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### COUNCIL 18 JULY 2018

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were received:

- Councillors Aldridge, Hennessy, O'Toole and Pope declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 8 'Council Plan Annual Report 2017/18' and item 19 (f) 'Community Transport – Motion' as Members of Lancashire County Council (LCC) as did Councillors Gagen as an employee of LCC, and indicated that they would not participate in any detailed discussions which affected LCC.
- 2. Councillors Ashcroft, Mrs Blake, Blane, Dereli, Gordon, Kay, Mrs Marshall, Mee, Moran, Owen, Pope and Whittington declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 8 'Council Plan Annual Report 2017/18' in relation to Parish Council matters in view of their membership of a Parish Council and indicated they would not participate in any detailed discussions which affected the finances of those bodies specifically.
- 3. Councillor Hennessy declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 16. 'Leisure Facility and Contract Procurement' in respect of her appointment to West Lancashire Community Leisure.
- 4. Councillors Delaney, Devine, Forshaw, Owen, Nixon and West (Tenant of a Council flat/house) Aldridge (Tenant of a Council garage) declared disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to item 9 'Housing Account Revenue and Capital Outturn' for the reasons indicated but were entitled to speak and vote by virtue of an exemption (nothing in these reports relates particularly to their respective interests arising from the tenancy or lease).
- 5. Councillors Aldridge, Blaine, Mee, Pendleton and Wright declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to item 9 'Housing Account Revenue and Capital Outturn' as they have a connected person who is a tenant of rented Council accommodation. Insofar as that interest becomes a pecuniary interest (as it would affect the financial position of their relative and a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard this as so significant that it is likely to prejudice their judgement of the public interest) they declared that interest but considered that they were entitled to speak and vote by virtue of an exemption as nothing in these reports relates particularly to the relevant tenancy or lease.
- 6. Councillor Wynn declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to item 14 'Recycling Update' and agenda item 19(a) 'Collection of Recyclables from Blue Boxes and Blue Bins – Motion' as he is employed by Essential Fleet Services Ltd to maintain Council vehicles and works at the Robert Hodge Centre and indicated he would leave the room and would not participate in any detailed discussions which affected his employer or employment.

7. Councillor Pendleton declared a personal interest in agenda item 19 (f) ' Community Transport in view of his appointment by the Council to West Lancs. Dial-A-Ride Association, as did Councillor Mee in view of his appointment to the Management Committee.

# TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.2

## a) Question from Councillor Ian Davis

"We welcome back the control of the grass cutting back to the WLBC and hope that many more services will be returned from outside contractors and LCC and provide much needed work for the residents of our area. Being Councillor Leader and in charge of improving our economic regeneration and attracting new industries to the area can you please advise how you are going to improve the first impressions that outsiders see when approaching our area. Both Skelmersdale and Ormskirk roundabouts need far more attention than they have been receiving. First impressions are always important and companies do look for this. Can you advise how many cuts per season will be made this year and next? Some residents have informed us that they have been advised that the planned cuts for this year will not be all done, is this correct?"

### b) Question from Councillor lan Davis

"We have been advised that there are problems with the bulky household waste service. Not the council's fault that the social enterprise running this operation has ceased operating. Can you please advise how you intend to take this matter forward in the future and if another social enterprise operator will be monitored how you intend to control it. Can we also have some indications as to why it failed and what caused it to fold?"

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### **COUNCIL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

Please note the following in relation to Appendix 1 to the report:

- Page 82 of the Book of Reports (page 25 of the Appendix) 'ER04 Apprenticeship vacancies within the borough' the figures set out are correct, however the arrow should point up.
- Page 76 of the Book of Reports (page 19 of the Appendix) should read: "that 45% available outturns showing an improvement or matching the previous year." (Not 50%)