(Pages 241 - 308)

The Council to receive an update regarding Blackpool's Youth Justice Service and to consider the recommendation of the Executive at its meeting on 11 December 2023 to approve the Youth Justice Service Annual Plan with effect until 31 December 2024.

8 COUNCIL'S POLICY IN RESPECT OF MATERNITY, PATERNITY AND ADOPTION PAY

(Pages 309 - 312)

- To note that Councillors Sarah Smith and Cllr Portia Webb will both be commencing maternity leave under the Council's Policy in respect of maternity, paternity and adoption pay.
- To consider as a consequence the appointment to the Chair of Levelling Up Scrutiny Committee position and to agree dispensation from the requirement to attend meetings for Councillors Sarah Smith and Portia Webb (i.e. an extension to the period of six consecutive months for non-attendance at formal council / committee meetings).

9 STANDARDS INDEPENDENT PERSONS

(Pages 313 - 316)

To consider an extension of the term of office for the independent persons appointed by the Council to support the standards framework.

10 MAYOR ELECT AND DATE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

(Pages 317 - 318)

To determine who should be invited to offer themselves for election as Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 15 May 2024 and to consider a change to the date of the Special Council meeting to Wednesday 13 March 2024 (was previously agreed for Thursday 14 March).

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Sarah Chadwick, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser, Tel: (01253) 477153, e-mail sarah.chadwick@blackpool.gov.uk

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