

# Annual Council

**Tuesday, 14 May 2013**

**Present:** Councillor June Molyneaux (Mayor), Councillor John Walker (Deputy Mayor) and Ken Ball, Eric Bell, Julia Berry, Alistair Bradley, Terry Brown, Jean Cronshaw, Matthew Crow, Magda Cullens, John Dalton, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Graham Dunn, Dennis Edgerley, Robert Finnamore, Christopher France, Anthony Gee, Danny Gee, Peter Goldsworthy, Marie Gray, Alison Hansford, Harold Heaton, Steve Holgate, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, Paul Leadbetter, Roy Lees, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe, Greg Morgan, Mick Muncaster, Steve Murfitt, Beverley Murray, Mark Perks, Alan Platt, Pauline Phipps, Dave Rogerson, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell, Joyce Snape, Kim Snape, Ralph Snape, Paul Walmsley and Peter Wilson

## **Also in attendance**

**Officers:** Gary Hall (Chief Executive), Jamie Carson (Director of People and Places), Chris Moister (Head of Governance) and Carol Russell (Democratic Services Manager)

### **13.C.39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Mayor, Councillor June Molyneaux, welcomed Members to the Annual Meeting of the Council. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Henry Counce and Keith Iddon.

### **13.C.40 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest received.

### **13.C.41 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2013 OF COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED – that the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 16 April 2013 be confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.**

### **13.C.42 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2013/2014**

It was moved by Councillor Eric Bell and seconded by Councillor Greg Morgan that Councillor John Walker be elected as Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council Year.

**RESOLVED – that Councillor John Walker be elected as Mayor for the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council Year.**

*Councillor John Walker in the Chair*

The Mayor signed the declaration of acceptance of office and thanked all present for his election as Mayor. He informed Members that he would be undertaking fundraising activities throughout his Mayoral year in support of the Alzheimers Society; Derian House and smaller local charities. He introduced his wife, Mrs Marie Walker as his Mayoress for the year.

### **13.C.43 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2013/14**

It was moved by Councillor Anthony Gee and seconded by Councillor Steve Holgate that Councillor Roy Lees be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council Year.

**RESOLVED – That Councillor Roy Lees be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council Year.**

The Deputy Mayor signed the declaration of acceptance of office and introduced his wife Mrs Margaret Lees as his Deputy Mayoress for 2013/14.

### **13.C.44 PRESENTATION AND VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

The Mayor presented the Retiring Mayor, Councillor June Molyneaux with a portrait of herself in the Mayoral robes; a past Mayor's badge of office; and a plaque bearing the Council's Coat of Arms, as tokens of her past year of office as Mayor of Chorley. The Retiring Mayoress, Mrs Florence Molyneaux was presented with a past Mayoress's badge of office.

Political group leaders paid tribute to Councillor Molyneaux's Mayoral year which had included some very significant dates and events, the Olympics in London and the Olympic Torch being paraded through Chorley; events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, including meeting HRH the Queen in Hyndburn in 2012. Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader referred to the enthusiasm and sense of fun which Councillor June Molyneaux had brought to the role and congratulated her on a very successful year.

Councillor June Molyneaux responded referring to a very enjoyable year and the pride and pleasure she had had in fulfilling the office of Mayor. She thanked Councillor Bradley for his support as Executive Leader of the Council; Reverend Cox for serving as her Chaplain; and the Mayor's Secretary and Civic Attendants for their valuable assistance. She also thanked her mother, Mrs Florence Molyneaux for acting as her Mayoress for the year. Charity fundraising throughout the year had totalled over £7500. She presented a gift to the Council for use in the Mayor's Parlour.

### **13.C.45 APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE CABINET FOR 2013/2014**

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader informed the Council of his appointments to the Executive Cabinet for 2013/14 including a number of portfolio champion roles which would replace the role of lead member and which (subject to IRP approval) would receive an appropriate allowance.

He paid tribute to the work of Councillor Peter Goldsworthy who had stepped down from the role of Leader of the Conservative Group and had been replaced by Councillor Greg Morgan.

Appointments to the Executive Cabinet and Portfolio Champions for 2013/14 were reported as follows:

<b>EXECUTIVE CABINET</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
EXECUTIVE LEADER & EXECUTIVE MEMBER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GOVERNANCE)	A Bradley
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE LEADER & EXECUTIVE MEMBER (RESOURCES, POLICY & PERFORMANCE)	P Wilson
EXECUTIVE MEMBER (PEOPLE)	B Murray
EXECUTIVE MEMBER (PLACES)	A Lowe
EXECUTIVE MEMBER (LDF and PLANNING)	D Edgerley
EXECUTIVE MEMBER (HOMES and BUSINESS)	T Brown
<b>Portfolio Champions</b>	
Housing and Homelessness	S Murfitt
Development Control	J Molyneaux
Communities and Locality Working	G Dunn
Governance and Families	C France
Health Initiatives	J Berry
Retail and Trade	D Gee
Older People	J Cronshaw
Young People and Civic Engagement	M Crow
Rural Affairs	K Snape

**RESOLVED** – that the Executive Leader’s appointments to the Executive Cabinet for 2013/14 be noted.

**13.C.46 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER COUNCIL POSITIONS FOR 2013/2014**

The Council considered a schedule of nominations for the appointment of committees, working groups and panels in accordance with the political balance of the Council, together with nominations to Chair and Vice Chair positions and a list of shadow portfolio and support members.

Councillor Greg Morgan, Leader of the Conservative Group expressed his disappointment that once again the ruling group had chosen to take the position of Chair on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and this point was echoed by other Members of his Group. However the Conservative Group would take part in the scrutiny process this year and put forward nominations to the Committee.

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader proposed, Councillor Peter Wilson, Deputy Leader seconded and it was **RESOLVED** –

**1. That the following appointments be approved for 2013/14:**

<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE</b>
<b>S Holgate (Chair)</b> <b>M Perks (Vice Chair)</b> J Berry Doreen Dickinson G Dunn R Finnamore K Iddon	P Walmsley (Chair) D Rogerson (Vice Chair) H Caunce J Cronshaw J Dalton David Dickinson G Dunn

<p>H Khan R Lees M Lowe M Muncaster R Russell G Russell K Snape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>C France and M Crow were also appointed but withdrew after the Annual Meeting in order to achieve political balance following the rejoining of the Committee by the Conservative Group.</i></li> </ul>	<p>D Edgerley C France D Gee H Heaton J Molyneaux M Muncaster G Russell</p> <p>Substitute Members: M Crow R Fynamore K Iddon A Hansford</p>
<p><b>LICENSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE</b></p> <p><b>M Lowe (Chair)</b> <b>A Gee (Vice Chair)</b> J Cronshaw M Crow David Dickinson Doreen Dickinson D Gee K Iddon H Khan A Lowe M Muncaster S Murfitt P Phipps A Platt G Russell R Snape J Walker</p> <p>Substitute Members: G Dunn S Holgate</p>	<p><b>GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b></p> <p><b>J Berry (Chair)</b> <b>D Gee (Vice Chair)</b> E Bell T Brown M Crow J Cronshaw J Dalton P Goldsworthy H Heaton K Joyce H Khan P Leadbetter A Lowe J Molyneaux G Morgan B Murray R Snape</p>
<p><b>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p><b>P Leadbetter (Chair)</b> <b>A Hansford (Vice Chair)</b> J Berry G Dunn A Gee M Gray J Molyneaux A Platt</p>	<p><b>APPOINTMENTS PANEL</b></p> <p><b>A Bradley (Chair)</b> P Leadbetter A Lowe G Morgan S Murfitt R Snape J Walker P Wilson</p> <p>Plus relevant portfolio holder.</p>
<p><b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL</b></p> <p><b>A Bradley (Chair)</b> P Leadbetter G Morgan P Walmsley</p>	<p><b>HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS COMMITTEE</b> (Panels taken from 9 Members)</p> <p><b>M Lowe (Chair)</b> J Dalton G Dunn</p>

P Wilson	A Gee M Muncaster B Murray P Phipps R Russell J Walker
<b>EQUALITY FORUM</b>  <b>H Khan (Chair)</b> <b>S Murfitt (Vice Chair)</b> J Cronshaw A Hansford S Holgate R Russell	<b>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP</b>  <b>A Bradley (Chair)</b> <b>D Edgerley (Vice Chair)</b> H Caunce J Dalton R Fynamore D Gee P Goldsworthy H Heaton R Lees D Rogerson G Russell P Walmsley
<b>BOROUGH/PARISH LIAISON</b>  All Executive Cabinet Members	<b>LICENSING LIAISON</b>  <b>M Lowe (Chair)</b> <b>A Gee (Vice Chair)</b>
<b>CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP</b>  Executive Leader, Cabinet Members for Children's Trust (People) and Community Safety (Places), Leader of Opposition	<b>SHARED JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>  A Bradley M Crow P Leadbetter
<b>MEMBERS SUPPORT WORKING GROUP</b>  <b>J Molyneaux (Chair)</b> <b>D Rogerson (Vice Chair)</b> S Holgate A Hansford M Muncaster J Snape K Snape	

**2. That the following shadow positions for 2013/14 be noted:**

<b>Leader of the Conservative Group</b>	G Morgan	
<b>Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group</b>	P Leadbetter	
<b>SHADOW PORTFOLIO POSITIONS</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>Economic Development and Governance</b>	G Morgan	

<b>Resources, Policy and Performance</b>	K Joyce	P Leadbetter
<b>People</b>	P Leadbetter	R Russell
<b>Places</b>	E Bell	A Platt
<b>LDF and Planning</b>	H Heaton	G Russell
<b>Homes and Business</b>	A Hansford	M Gray
<b>SHADOW LEAD MEMBERS</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	
<b>Licensing</b>	K Iddon	
<b>Development Control</b>	G Russell	

### 13.C.47 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2013/2014

A schedule of nominations for the appointment of Council representatives on outside bodies for the forthcoming Council year was circulated.

Councillor Greg Morgan, Leader of the Conservative Group proposed and Councillor Paul Leadbetter seconded, that one representative on the Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee should be taken by Councillor Alison Hansford as a ward councillor. On being put to the vote the proposal was **LOST**.

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader proposed, Councillor Peter Wilson, Deputy Leader seconded and it was **RESOLVED – that the following appointments to outside bodies be approved for 2013/14:**

<b>NAME OF BODY</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVES</b>
Adlington Community Association	2	Councillor June Molyneaux and Mrs Florence Molyneaux (Labour Nominee)
Armed Force Champion (Preston, Chorley and South Ribble CVS)	1	Executive Member for People (Councillor Beverley Murray)
Brindle Village Hall Management Committee (Observer position)	1	Councillor David Dickinson
Chorley and District Neighbourhood Watch Association	1	Executive Member for Places (Councillor Adrian Lowe)
Chorley and District Sports Forum	2	Executive Member for People (Councillor Beverley Murray) and Councillor Mick Muncaster
Chorley and South Ribble Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee	1	Councillor Matthew Crow
Council for Voluntary Service Central Lancashire	1	Councillor Jean Cronshaw

<b>NAME OF BODY</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVES</b>
Chorley and South Ribble Disability Forum	1	Councillor Hasina Khan
Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility	1	Councillor June Molyneux
Chorley Churches Together	1	Councillor Jean Cronshaw
Chorley Community Housing Board	4	Councillors Steve Holgate, Marie Gray, Harold Heaton and Steve Murfitt
Chorley Consolidated Charity and Chorley Relief Fund	3	Councillor Anthony Gee (Appointed May 2010) Councillor Marie Gray (Appointed May 2010) Councillor Doreen Dickinson (Appointed July 2011) (NB Appointments are for a 5 year period and cannot be changed mid-period)
Chorley Local Children's Trust	1	Executive Member (People) Councillor Beverley Murray
Chorley Women's Centre	1	Councillor Julia Berry
Clayton-le-Woods Community Centre Management Committee	1	Councillor David Rogerson
Cuerden Valley Trust	1	Councillor Mick Muncaster
District Councils' Network	1	Executive Leader (Councillor Alistair Bradley)
Groundwork Trust Wigan and Chorley	1	Councillor Marion Lowe
Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee	2	Councillors Chris France and Kim Snape
Heskin Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor Paul Leadbetter
Hoghton Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor David Dickinson
Home-Start Chorley and South Ribble	1	Councillor Pauline Phipps
Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee (Co-opted member)	1	Councillor Julia Berry (Substitute Member - Councillor Jean Cronshaw)
Lancashire County Council Pensions Committee	1	Chair of Governance Committee (Councillor Paul Leadbetter)
Lancashire Enterprise Partnership	1	No allocation at present
Lancashire MIND	1	Councillor Doreen Dickinson
Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Forum	1	Councillor Jean Cronshaw

<b>NAME OF BODY</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVES</b>
Lancashire Police and Crime Panel	1	Executive Leader (Councillor Alistair Bradley) Substitute Member - Deputy Executive Leader (Councillor Peter Wilson)
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust - Governing Council	1	Councillor Julia Berry
Lancashire Tourism Forum	1	Executive Leader (Councillor Alistair Bradley) Substitute Member Councillor Terry Brown (Executive Member Homes and Business)
Lancashire Waste Management Strategy Group	1	Executive Member for Places (Councillor Adrian Lowe)
Local Development Framework Joint Advisory Committee	3	Executive Member for LDF and Planning (Councillor Dennis Edgerley), Councillors Harold Heaton and Paul Walmsley. (Substitutes Councillors Alistair Bradley, Geoff Russell and Dave Rogerson)
Local Government Association General Assembly	2	Executive Leader (Councillor Alistair Bradley) and Deputy Executive Leader (Councillor Peter Wilson)
Local Government Association Rural Commission	2	Executive Leader (Councillor Alistair Bradley) and Deputy Executive Leader (Councillor Peter Wilson)
Local Government Association Urban Commission	2	Executive Leader (Councillor Alistair Bradley) and Deputy Executive Leader (Councillor Peter Wilson)
Local Government Association Lancashire Branch	3	Executive Leader (Councillor Alistair Bradley), Deputy Executive Leader (Councillor Peter Wilson) and Leader of the Opposition (Councillor Greg Morgan)
Mawdesley Millennium Trust	1	Councillor Kevin Joyce
Mawdesley Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor Keith Iddon
North Western Local Authorities' Employers Organisation	1	Executive Member for Resources, Policy and Performance (Councillor Peter Wilson)  An employee of: (i) an organisation represented on the Trade Union Side of the Joint Council; or (ii) a local or Joint Authority and whose conditions of employment are within the scope of the Joint Council shall not be appointed as an Employers' representative (or substitute representative) on the Employers' Organisation. (Rule 5(d))



NAME OF BODY	NO	REPRESENTATIVES
PATROL Adjudication and Bus Lane Adjudication Joint Committee Service	1	Executive Member for Places (Councillor Adrian Lowe)
Preston Domestic Violence Services – Management Committee	1	Councillor Julia Berry
Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council	1	Councillor Steve Murfitt
Rivington Heritage Trust	1	Councillor Kim Snape
Rivington and Brinscall Advisory Group	3	Councillors Marie Gray, Chris France and Kim Snape
Runshaw College Community Liaison Group	4	Councillors Matthew Crow, Robert Fynamore and Geoff Russell and Sarah Ainsworth (Labour Nominee)
Runshaw Quarry – Liaison Group Meetings	1	Councillors Danny Gee (Euxton North Ward) and Geoff Russell (Euxton South Ward)
Safer Chorley and South Ribble Partnership (Responsible Authorities Group)	1	Executive Member for Places (Councillor Adrian Lowe)
The North West of England and the Isle of Man Reserved Forces and Cadets Assoc.	1	Councillor Graham Dunn
Three Tier Forum	7	Councillors Jean Cronshaw, Doreen Dickinson, Anthony Gee, Marie Gray, Alison Hansford, Hasina Khan and June Molyneaux
West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee	2	Councillors Marie Gray and Kim Snape

The Mayor to act in a Honorary Capacity for the following bodies:

- Chorley & District Choral Society
- Chorley Athletic Club
- Chorley Civic Society
- Chorley Consolidated Charity and Chorley Relief Fund
- Royal British Legion
- St Catherine's Hospice
- St John's Ambulance Association

### 13.C.48 PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2013/14

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader proposed, Councillor Peter Wilson, Deputy Leader seconded, and it was **RESOLVED – that the Council meetings in 2013/14 take place as follows:**

**16 July 2013**

**17 September 2013**

**26 November 2013 (Policy Council)**

**7 January 2014**

25 February 2014 (Budget Council)  
1 April 2014

**13.C.49 URGENT NOTICE OF MOTION: LOCAL PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF CHORLEY**

The Mayor had agreed to the following notice of motion proposed by Councillor Greg Morgan as Leader of the Conservative Group, and seconded by Councillor Paul Leadbetter as Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group, being considered by the Council on the grounds of urgency:

*“We propose that Chorley Council acts in unison by forwarding a letter, jointly signed by the party leaders, urging that the Secretary of State Eric Pickles takes action to bring to a close the process of agreeing a Local Plan for the Borough of Chorley. We believe that this is a matter of urgency and should enjoy unanimous support from all parties.”*

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader welcomed the motion, but asked Councillor Dennis Edgerley as the Executive Member for LDF and Planning, to clarify and expand on the issues causing the delay in the approval of the Local Plan.

Councillor Dennis Edgerley referred to the Inspector’s view that the Council’s gypsy/traveller assessment, which is valid until 2016 is inadequate and a new assessment will be undertaken in partnership with Preston and South Ribble Councils. He also referred to two other key elements which were contributing to the delay and which could be included in the letter, suggested by the motion. These were:

- a request of the Inspector to identify land for house building to allow for a slippage of 10% (approximately 500 dwellings). This was felt to be excessive and the Council were seeking to have this reduced.
- the Inspector’s challenge to the Council’s policy on protecting greenfield sites and ensuring the recycling of brownfield sites.

Councillor Edgerley suggested that an early discussion between Party Leaders take place to agree the contents of the letter and the possibility of a delegation to see a Planning Minister which Lindsay Hoyle MP had offered to facilitate.

**RESOLVED - That the motion submitted by Councillor Greg Morgan receive all party support and an early meeting of Party Leaders take place to agreed both the contents of the Letter to the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles and a delegation to see a Planning Minister about the approval of the Local Plan for Chorley.**

Chair