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TO: THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Dear Councillor,

Please find attached additional late information for the meeting of the **COUNCIL** being held tonight in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, 52 DERBY STREET, ORMSKIRK L39 2DF** on **WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2022** at 7.30 PM.

Yours faithfully

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Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey
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(Open to the Public)

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**COUNCIL
12 OCTOBER 2022**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations were received:

1. Councillors Aldridge, Bailey, O'Toole, Pope and D Westley declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to item 12 (a) Youth Council & Youth Mayor - Motion', as Members of Lancashire County Council, as did Councillors Coughlan, Cummins and Gagen as an employee of Lancashire County Council.

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CHANGE OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Motion from the Leader, Councillor Yvonne Gagen

- A. That the following recommendations of the Working Group be noted:
- "(a) That the council adopts the committee system form of governance with effect from the annual council meeting of the Council in 2024.
- (b) That in respect of consultation arrangements:
- (i) a referendum should not be held.
 - (ii) That a public consultation should not be held prior to a decision being made.
 - (iii) That consultation be undertaken with relevant stakeholders if a decision is taken to move to a Committee System
- (c) That the following Committee structure be adopted:
- Service/Policy Committees:**
- Policy & Resources
 - Housing & Health
 - Environment
- Statutory Committees:**
- Audit and Governance Committee
 - Licensing and Appeals Committee
 - Licensing and Gambling Committee
 - Planning Committee
 - Standards Committee
- Although other suggestions that come forward can be considered by the Working Group and Council."
- B. That a decision to change governance model be considered, once the Working Group has full details in respect of the following:
- (a) the financial/resource implications, in respect of legal fees, staffing costs and the cost of any training required for both member and officers.
- (b) the full Committee structure, including the membership size, terms of reference of Committees, including consideration of whether other bodies, such as Sub-Committees, Working Groups or Task & Finish Groups will be required.
- C. That a decision to change governance model should only be considered once the details in B. are available and a full public and stakeholder consultation has been undertaken.

- D. That all available Governance arrangements be considered equally with strengths and weaknesses explored and compared against each other.

CHANGE OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Amendment from Councillor Whittington (Chairman of the Working Group)

- A. That the following recommendations of the Working Group be noted:
- (a) "That the council adopts the committee system form of governance with effect from the annual council meeting of the Council in 2024.
 - (b) That in respect of consultation arrangements:
 - (i) a referendum should not be held.
 - (ii) That a public consultation should not be held prior to a decision being made.
 - (iii) That consultation be undertaken with relevant stakeholders if a decision is taken to move to a Committee System
 - (c) That the following Committee structure be adopted:

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Although other suggestions that come forward can be considered by the Working Group and Council."

- B. That taking into account the recommendations of the Working Group above, the implications of change set out in paragraph 8 of the report, including the financial/resource implications, set out in paragraph 10, the Council move to a committee system with effect from the Annual Council meeting in 2024.
- C. That the Council adopts the Committee structure set out at A. (c) above.
- D. That the Terms of Reference of the Political Governance Arrangements Working Group be expanded, in order to bring further reports back to Council, in respect of the following:
- (i) The Consultation arrangements
 - (ii) The Membership size and Terms of Reference of Committees and to consider if any other bodies, such as Sub-Committee, Working Groups or Task & Finish Groups will be required.

- (iii) Changes to the Constitution, including, but not limited to, the Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers.
 - (iv) a review of the staffing required in Democratic Services to support the change.
- E. That it be noted that the Independent Remuneration Panel will be called upon to undertake a review of the Members Allowance Scheme for 2024/25, following the all-out elections being held in May 2023.
- F. That it be noted that the Member Development Commission will be consulted on proposals in relation to the required training for Members.