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Wednesday, 17 March 2021

**TO: COUNCILLORS D WEST, M NIXON, I ASHCROFT, R COOPER, S EVANS,  
M MILLS, G OWEN, A OWENS, A SUTTON, D WESTLEY AND  
D WHITTINGTON**

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** will be held by **SKYPE** on **THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 2021** at **7.00 PM** at which your attendance is requested. A Skype meeting request will be sent to individual Members of Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The meeting will also be available to view for members of the public via a webcast on the Council's website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JSL', written over a light blue circular stamp.

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**AGENDA**  
**(Open to the Public)**

- 1. APOLOGIES**
- 2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**  
To be apprised of any changes to the membership of the Committee in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.
- 3. URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN**  
Note: No other business is permitted unless, by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified at the meeting, the Chairman is of the opinion that the item(s) should be considered as a matter of urgency.

- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** 501 - 502  
 If a member requires advice on Declarations of Interest, he/she is advised to contact the Legal and Democratic Services Manager in advance of the meeting. (For the assistance of members a checklist for use in considering their position on any particular item is included at the end of this agenda sheet.)
- 5. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP**  
 In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 16, Members must declare the existence of any Party Whip, and the nature of it, when considering any matter in the following categories:
- The review of any decision of the Cabinet or
  - The performance of any Member of the Cabinet
- N.B. The Secretary of State believes whipping is incompatible with Overview and Scrutiny.
- 6. MINUTES** 503 - 510  
 To receive as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2021.
- 7. PUBLIC SPEAKING** 511 - 516  
 Residents of West Lancashire on giving notice, may address the meeting to make representations on any item on the agenda except where the public and press are to be excluded during consideration of the item. The deadline for submissions is 10.00am on Friday 19 March 2021. A copy of the public speaking protocol and form to be completed is attached.
- 8. CALL IN ITEMS**  
 There are no items under this heading.
- 9. RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET**  
 To scrutinise the following Minutes of Cabinet:  
 23 February 2021 (Extraordinary)  
 9 March 2021
- 9a Extraordinary Cabinet - Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2021 517 - 520
- 9b Cabinet - Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2021 521 - 528
- 10. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORTING 2021/22** 529 - 536  
 To consider the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation and Resources.
- 11. HRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING** 537 - 546  
 To consider the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services.

12. **ORMSKIRK TOWN CENTRE STRATEGY ACTION PLAN UPDATE 2021-2026 AND THE HERITAGE ACTION ZONE PROGRAMME** 547 - 570  
To consider the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community.
13. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
It is recommended that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 (Finance/Business Affairs) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and as, in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
14. **ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY** 571 - 580  
That the Portfolio Holder of Resources and Transformation be invited to the meeting to provide further information and clarification on the Office Accommodation Strategy and to respond to questions raised by Members of the Committee.  
(Copy of Office Accommodation Strategy attached for information).

**We can provide this document, upon request, on audiotape, in large print, in Braille and in other languages.**

**MOBILE PHONES: These should be switched off or to 'silent' at all meetings.**

For further information, please contact:-  
Julia Brown on 01695 585065  
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## **REMOTE MEETINGS – GUIDANCE**

**This guidance is designed to assist members when attending remote meetings.**

**The guidance should be read in conjunction with the Council's Remote Meetings Protocol and Procedures Rules**

### **General**

1. If members wish to speak on a particular item it will assist the smooth running of the remote meeting if they indicate to the Chairman their wish to speak in advance of the meeting.
2. Please join the meeting no later than 15 minutes before the start of the meeting to ensure that the technology is working correctly.
3. It is a requirement of the remote meetings regulations that any member participating in a remote meeting must be able to be heard (and if practicable also be seen) by all other members, officers and public speakers participating in the meeting and, in turn, be able to hear (and if practicable see) those persons.
4. It is also a requirement that the meeting be live broadcast and so any camera (video-feed) should show a non-descript background and members should take care to ensure that no exempt or confidential papers can be seen in the video-feed.
5. At the start of the meeting please ensure that your microphone is muted and your video feed (if available on your device) is paused. Please remember to unmute your microphone (and unpause your video feed if available) when invited to speak by the Chairman!
6. At the start of the meeting the Member Services Officer will read out which Members and Officers are present. The attendance of members will be recorded.
7. Please remember to mute your mic/pause your video feed when you're not talking.

8. Only speak when invited to by the Chair.
9. Please state your name before you make an address.
10. If you're referring to a specific page or slide mention the page or slide number.
11. In the event of failure of the live broadcast then the Chairman will immediately adjourn the meeting until such time as the live broadcast is restored.
12. In the event that a member's individual remote connection should fail, the Chairman will call a short adjournment to determine whether the connection can be re-established (either by video technology or telephone connection). If connection cannot be restored after a reasonable period of time then the presumption is that the meeting should continue, providing the meeting remains quorate.
13. If connection to a member is lost during discussion of an item of business at a regulatory meeting (planning and licensing committees) that member will not be able to vote on that item (unless that part of the discussion during which connection was lost is, in the view of the Chairman, capable of being repeated for the benefit of the member concerned).

### **Public speaking**

14. Any member of the public participating in a meeting remotely in exercise of their right to speak must be able to be heard (and if practicable also be seen) by members, officers and public speakers participating in the same item of business and, in turn, be able to hear (and if practicable see) those persons.
15. The Member Services Officer will mute the member of the public once they have spoken and remove them from the remote meeting on the instruction of the Chairman once the relevant item of business has been dealt with. Note: members of the public will be able to view/listen to the remainder of the meeting via the live broadcast.

### **Voting**

16. Unless a recorded vote is called by a member, the method of voting will be, at the discretion of the Chairman, by:

- General assent by the meeting (where there is no dissent); or
  - By the Member Services Officer calling out the name of each member present with members stating "for", "against" or "abstain" to indicate their vote when their name is called. The Member Services Officer will then clearly state the result of the vote (to be confirmed by the Chairman)
17. Details of how members voted will not be minuted, unless a recorded vote is called for prior to the vote taking place.

### **Declarations of Interest**

18. Any member participating in a remote meeting who declares a disclosable pecuniary interest, or pecuniary interest that would normally require them to leave the room in which the meeting is taking place must leave the remote meeting. Their departure will be confirmed by the Member Services Officer who will invite the relevant member to re-join the meeting at the appropriate time.

### **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

19. There are times when council meetings are not open to the public when confidential, or "exempt" items (as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972) are under consideration. The Member Services Officer will ensure that there are no members of the public in remote attendance and the live broadcast is ended, once the exclusion has been agreed by the meeting for that item(s).
20. Every Member in remote attendance must ensure there are no other persons present in their remote location who are able to hear, see or record the proceedings (unless those such persons are also entitled to be so present). Members must declare to the meeting, if at any point during discussion of the item, this requirement is not met.