

**Minutes of Council**

**Meeting date Tuesday, 18 April 2023**

**Committee Members present:** Councillor Julia Berry (Mayor), Councillor Tommy Gray (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Sarah Ainsworth, Aaron Beaver, Martin Boardman, Alistair Bradley, Sam Chapman, Mark Clifford, Alan Cullens, Magda Cullens, Gordon France, Margaret France, Danny Gee, Harold Heaton, Alex Hilton, Terry Howarth, Keith Iddon, Hasina Khan, Samir Khan, Zara Khan, Roy Lees, Adrian Lowe, Matthew Lynch, Michelle Le Marinel, June Molyneaux, Alistair Morwood, Dedrah Moss, Beverley Murray, James Nevett, Alan Platt, Debra Platt, Aidy Riggott, Jean Sherwood, Arjun Singh, Kim Snape, Ryan Towers, John Walker, Jenny Whiffen, Neville Whitham, Alan Whittaker and Peter Wilson

**Officers:** Chris Sinnott (Chief Executive), Chris Moister (Director of Governance/Monitoring Officer), Alison Wilding (Head of Customer Services), Darren Cranshaw (Head of Democratic Services), Clare Gornall (Democratic and Member Services Officer) and Matthew Pawlyszyn (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

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**89 Declarations of Any Interests**

No declarations of interests were made.

**90 Mayoral Announcements**

The Mayor announced that Councillors Walker, Boardman and Nevett were retiring from the Council in May and so this would be their last meeting. She offered her thanks for their valued contributions and service to the Council.

Tributes to the three retiring members were made by Councillors Cullens and Bradley.

## **91 Public Questions**

A question was received by a member of the public however at the request of the questioner it had now been withdrawn.

There were therefore no public questions for consideration.

## **92 Executive Cabinet**

Members considered a general report of the meetings of Executive Cabinet held on 23 February and 30 March.

The Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform, Councillor Alistair Bradley proposed the report and The Executive Member for Resources, Councillor Peter Wilson seconded, and it was;

**Resolved (Unanimously) that the report be noted.**

## **93 Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Task and Finish Groups**

Members considered a general report of the meetings of Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 26 January and 16 March, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Panel held on 9 March and an update on the Task Group – Review of Empty Properties.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor John Walker proposed the report and the Vice Chair, Councillor Roy Lees seconded, and it was;

**Resolved (Unanimously) that the report be noted.**

## **94 Governance Committee**

Members considered a general report of the Governance Committee meeting held on 15 March.

The Chair of the Governance Committee, Councillor Debra Platt proposed the report and the Vice Chair of Governance Committee, Councillor Mark Clifford seconded, and it was;

**Resolved (Unanimously) that the report be noted.**

## **95 Policy Review: Council Tax Discretionary Reductions Policy**

The Executive Member for Customer, Streetscene and Environment, Councillor Adrian Lowe, presented the report of the Director of Customer and Digital which proposed a revised and updated Council Tax Discretionary Reductions Policy.

It was moved by the Executive Member for Customer, Streetscene and Environment, Councillor Lowe, seconded by the Executive Leader, Councillor Alistair Bradley, and it was **Resolved (unanimously)**:

1. Council approves the revised Council Tax Discretionary Reductions Policy.
2. In view of the economic climate and the likely increase in applications, the financial position in respect of discretionary reductions is reviewed after 6 months.

**96 Questions Asked under Council Procedure Rule 8 (if any)**

No questions had been received.

**97 To consider the Notices of Motion (if any) given in accordance with Council procedure Rule 10**

A notice of motion was received, however it was not within the notice period specified in the Constitution.

The Mayor agreed that be considered as urgent under the next item.

**98 Any urgent business previously agreed with the Mayor**

**1) Minutes – 28 February 2023**

The Mayor agreed that the minutes of the last meeting of Council, held on 28 February 2023, be considered as an urgent item on the agenda.

The agenda item had been omitted in error and it was important, particularly as the municipal year is coming to end, that the business be considered at this meeting rather than delaying until the new municipal year.

It was moved by the Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform, Councillor Alistair Bradley, seconded by the Executive Member for Resources, Councillor Peter Wilson seconded, and it was;

**Resolved (unanimously)** That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2023 be approved.

**Notice of Motion – King Charles III – Coronation**

The Mayor agreed that due to the exceptional circumstances of the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III, that a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Alan Cullens be put to Council for consideration as an urgent item.

It was moved by Councillor Alan Cullens, seconded by Councillor Debra Platt, put to the vote and it was **Resolved (by majority with two abstentions 39:0:2)**:

“On the 6<sup>th</sup> May the people of Chorley will come together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

The nation continues to celebrate our monarchy which has given dedicated service to the people of Britain for generations and this Council recognises that and therefore proposes the following:

**This Council resolves to write to their Majesties offering them our congratulations on their Coronation and to give them our full support during their reign.”**

Chair

Date