

**COUNCIL****HELD: Wednesday, 22 February 2017**

Start: 7.30 pm

Finish: 10.10 pm

**PRESENT:**

## Councillors:

L Savage (Mayor)	N Furey (Deputy Mayor)
T Aldridge	I Ashcroft
M Barron	Mrs P Baybutt
Mrs M Blake	T Blane
J Bullock	J Cairns
C Cooper	P Cotterill
S Currie	J Davis
N Delaney	T Devine
G Dowling	C Evans
D Evans	J Gordon
P Greenall	N Hennessy
G Hodson	J Hodson
P Hudson	J Kay
D McKay	F McKenna
C Marshall	Mrs J Marshall
J Mee	R Melling
M Mills	P Moon
I Moran	M Nixon
D O'Toole	G Owen
A Owens	J Patterson
R Pendleton	E Pope
A Pritchard	N Pryce-Roberts
D West	D Westley
Mrs M Westley	D Whittington
K Wilkie	K Wright
C Wynn	A Yates

## Officers:

Ms K Webber, Chief Executive  
Mr D Tilleray, Director of Leisure and Wellbeing  
Ms J Sinnott-Lacey, Director of Housing and Inclusion  
Mr J Harrison, Director of Development and Regeneration  
Mr T Broderick, Borough Solicitor  
Mr M Taylor, Borough Treasurer  
Mr S W, Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director  
of Housing and Inclusion  
Mr P Samosa, Director of Street Scene  
Mr P Holland, Property Services Manager  
Mrs J Denning, Assistant Member Services Manager

## In attendance:

Mr P Blakey, Exchequer Services Manager (Revenues,  
Benefits & Payments), BT Lancashire  
Ms E Dobson, Interim Revenues Manager, BT Lancashire

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**PRAYERS**

The Mayor's Chaplain for the evening, Father Godric Timney, led Members and officers in prayer.

**75 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Bailey and Gagen.

**76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were received:

1. All Members present declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 'Members' Allowances Scheme 2017/18 and Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) and in relation to item 12 'Determination of Council Tax 2017/18', but were entitled to speak and vote by virtue of an exemption.
2.
  - a) Councillors Ashcroft, Barron, Mrs Blake, Blane, Gordon, Kay, Mrs Marshall, Mee, Pope and Whittington declared a pecuniary interest in relation to relevant lines in the budget in respect of item 11 'Budget Requirement 2017/18' and item 13 'Medium Term GRA Capital Programme' 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.\*
  - b) Councillors Aldridge, Barron, Hennessy, O'Toole and D Westley declared a pecuniary interest in relation to relevant lines in the budget in respect of item 11 'Budget Requirement 2017/18' and item 13 'Medium Term GRA Capital Programme' as Members of Lancashire County Council (LCC) as did Councillor McKay as an employee of LCC and indicated that he would not participate in any detailed discussions which affected LCC.\*
  - c) Councillor Cooper declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to relevant lines in the budget in respect of item 11 'Budget Requirement 2017/18' and item 13 'Medium Term GRA Capital Programme' in respect of her appointment to West Lancashire Community Leisure.\*
  - d) Councillors Mrs Blake, Nixon and Pendleton declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to relevant lines in the budgets in respect of item 11 'Budget Requirement 2017/18' in respect of the Skelmersdale Community Centres in view of their appointment to the Tanhouse Action Group.\*
  - e) Councillor Pendleton declared a pecuniary interest in relation to relevant lines in the budget in respect of item 11 'Budget Requirement 2017/18' in respect of the 'Skelmersdale Community Centres' in view of his role on the Tanhouse Enterprise Board.\*
  - f) Councillor Wynn declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to item 11 'Budget Requirement 2017/18', as he is employed by Essential Fleet Services Ltd to maintain Council vehicles and works at the Robert Hodge Centre and indicated he would not participate in any detailed discussions which affected his employer or employment.\*

- g) The following Councillors, appointed by the Council to the bodies listed, declared a pecuniary interest in relation to relevant lines in the budget in respect of item 11 'Budget Requirement 2017/18' regarding the 'Grant to Voluntary Organisations'\*:

<u>Councillors</u>	<u>Voluntary Body</u>
Devine	Lancashire West CAB
Pendleton	West Lancs Dial A Ride Association
G Hodson, Cooper, Nixon and Pryce Roberts	West Lancs CVS
Aldridge and Ms Melling	Homestart Central Lancashire

- h) Councillor Whittington declared a pecuniary interest in relation item 11 'Budget Requirement 2017/18' in respect of the 'Grant to Voluntary Organisations' as his wife is a trustee of Lancashire West CAB as this body had been recommended to receive funding for 2017/18:\*

\*By virtue of a dispensation granted by the Standards Committee on 20 September 2016 until 19 September 2020 all Councillors who have disclosable pecuniary or pecuniary interests in relation to relevant lines in the budget may participate and vote in the budget debates.

3. Councillors Ashcroft, Barron, Mrs Blake, Blane, Gordon, Kay, Mrs Marshall, Mee, Pope and Whittington declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 12 'Determination of Council Tax 2017/18' and item 19 'Public Space Protection Order' in view of their membership of a Parish Council.
4. Councillors Aldridge, Barron, Hennessy, O'Toole and D Westley declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to item 12 'Determination of Council Tax 2017/18', as Members of Lancashire County Council, as did Councillor McKay as an employee of Lancashire County Council.
5. Councillors Delaney, Devine, Owen, Nixon, Patterson and West (Tenant of a Council flat/house) Aldridge and McKay (Tenant of a Council garage) declared disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to item 13 'Medium Term GRA Capital Programme and item 14 'Housing Account – Revenue and Capital Programme' 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).
6. Councillors Aldridge, Mee, Pendleton and Wright declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to item 13 'Medium Term GRA Capital Programme and item 14 'Housing Account – Revenue and Capital Programme' 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.

7. Councillors Barron, Pope and Westley declared a non pecuniary interest in item 8 'Pay Policy Statement' as members of the Lancashire County Council Pension Committee.
8. Councillors Aldridge and O'Toole declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to item 12 'Determination of Council Tax 2017/18' as a Member of Lancashire Fire & Rescue Authority and Councillor Wilkie as an employee.
9. Councillor Wynn declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to item 20(d) 'Motion – Green Waste £30 Charge', as he is employed by Essential Fleet Services Ltd to maintain Council vehicles and works at the Robert Hodge Centre.
10. Councillors McKenna and Moran declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 20(b) 'Motion - Social & Economic Consequences of Brexit' as a member appointed to 'Liverpool City Region Combined Authority' as did Councillor Westley as a member of Lancashire County Council.
11. Councillor Wright declared a non pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 20(c) 'Motion – Lancashire Constabulary Job Losses' as a member appointed to the Police and Crime Panel.

77 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 14 December 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

78 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

A. The Mayor announced:

1. That the following events were being organised for the Mayor's Charity:
  - The Easter Bingo on 7 April at St Anne's Social Centre. Tickets £2 including refreshments and a free draw
  - A Tea Dance on Thursday 30 March 2 – 4 p.m. in The Civic, Ormskirk – Tickets £5 including afternoon tea
  - A Gala Evening at Hurlston Hall Golf Club on 21 April at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £25 including 3 course meal and entertainment by The Arts Centre, Skelmersdale

and asked for the support and attendance of Members at these events.

2. That the Mayor's Charity had been extremely successful over the year, with the total amount raised currently standing at £17,850 and that the last main event 'The Sportman's Dinner' raised an amazing £5715.50. The mayor thanked all those who have been involved during the year.

B. The Chief Executive announced:

1. That the Council had been successful, along with other Councils and partners, in securing £1.3m of the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) funding for victims of domestic abuse in Lancashire, which would benefit West Lancashire alongside other areas and thanked several services who worked with the Liberty Centre and Lancashire County Council on the bid.
2. That Heidi McDougall, the new Director of Street Scene, was able to take up her position on Wednesday 1 March 2017, which was slightly earlier than originally anticipated. Special thanks were given to Phil Samosa, and his team for the work they had done in overseeing the service in the interim period.

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

There were no items under this heading.

80 **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the undermentioned meetings of the Committees shown.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the undermentioned meetings and any recommendations contained in them, be approved:

- A. Planning Committee held on Thursday, 8 December 2016 and 12 January 2017.
- B. Polling Districts and Polling Places Review Committee held on Tuesday 24 January 2017.
- C. Audit and Governance Committee held on Tuesday 31 January 2017.
- D. Licensing and Appeals Committee held on Tuesday 7 February 2017.

81 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2017/18**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained in the Book of Reports, which sought approval of the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 detailing the Authority's policy on workforce remuneration, as required by the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved, published on the Council's website and included in the Constitution.

**82 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2017/18 AND APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (IRP)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor, as contained in the Book of Reports, which set out the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), sought approval of the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 and detailed the Membership of the IRP.

RESOLVED: A. That the IRP's report for 2017/18, attached at Appendix 3 to the report, be noted.

B. That in accordance with paragraph 4 of the IRP's report, a Members Allowance Scheme be made, effective from 1 April 2017 incorporating a Basic Allowance of £4,842 (no increase) and provision for SRA payments, as detailed on the Schedule attached at Appendix 1 to the report (no change).

C. That it be noted that the Basic Allowance of £4,842 has been fixed for a 4 year period until 31 March 2020, as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the IRP's report, the Council being able to ask the IRP to consider an increase in any year and to give specific reasons for the request.

D. That the Borough Solicitor update and publish the Members' Allowances Scheme for the period commencing 1 April 2017, such scheme to be incorporated into the Constitution.

E. That the Membership of the IRP for 2017/18 and the respective terms of office be noted and endorsed as follows:

Mrs G Stanley (Chairman) 1 May 2018

Mr J Boardman 1 May 2020

Mr I Thompson 1 May 2019

**83 SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 13.4**

RESOLVED: That Council Procedure Rule 13.4, be suspended, to enable the Portfolio Holder / Shadow Portfolio Holder to present their budget statements, in respect of agenda items 11 (Budget Requirement 2017/18) and 14 (Housing Account – Revenue and Capital Programme).

**84 \* BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2017/18**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained in the Book of Reports, which set out the General Revenue Account (GRA) Reserves Policy and the Draft GRA Estimates.

Councillor Wynn, Portfolio Holder for Finance, moved a Motion that provided details of the Labour Budget Proposals (as circulated at the meeting and contained in the Book of Reports), which was seconded.

Councillor Whittington, Shadow Portfolio Holder for Finance, moved an Amendment that provided details of the Conservative Budget Proposals (as circulated at the meeting and contained in the Book of Reports), and referred to the inclusion of item G of the Amendment to 'Reverse the decision to introduce green waste charging' in line with the Motion included on the Agenda at Item 20(d) 'Green Waste £30 Charge - Motion', which was seconded.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.5, the voting on the Amendment was recorded as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors Ashcroft, Barron, Mrs Baybutt, Mrs Blake, Blane, Cains, Curry, Mrs C Evans, Gordon, Greenall, Kay, C Marshall, Mrs Marshall, Mee, Ms Melling, Moon, O'Toole, Pope, D Westley, Mrs Westley and Whittington (TWENTY ONE)

**AGAINST:** Councillors Aldridge, Bullock, Cooper, Cotterill, Davis, Delaney, Devine, Dowling, D Evans, Furey, Hennessy, G Hodson, J Hodson, Hudson, McKay, McKenna, Mills, Moran, Nixon, Owen, Patterson, Pendleton, Pritchard, Pryce-Roberts, Savage, West, Wilkie, Wright and Yates (TWENTY NINE)

**ABSTENTIONS:** Councillor Owens

The Amendment was LOST.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16.5, the voting on the Motion was recorded as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors Aldridge, Bullock, Cooper, Cotterill, Davis, Delaney, Devine, Dowling, D Evans, Furey, Hennessy, G Hodson, J Hodson, Hudson, McKay, McKenna, Mills, Moran, Nixon, Owen, Patterson, Pendleton, Pritchard, Pryce-Roberts, Savage, West, Wilkie, Wright, Wynn and Yates (THIRTY)

**AGAINST:** Councillors Ashcroft, Barron, Mrs Baybutt, Mrs Blake, Blane, Cains, Curry, Mrs C Evans, Gordon, Greenall, Kay, C Marshall, Mrs Marshall, Mee, Ms Melling, Moon, O'Toole, Owens, Pope, D Westley, Mrs Westley and Whittington (TWENTY TWO)

The Motion was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED** A. That the General Revenue Account Estimates for 2017/18 set out in Appendix B of the Council report be approved, subject to the changes set out in the Labour Budget Proposals circulated at the meeting and contained in the

Book of Reports.

- B. That the GRA reserves policy set out in Appendix A to the Council report be approved.
- C. That the contract savings, including voluntary redundancies, set out in Appendix C to the Council report, be approved.
- D. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive and Heads of Service to take all necessary action to implement the changes resulting from the budget proposals.

(Note: Councillor Wynn declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and left the meeting during consideration of the Conservative Group Budget Proposals as it contained reference to the Green Waste Charge.)

85 \* **DETERMINATION OF COUNCIL TAX 2017/18**

Consideration was given to the revised report of the Borough Transformation Manager and the Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion, as circulated at the meeting and contained in the Book of Reports, which set out the proposed Council Tax rate for each property band for the whole of the Borough Council's area, including the Council Tax rate as set by the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, and the local Parish Council in parished areas, in order to confirm the statutory resolutions that are required in order to set the Council Tax for 2017/2018.

Councillor Wynn moved a Motion to approve the recommendations in the revised report circulated at the meeting and contained in the Book of Reports, which was seconded.

In accordance with Council Procedure rule 16.5, the voting on the Motion was recorded as follows:

FOR: Councillors: Aldridge, Ashcroft, Barron, Mrs Baybutt, Mrs Blake, Blane, Bullock, Cairns, Cooper, Cotterill, Currie, Davis, Delaney, Devine, Dowling, Mrs C Evans, D Evans, Furey, Gordon, Greenall, Hennessy, G Hodson, J Hodson, Hudson, Kay, McKay, McKenna, C Marshall, Mrs Marshall, Mee, Ms Melling, Mills, Moon, Moran, Nixon, O'Toole, Owen, Owens, Patterson, Pendleton, Pope, Pritchard, Pryce-Roberts, Savage, West, D Westley, Mrs Westley, Whittington, Wilkie, Wright, Wynn and Yates (FIFTY TWO)

AGAINST: (NONE)

ABSTENTIONS: (NONE)

The Motion was CARRIED.

RESOLVED: A. That it be noted that on the 11 January 2017, the Borough



Treasurer declared the Council Tax Base amounts, set out in Appendix A to the report, for the financial year 2017/2018 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012.

- B. That the Budget for the Council's own purposes for 2017/2018 (excluding parish precepts) be set at £12,927,167 in accordance with the earlier Budget Requirement report.
- C. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the financial year 2017/2018 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act):
- a) £85,500,333 being the aggregate of the amounts, which the Council estimates for the items, set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
  - b) £78,330,285 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
  - c) £7,170,048 being the amount by which the aggregate at C(a) above exceeds the aggregate at C(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
  - d) £208.49 being the amount at C(c) above divided by 34,390.20 (the Tax Base) calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31(B) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for 2017/2018.
  - e) £575,383 being the aggregate amount of all special items (i.e. Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
  - f) £191.76 being the amount at C(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at C(e) above by 34,390.20 (the Tax Base), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for 2017/2018 for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

- g) Part of the Council's area:

	£. p
Aughton	208.05
Bickerstaffe	222.02
Bispham	200.29
Burscough	227.15
Dalton	211.84
Downholland	223.94

Great Altcar	205.52
Halsall	214.28
Hesketh with Becconsall	232.83
Hilldale	242.57
Lathom	208.37
Lathom South	221.46
Newburgh	221.73
North Meols	219.52
Parbold	225.97
Rufford	229.97
Scarisbrick	205.76
Simonswood	213.53
Tarleton	223.56
Up Holland	213.01
Wrightington	204.91

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at C(f) above the amounts of the special item relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the relevant Tax Base for those areas, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of the Council Tax for 2017/2018 for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a special item (i.e. Parish Precepts) relate.

- h) Part of the Council's area for each valuation band, being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at C(f) and C(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands (See Schedule 1 of the revised report).

- D. That it be noted that for the year 2017/2018 Lancashire County Council has stated the following amounts in precept issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:

#### VALUATION BANDS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£. p	£. p	£. p	£. p	£. p	£. p	£. p	£ .p
814.49	950.24	1,085.99	1,221.74	1,493.24	1,764.74	2,036.23	2,443.46

- E. That it be noted that for the year 2017/2018 the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire has stated the following amounts in precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of

the Act for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:

#### VALUATION BANDS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£. p	£. p	£. p	£. p	£ .p	£. p	£. p	£. p
110.30	128.68	147.07	165.45	202.22	238.98	275.75	330.90

F. That it be noted that for the year 2017/2018 the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority has stated the following amounts in precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Act for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:

#### VALUATION BANDS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£. p	£. p	£. p	£. p	£. p	£. p	£. p	£. p
43.67	50.94	58.22	65.50	80.06	94.61	109.17	131.00

G. That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at C(h), D, E and F, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the amounts shown in **Schedule 2** of the revised report as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/2018 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

#### 86 MEDIUM TERM GRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained in the Book of Reports, which advised on the Council's Medium Term Capital Programme.

Councillor Wynn, Portfolio Holder for Finance, moved a Motion, which set out the Labour Capital Programme proposals, as circulated at the meeting and contained within the Book of Reports, which was seconded.

RESOLVED: A. That the budget items be approved, based on the Capital Programme proposals circulated at the meeting by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and contained in the Book of Reports.

B. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive and Heads of Service to take all necessary action to implement the agreed Capital Programme.

#### 87 HOUSING ACCOUNT - REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Director Housing and Inclusion and the Borough Treasurer, as contained in the Book of Reports, which advised on the rent and service charges to be applied; and detailed the Public Sector Housing Capital Investment Programme and Housing Revenue Estimates for 2017/18.

Councillor Patterson, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services, moved a Motion, as circulated at the meeting and contained in the Book of Reports, which set out Labour proposals in relation to the Draft Housing Revenue Account Estimates for 2017/18 and Public Sector Housing Capital Investment Programme 2017/18, which was seconded.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the Rent and Service charges set within delegated authority, as detailed in Section 4 and 5 of the report be noted and endorsed.
  - B. That the comments of the Tenants and Residents, as set out in Appendix E to the report be noted.
  - C. That the Housing Revenue Estimates and Capital Investment Plan, set out in Appendices A and B to the report be approved, subject to the changes set out in the Labour proposals circulated at the meeting and contained in the Book of Reports.
  - D. That the Housing Revenue Account Reserves Policy set out in Appendix C to the report be approved.
  - E. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Housing and Inclusion to take all necessary action to implement the decision of Council.

88 **CAPITAL FINANCING AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained in the Book of Reports, which detailed the framework for capital financing and treasury management operations for the next financial year.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the projected position in respect of the Prudential Indicators, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, for 2016-17, be noted.
  - B. That the Prudential Indicators for the next three years be agreed, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.
  - C. That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved for the next financial year.
  - D. That the Treasury Management Strategy, as set out in section 8 of the report, be approved.

(Note: Councillors Currie and Pope had left the room during consideration of this item.)

89 **MAYOR ELECT 2017/18**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor, as contained in the

Book of Reports, which sought nominations for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2017/18.

RESOLVED: That it be noted that the Labour Group nominees for Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18 are Councillors Furey and Delaney respectively.

90 **TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2017/18**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor, as contained in the Book of Reports, which sought approval of the timetable of meetings for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

RESOLVED: That the timetable for the meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year, attached as an Appendix to the report, be approved.

91 **CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY - 2017 UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, as contained in the Book of Reports, which sought approval of an updated Contaminated Land Strategy.

RESOLVED: A. That the updated Contaminated Land Strategy, included at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for publication.

B. That the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to approve and publish any future minor updates to the strategy.

92 **PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, as contained in the Book of Reports, which sought approval to make a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).

RESOLVED: A. That the Public Space Protection Order, detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved for commencement on the 1 April 2017.

B. That any other areas suggested for restrictions during the recent public consultation exercise are kept on file for consideration in any future extension of the PSPO.

C. That authority be given to the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing to make any necessary minor amendments to the Public Space Protection Order.

93 **MOTIONS**

The following Motions were considered at the request of the Members indicated:

94 **NEW MERSEYRAIL DRIVER-ONLY TRAINS - MOTION INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR PRITCHARD ON BEHALF OF THE LABOUR GROUP**

This item was withdrawn.

95 **SOCIAL & ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF BREXIT - MOTION INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR MCKENNA ON BEHALF OF THE LABOUR GROUP**

The following Motion was moved and seconded:

"That given the potential for negative social and economic consequences of so-called Brexit, along with possible opportunities, this council seek to work with other like-minded local authorities, especially but not solely within the Liverpool City Region area and Lancashire, to research and as appropriate pursue any lobbying or legislative means, so as to ensure that our local and combined authorities acquire and use to best effect, a substantive place in the negotiations between the United Kingdom and the European Union following a 'triggering' of Article 50 (2).

That the Council resolves that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, write to her counterparts in authorities in Liverpool City Region and Lancashire, setting out initial proposals for a joint approach to this matter."

RESOLVED: A. That given the potential for negative social and economic consequences of so-called Brexit, along with possible opportunities, this council seek to work with other like-minded local authorities, especially but not solely within the Liverpool City Region area and Lancashire, to research and as appropriate pursue any lobbying or legislative means, so as to ensure that our local and combined authorities acquire and use to best effect, a substantive place in the negotiations between the United Kingdom and the European Union following a 'triggering' of Article 50 (2).

B. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, write to her counterparts in authorities in Liverpool City Region and Lancashire, setting out initial proposals for a joint approach to this matter.

96 **LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY JOB LOSSES - MOTION INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR WRIGHT ON BEHALF OF THE LABOUR GROUP**

The following Motion was moved and seconded:

"That Council is concerned that following severe Government cuts Lancashire Constabulary has lost some 1364 jobs:-

893 Police Officers  
331 Police Staff  
140 Community Support Officers

That this Council is concerned that continued cuts to Police funding leading to a reduction in front line Policing will only result in more crime and anti-social behaviour within West Lancashire. This will harm our community and prevent residents from feeling safe.

That Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary setting out our concerns and demanding that cuts to police funding be stopped immediately."

RESOLVED: A. That Council is concerned that following severe Government cuts, Lancashire Constabulary has lost some 1364 jobs:-

893 Police Officers  
331 Police Staff  
140 Community Support Officers

- B. That this Council is concerned that continued cuts to Police funding leading to a reduction in front line Policing will only result in more crime and anti-social behaviour within West Lancashire. This will harm our community and prevent residents from feeling safe.
- C. That Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary setting out our concerns and demanding that cuts to police funding be stopped immediately.

(Note: Councillor D Evans left the meeting during consideration of this item.)

97 **GREEN WASTE £30 CHARGE - MOTION INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA BY COUNCILLOR DAVID WESTLEY ON BEHALF OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP AND SIGNED BY 14 MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP**

This item was dealt with under Minute 84 'Budget Requirement 2017/18'.

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**THE MAYOR**