

## MINUTES OF INFORMAL COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2022

### Present:

Councillor Cross (in the Chair)

### Councillors

Baker	Galley	M Mitchell	Stansfield
Benson	Hobson	O'Hara	Taylor
Brookes	Hugo	Owen	Walsh
Burdess	Hunter	Robertson BEM	L Williams
Mrs Callow JP	Hutton	D Scott	T Williams
Clapham	Jackson	Mrs Scott	Wilshaw
G Coleman	Kirkland	R Scott	Wing
Critchley	Matthews	Slooman	
Farrell	B Mitchell	Smith	

### In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships / Monitoring Officer

Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance

Sarah Chadwick, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

## 1 STATUS OF MEETING

The Mayor reminded Council members that the meeting was an informal meeting as it was being conducted virtually and not physically present in the same location, as the law required. However, she indicated that the same protocols and procedural standing orders would apply to the meeting and the meeting was being broadcast via You Tube in the normal manner.

## 2 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, council-appointed non-executive directors would need to consider declaring the relevant interest. Councillor Benson also indicated that she would declare an appropriate interest and if necessary leave the meeting if discussion in relation to Blackpool Transport Services Ltd took place.

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

Notes:

1. Councillor L Williams agreed to:
  - provide written clarification for Councillor Clapham on the reasons why further information had been requested in respect of the Levelling Up bids for Multiversity and Blackpool Central Courts Relocation schemes
  - send details to Councillor Walsh on the number of residents and businesses that had been subject to Compulsory Purchase Orders, whether contact had been made and the cost to the Council
  - provide further information to Councillor Mrs Scott on the engagement with town centre stakeholders regarding the Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan
  - confirm for Councillor T Williams whether existing club members of Stanley Park Golf Course would be given a new lease.
  
2. In response to a request from Councillor T Williams for a breakdown of the profit and loss position of the Council's wholly owned companies, Councillor Taylor agreed to provide further information subject to any commercial restrictions.
  
3. Councillor Hugo agreed to:
  - provide further details to Councillor R Scott on whether materials for new housing developments had been sourced locally and were considered as part of the procurement process
  - clarify for Councillor Galley whether support had been offered to homeless people rough sleeping in the area around the Metropole Hotel.

### Mayor

(The meeting ended at 7.33 pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:

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