

COUNCIL**HELD: Wednesday, 20 July 2016**

Start: 7.30 pm

Finish: 10.10 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Savage (Mayor)
Furey (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors Aldridge McKay
Ashcroft McKenna
Barron C Marshall
Mrs Baybutt Mrs Marshall
Mrs Blake Mee
Blane Ms Melling
Bullock Mills
Cairns Moran
Cooper Nixon
Cotterill O'Toole
Currie Owen
Davis Owens
Delaney Patterson
Devine Pendleton
Dowling Pope
Mrs Evans Pritchard
D Evans Pryce-Roberts
Furey West
Gagen D Westley
Gordon Whittington
G Hodson Wilkie
J Hodson Wright
Hudson Wynn
Yates

Officers: Chief Executive (Ms K Webber)
Director of Housing and Inclusion (Mr R Livermore)
Director of Leisure and Wellbeing (Mr D Tilleray)
Director of Street Scene (Mr G Concannon)
Borough Solicitor (Mr T Broderick)
Borough Treasurer (Mr M Taylor)
Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and
Inclusion (Mr S Walsh)
Deputy Director Development and Regeneration (Mr I Gill)
Electoral and Administration Manager (Mr T Lyman)
Assistant Member Services Manager (Mrs J Denning)

11 PRAYERS

The Mayor referred to the recent death of former Labour Borough and County Councillor and Ex-Chairman of the Council, Alderman Geoff Roberts and by invitation of the Mayor, Councillor R Pendleton paid tribute to his service.

Following a minute silence, the Mayor's Chaplain for the evening, Father Godric

Timney, led Members and officers in prayer.

12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Greenall, Hennessy, Kay, Moon and Mrs Westley.

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:

1. Councillors Aldridge, Barron, O'Toole and Westley declared a pecuniary / non pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 8 'Council Plan Annual Report 2015/16', agenda item 9 'General Revenue Account Policy Options 2017/18*', agenda item 19(c) 'Fracking Motion' and agenda item 16 'Voluntary Community Groups and Associations in West Lancashire – Support', as Members of Lancashire County Council (LCC), as did Councillors Gagen and McKay as employees of LCC, and indicated that they would not participate in any detailed discussions which affected LCC*.
2. Councillors Ashcroft, Barron, Mrs Blake, Blane, Gordon, Mrs Marshall, Mee, Pope and Whittington declared a pecuniary / non pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 8 'Council Plan Annual Report 2015/6', agenda item 9 'General Revenue Account Policy Options 2017/18*', agenda item 13 Public Space Protection Order' and agenda item 16 'Voluntary Community Groups and Associations in West Lancashire – Support' as Members of a Parish Council and indicated they would not participate in any detailed discussions which affected the finances of those bodies specifically.*
3. Councillor Wynn declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to item 9 'General Revenue Account Policy Options 2017/18' 'OP7 – Transport Contract', 'OP9 – Introduce a charge for collection of green compostable material' and OP11 'Full review of mechanical sweeping and street cleansing prestige work Borough-wide', 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.*
4. All Members declared a pecuniary / non pecuniary interest in relation to item 9 'General Revenue Account Policy Options 2017/18' 'OP6 – Cease provision of MPLS lines and Broadband to Members'.*

* By virtue of a dispensation granted by the Standards Committee 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 but not engage in detailed discussions about matters which affect those interests.

5. Councillors G Hodson, Pryce-Roberts, Cooper and Nixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 16 'Voluntary Community Groups and Associations in West Lancashire – Support' in view of their appointment

by the Council to the Council for Voluntary Services, as did:

- Councillors Cotterill, Gagen and Moran as appointed representatives on the West Lancashire Twinning Association
 - Councillors Delaney and Dowling as appointed representatives on the Ormskirk Community Council
 - Councillors Devine and Hudson as appointed representatives on LALC
 - Councillor Devine as the appointed representative on Citizens Advice Bureau
 - Councillor Pendleton as the appointed representative on West Lancashire Dial-A-Ride Association
 - Councillor Moran as the appointed representative on One West Lancashire
 - Councillors Cooper and McKenna as appointed representatives on The Birchwood Centre
 - Councillor Whittington as his wife is a trustee of Lancashire West CAB
6. 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 10 'Housing Revenue Account Policy Options for 2017/18' 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).
7. Councillors Aldridge, Mee, Pendleton and Wright declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to item 'Housing Revenue Account Policy Options for 2017/18' as they have a connected person who is a tenant of rented Council accommodation. Insofar as that interest becomes a pecuniary interest (as it could 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.
8. Members of the Council's Planning Committee, in relation to agenda item 19(c) 'Fracking Motion', reminded the meeting that they may, at a future date, consider planning applications relating to fracking, as the Council will be a consultee in relation to West Lancashire fracking proposals considered by the County Council. Accordingly, they advised the meeting that they would approach any such planning applications without a closed mind and that any views expressed by them in relation to this motion should not be seen as committing them as to how they may vote at the appropriate time.
9. Councillors Aldridge and Westley, in relation to agenda item 19(c) 'Fracking Motion', advised that as a County Councillor and a member of its Development Control Committee, that they would leave the Chamber whilst this item was under consideration, as did Councillors Barron and O'Toole

should they be appointed or act as a substitute on that Committee in the future.

14 MINUTES

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 April 2016, the Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2016 and the Annual meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

15 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Mayor announced:

- That she would like to thank those who attended the Irish night at the Civic on 24 June when £1003 was raised.
- That the Mayor's Charity Ball would be held on Friday 9 September at Hurlston Hall Golf Club. Tickets £30.
- That a Charity Event would be held at the Civic Hall on Saturday 8 October – an all day event with a Fashion Show and Music by the CD Music Academy, followed by Rising Stars UK Night at the Oscars in the evening. The afternoon event will be £6 and the evening event £7.50.

The Mayor asked for Members support and attendance at both these events.

The Chief Executive announced that Beacon Country Park had been re-awarded the Green Flag Award, which recognises that not only is it one of the best green spaces in the country, it's also one of the best managed. On top of this, the Green Flag judges have increased our score over previous years and we now sit in the highest scoring category possible. She thanked Dave Tilleray, Director of Leisure and Wellbeing and his team of Rangers, who've done an absolutely fantastic job up at Beacon Country Park, particularly Head Ranger Dan Massey, who pulls all the hard work together.

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

The following questions has been received and circulated at the meeting with a written response:

Question from Councillor Owens – IT Security

- (i) *“What policies and procedures does the Council employ to protect its Internet facing infrastructure: servers, routers firewalls etc. How do they compare to the Governments Cyber Essentials recommendations for protecting infrastructure?”*

Response

Public Service Network (PSN) is the Government's high-performance network which manages day-to-day operations and makes sure it's a safe network for people to use by overseeing the compliance process. Through our ICT Partner BT Lancashire Services (BTLs), the Council annually achieve PSN- compliance by illustrating our adherence to various controls within the PSN framework including:

- Operational Security which includes
- Vulnerability Management (Patch Management)
- Secure configurations ensuring non default installations and well-configured security tools (Anti-Virus, Firewalls etc.)
- Physical Security
- Protective Monitoring and intrusion detection systems
- Security incident response
- Authentication and access control
- Boundary Protection and interfaces
- Protecting Data at Rest and Data in Transit
- User and Administrator Separation of Data
- System testing and security

In addition the Council has various policies and processes which support achievement of the compliance regime, these include the ICT & Data Security Policy.

- (ii) *“What is the patching schedule employed to ensure that vulnerabilities are patched in a timely fashion and out of date and unsupported systems are not being used eg Windows Server 2003 and IIS 6.0?”*

Response

All out of date and unsupported systems such as Windows 2003 have recently been replaced as part of a wider PSN accreditation programme. The Council in partnership with BTLs are also in the process of adopting a new patching regime which will include bi-monthly patching and updates to the full desktop estate following a thorough testing and approval process. The Server estate will follow a similar process ensuring the server estate is patched to current patch levels every 3 months. In addition, included in this new patching regime is an "out of band" patch process to deploy any critical patches as and when required.

- (iii) *“What assurance measures does the Council take to ensure that the Council IT policies are being effectively applied, for example independent third parties carrying out a review of the infrastructure? Is there a routine vulnerability scan of systems carried out to ensure that patches have been applied?”*

Response

As mentioned above the Council adheres to controls set out as part of PSN compliance. One of the fundamental requirements of this compliance is to have an annual health check performed by a qualified independent assessor who is a member of the Communications Electronics Security Group (CESG) and their Listed Advisor Scheme (CLAS). In addition to this BTLS are further developing various aspects of their security infrastructure including vulnerability scanning, where more frequent internal scans and any potential remediation's will be performed.

Footnote.

The CESG is the Communications Electronics Security Group (CESG) who are part of GCHQ and are the UK National Technical Authority for information assurance.

The CLAS is the CESG Listed Advisor Scheme (CLAS) which is a membership body for the very best Information assurance/security people.

17 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 14 April, 19 May and 21 June 2016.
- B. Licensing and Appeals Committee held on Tuesday 7 June 2016.
- C. Audit and Governance Committee held on Tuesday 28 June 2016.

18 COUNCIL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director Housing and Inclusion, as contained on pages 67 to 92, which presented the Council Plan Annual Report 2015/16.

RESOLVED That the Council Plan Annual Report 2015/16, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

19 GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT POLICY OPTIONS FOR 2017-18

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive, as contained on pages 93 to 118 of the Book of Reports, which detailed the financial position of the General Revenue Account (GRA), and sought approval to an initial set of Policy Options for implementation, and a further set of Policy Options for consultation.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the favourable budget variance that has been achieved for the 2015-16 financial year be noted and that the budget allocations set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
 - B. That the £1.7m package of efficiencies, additional income and savings included in Appendix 2 to the report, that has been agreed for the 2016-17 financial year be noted, and that regular monitoring reports are produced on progress with delivering these measures.
 - C. That the Medium Term Financial Forecast for 2017-20 included in Appendix 3 setting out the challenging financial position facing the GRA over the next 3 years be noted, and that further work is undertaken to identify measures to address this situation.
 - D. That the set of Policy Options to deliver additional income and improved efficiency included in Appendix 4 to the report be approved for implementation.
 - E. That the set of Policy Options included in Appendix 5 to the report be approved for consultation and further considered at Council on 19 October 2016.
 - F. That the proposals for consultation set out in section 8 of the report be agreed, and that the Chief Executive reports the results of this consultation, and any amendments recommended as a result, together with any new policy options to Council at its October meeting.
 - G. That any initial Trade Union comments on this report, which form part of the formal consultation process, be noted and considered, and that the Trade Unions be advised of the Council's resolutions, and that further consultations take place with all staff affected and their representatives.
 - H. That the Chief Executive and Heads of Service be given authority to take all action in connection with the implementation of the above, and to effect the Council's redundancy and redeployment policies and procedures as required, and matters related to this, including the use of reserves to fund exit costs.

(Note: Councillor Wynn declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and left the room whilst this item was under consideration.)

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion, as contained on pages 119 to 136 of the Book of Reports, which detailed the financial position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), and sought approval on the initial

set of Policy Options for implementation, and a further set of Policy Options for consultation.

A Motion to move the recommendations set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.7 was moved and seconded.

An Amendment to the Motion was moved and seconded to include the following words at the end of recommendation 2.1:

“and the Director of Housing and Inclusion be asked to bring a report to a future Cabinet and/or Council meeting, if appropriate, to set out the Council’s approach to funding the refurbishment of void properties that have not been subject to replacement bathrooms and heating systems.”

A vote was taken, the Amendment was CARRIED, which became the Substantive Motion.

A Further Amendment was moved and seconded.

A vote was taken on the Further Amendment, which was LOST.

A vote was taken on the Substantive Motion, which was CARRIED.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the favourable budget variances that have been achieved on both the revenue account and capital programme for the 2015-16 financial year be noted and that the proposed uses set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved and the Director of Housing and Inclusion be asked to bring a report to a future Cabinet and/or Council meeting, if appropriate, to set out the Council’s approach to funding the refurbishment of void properties that have not been subject to replacement bathrooms and heating systems.
 - B. That the £1.0m package of efficiencies and savings that has been agreed for the 2016-17 financial year be noted, and that regular monitoring reports are produced on progress with delivering these measures.
 - C. That the HRA Financial Forecast for 2016-20, included in Appendix 3 to the report, setting out the challenging financial position facing the HRA over the next 3 years, be noted.
 - D. That the set of Policy Options to deliver budget streamlining savings and other measures that do not require consultation, included in Appendix 4 to the report, be approved for implementation.
 - E. That the set of Policy Options included in Appendix 5 to the report, be approved for consultation and further considered at Council on 19 October 2016.

- F. That the proposals for consultation set out in section 8 of the report, be agreed, and that the Director of Housing and Inclusion reports the results of this consultation, and any amendments to the Policy Options recommended as a result, to Council at its October meeting.
- G. That the Director of Housing and Inclusion be given authority to take all action in connection with the implementation of the above.

21 ONE FOR ONE CAPITAL RECEIPTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion, as contained on pages 137 to 146 of the Book of Reports, which sought approval for the use of one for one retained capital receipts to deliver additional affordable housing that would remove the need to return capital monies to the Government.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the £1.19 million favourable budget variance achieved on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme for 2015-16 be allocated to match £510,000 of retained capital receipts to provide additional affordable homes in the Borough.
 - B. That the Director of Housing and Inclusion, in consultation with the Housing Portfolio Holder, be authorised to negotiate terms and progress the purchase of 5 rental properties offered for sale by a Registered Social Landlord (RSL).
 - C. That the Director of Housing and Inclusion, in consultation with the Housing Portfolio Holder, be authorised to identify suitable sites for affordable housing development within the Borough and take all steps necessary including purchasing land and seeking any necessary planning approvals to deliver additional affordable housing.

22 AMOUNT OF FIXED PENALTY NOTICE FOR FLY-TIPPING

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, as contained on pages 147 to 154 of the Book of Reports, which advised of an amendment to legislation and to set an appropriate fixed penalty amount for Fly-Tipping.

- RESOLVED That the amount for a fixed penalty notice in relation to the offence of fly-tipping be set at £200.

23 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, as contained on pages 155 to 168 of the Book of Reports, which sought approval to put in place a Public Space Protection Order which retains current Dog Control Order provisions, but adds new play areas where dogs are either excluded and/or must be kept on a lead; and to update relevant delegated arrangements.

A revised Appendix 3, which contained 16 new enclosed areas where dogs could be excluded from, was circulated.

A Motion to approve the recommendations at 2.1 and 2.2 of the report was moved and seconded.

An Amendment to the Motion was accepted by the mover and seconder and with the consent of the meeting, to include an additional recommendation as follows:

“2.3 That delegated authority be given to the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio holder, to make any further amendments to the final consultation document.

- RESOLVED
- A. That a Public Space Protection Order (on the basis set out at paragraph 4.2 of the report) be approved for public consultation (on the basis detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report) following which the final Order, or alternative proposals, will be brought back to Council for approval.
 - B. That Council authorises the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, to take those actions in respect of the powers set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
 - C. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio holder, to make any further amendments to the final consultation document.

24 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATOR PERFORMANCE 2015-16**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained on pages 169 to 176 of the Book of Reports, which detailed the Treasury Management performance and Prudential Indicators for the year ended 31 March 2016.

RESOLVED That the performance for the 2015-16 financial year be noted.

25 **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WEST LANCASHIRE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor, as contained on pages 177 to 192 of the Book of Reports, which detailed the outcome of work undertaken by the Public Involvement in Meetings Working Group (the Working Group) in regard to a review of the Council's elected membership, ward boundaries, members per ward and the electoral cycle.

RESOLVED That the recommendation of the Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee, to accept the view of the Working Group that the status quo be maintained for the reasons stated within sections 4 to 9 of the report and that no further action be taken at this time, be agreed.

(Note: Councillor Cotterill left the meeting whilst this item was under consideration.)

26 **VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS IN WEST LANCASHIRE - SUPPORT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor, as contained on pages 193 to 198 of the Book of Reports, which reviewed the support provided to Voluntary Community Groups and Associations in West Lancashire by the Borough Council, including in relation to use of Borough Council Premises and the development of good governance.

RESOLVED That the current level of support provided to voluntary organisations be noted.

27 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 (Financial/Business Affairs) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that 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.

28 **DELFT HOUSE, SKELMERSDALE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration, as contained on pages 199 to 204 of the Book of Reports, which sought authority for the surrender of the existing lease and grant of another lease for Delf House with the Co-operative Bank.

RESOLVED A. That the Director of Development and Regeneration be authorised to agree terms for and to enter into a deed of surrender of the existing lease for Delf House and to agree terms for, and to enter into, a new lease on the revised terms set out in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 of this report.

B. That in the event of the Co-op Bank requiring further amendments to the new lease, authority be granted to the Director of Development and Regeneration to agree such amendments in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.

(Note: Following consideration of the item the Press and Public were invited back into the meeting.)

29 **MOTIONS**

Consideration was given to the following Motions included on the agenda by the Members indicated:

30 DIVERSITY IN WEST LANCASHIRE - MOTION INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILLOR C MARSHALL ON BEHALF OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP AND COUNCILLOR WRIGHT ON BEHALF OF THE LABOUR GROUP

The following Motion was moved and seconded:

This Council is proud to represent a diverse and tolerant society, one that has no place for racism, xenophobia and hate crime and resolves the following;

(a) to condemn unequivocally racism, xenophobia and hate crime

(b) to work to ensure racism, xenophobia and hate crime are never acceptable within our communities

(c) to reassure all people living in West Lancashire that they are valued members of our community.

RESOLVED That this Council is proud to represent a diverse and tolerant society, one that has no place for racism, xenophobia and hate crime and resolves the following:

A. To condemn unequivocally racism, xenophobia and hate crime.

B. To work to ensure racism, xenophobia and hate crime are never acceptable within our communities.

C. To reassure all people living in West Lancashire that they are valued members of our community.

31 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE RECORDS - MOTION INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA BY COUNCILLOR OWENS

The following Motion was moved:

That Council notes that every maintained school in the Borough must now publish the attendance records of school governors at meetings of the school Governing Body. Council further notes that many councils, including our neighbouring Lancashire councils in Chorley and South Ribble, already publish councillor attendance records.

This council therefore instructs officers to publish the councillor records of attendance at meetings of the full council and the formal committees of the council on the council website and by formal notice on the council noticeboard, to commence as soon as practicable and no later than 30 April 2017 taking account of all meetings, as described above, from the start of the 2016/17 municipal year.

The Motion was not seconded or considered further.

32 FRACKING - MOTION INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA BY COUNCILLOR MILLS ON BEHALF OF THE LABOUR GROUP

The following Motion was moved and seconded:

West Lancashire believes that the effects of climate change are clearly apparent on the environment we all share. Fracking (hydraulic fracturing for shale gas) as an energy source negatively adds to global climate change and locally would:

- Significantly contribute to Co2 and Methane emissions
- Potentially pollute or affect water resources in the area due to the chemical process of extraction or any improperly managed storage of "flowback" water;
- Impact on water resources due to the impact of the high volume water consumption used in the process; and
- Increase the risk of any seismic activity from hydraulic fracturing which may impact on areas of population.

This Council recognises the complexity of recent decisions by Lancashire County Council to refuse planning applications (to drill, fracture and flow test up to four wells at both Roseacre Wood and Preston New Road). These decisions highlight the continuing reservations and commonly held concerns regarding the impact of such operations, particularly in these locations relating to amenity, noise, transport and landscape grounds.

This Council agrees to confirm its opposition to unconventional gas extraction (including underground coal gasification, coal bed methane and fracking under West Lancashire and neighbouring local authority areas) until such time as the Council is satisfied as to the safety and regulation of the processes and the robustness of mechanisms to mitigate short and long term impacts.

The Council would expect that any adverse risks relating to community, environmental, transport and health impacts would be fully addressed should any proposals be submitted for planning consideration by the appropriate Authority.

This Council also calls on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the other Liverpool City Region local authorities to pass a similar motion.

Upon the request of a Member, prior to the vote being taken, the voting on the Motion was recorded as follows:

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

AGAINST: (NONE)

ABSTENTIONS: Councillors Ashcroft, Baybutt, Mrs Blake, Blane, Cairns, Currie, Mrs C Evans, C Marshall, Mrs Marshall, Mee, Ms Melling, Pendleton, Pope and Whittington (FOURTEEN)

The Motion was CARRIED.

- RESOLVED:**
- A. That West Lancashire believes that the effects of climate change are clearly apparent on the environment we all share. Fracking (hydraulic fracturing for shale gas) as an energy source negatively adds to global climate change and locally would:
 - Significantly contribute to Co2 and Methane emissions
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 - Increase the risk of any seismic activity from hydraulic fracturing which may impact on areas of population.
 - B. That this Council recognises the complexity of recent decisions by Lancashire County Council to refuse planning applications (to drill, fracture and flow test up to four wells at both Roseacre Wood and Preston New Road). These decisions highlight the continuing reservations and commonly held concerns regarding the impact of such operations, particularly in these locations relating to amenity, noise, transport and landscape grounds.
 - C. That this Council agrees to confirm its opposition to unconventional gas extraction (including underground coal gasification, coal bed methane and fracking under West Lancashire and neighbouring local authority areas) until such time as the Council is satisfied as to the safety and regulation of the processes and the robustness of mechanisms to mitigate short and long term impacts.
 - D. That this Council would expect that any adverse risks relating to community, environmental, transport and health impacts would be fully addressed should any proposals be submitted for planning consideration by the appropriate Authority.
 - E. That this Council also calls on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the other Liverpool City Region local authorities to pass a similar motion.

(Note: Councillor Aldridge, Barron, Gordon, O'Toole and D Westley left the meeting whilst this item was under considerations.)

**33 BEACON PARK GOLF CLUB MAGNIFICENT COMPETITION SUCCESS -
MOTION INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA BY COUNCILLOR ALDRIDGE ON
BEHALF OF THE LABOUR GROUP**

The following Motion was moved and seconded:

That this Council recognises the difficulties facing the Beacon Park Golf Club and its members during the course developments and congratulates them on their success in winning the South Lancashire Municipal Golf Clubs Association team championship held at Bowring Park Golf Course. Eight teams of fourteen players each competed for the trophy which can be seen at the Beacon Park Golf Clubhouse. It is a splendid success for Captain Tom Jackson, for his Team, and for West Lancashire.

RESOLVED That this Council recognises the difficulties facing the Beacon Park Golf Club and its members during the course developments and congratulates them on their success in winning the South Lancashire Municipal Golf Clubs Association team championship held at Bowring Park Golf Course. Eight teams of fourteen players each competed for the trophy which can be seen at the Beacon Park Golf Clubhouse. It is a splendid success for Captain Tom Jackson, for his Team, and for West Lancashire.

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THE MAYOR