

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

MEETING DATE Tuesday, 15 May 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Mark Perks (Mayor), Councillor Margaret Lees (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Aaron Beaver, Martin Boardman, Alistair Bradley, Terry Brown, Paul Clark, Jean Cronshaw, Alan Cullens, John Dalton, Doreen Dickinson, Graham Dunn, Christopher France, Gordon France, Margaret France, Jane Fitzsimons, Anthony Gee, Danny Gee, Tom Gray, Yvonne Hargreaves, Steve Holgate, Keith Iddon, Hasina Khan, Zara Khan, Paul Leadbetter, Roy Lees, Sheila Long, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe, Matthew Lynch, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Alistair Morwood, Steve Murfitt, Beverley Murray, Debra Platt, Gillian Sharples, Joyce Snape, Kim Snape, Ralph Snape, John Walker, Paul Walmsley, Neville Whitham, Alan Whittaker and Peter Wilson

OFFICERS: Gary Hall (Chief Executive), Chris Sinnott (Director (Early Intervention and Support)), Asim Khan (Director (Customer and Digital)), Mark Lester (Director (Business, Development and Growth)), Rebecca Huddleston (Director (Policy and Governance)), Chris Moister (Head of Legal, Democratic and HR Services) and Ruth Rimmington (Democratic and Member Services Team Leader)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Eric Bell and Henry Counce

18.C.1 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 10 April 2018 of Council

Decision: That the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 10 April 2018 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

18.C.2 Declarations of Any Interests

There were no declarations of interests received.

18.C.3 Returning Officer's Report

The Mayor congratulated all those Councillors who had been elected or re-elected on 3 May 2018 and in particular welcomed the three new councillors and one returning councillor.

The Returning Officer's report indicated election results as follows:

Ward	Councillor
Adlington and Anderton	Graham Dunn
Astley and Buckshaw	Matthew Lynch
Chisnall	Alan Whittaker
Chorley East	Hasina Khan
Chorley North East	Alistair Morwood
Chorley North West	Ralph Snape
Chorley South East	Beverley Murray
Chorley South West	Roy Lees
Clayton-Le-Woods and Whittle-Le-Woods	Eric Bell
Clayton-Le-Woods North	Yvonne Hargreaves
Clayton-Le-Woods West and Cuerden	Neville Whitham
Coppull	Steve Holgate
Eccleston and Mawdesley	Keith Iddon
Euxton North	Thomas Gray
Euxton South	Gillian Sharples
Pennine	Gordon France
Wheelton and Withnell	Margaret France

Decision: that the report be noted.

18.C.4 Election of the Mayor for the Council Year 2018/19

It was formally proposed by Councillor Tony Gee, and seconded by Councillor Adrian Lowe, that Councillor Margaret Lees be elected as Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council Year.

Decision: that Councillor Margaret Lees be elected as Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council year.

18.C.5 Election of the Deputy Mayor for the council year 2018/19

It was formally proposed by Councillor John Walker, and seconded by Councillor Alan Cullens, that Councillor Greg Morgan be elected as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Council Year. Councillor Morgan introduced his Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Jocelyn Morgan.

Decision: that Councillor Greg Morgan be elected as Deputy Mayor for the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council year.

There was a brief adjournment to allow the Retiring Mayor and Mayoress; the newly elected Mayor and her Consort; and the newly elected Deputy Mayor and Mayoress to exchange robes and badges of office.

Councillor Margaret Lees in the Chair

On resuming the meeting, Councillor Margaret Lees signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Mayor, and thanked Councillors for her appointment. She introduced her Consort for the year, her husband Councillor Roy Lees and presented him with his badge of office.

Councillor Greg Morgan signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Deputy Mayor, and thanked Councillors for his appointment.

18.C.6 Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor

The Mayor referred to the Retiring Mayor, Councillor Mark Perks year of office, along with his Mayoress, Mrs Pat Haughton, and how they had served as first class ambassadors for Chorley.

Political group Leaders also paid tribute to the Retiring Mayor and Mayoress for a very successful year and the positive work undertaken with young people in conjunction with Young Adaction and Lancashire MIND.

Councillor Mark Perks responded, thanking Councillors for their kind words and their support over the year. He noted that there had been challenges through the year with being a carer for his mother. He thanked his Mayoress, Mrs Pat Haughton, and the Civics team for their support and assistance.

Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor advised that her chosen charities are Derian House Children's Hospice, Homestart Central Lancashire and Chorley Mencap.

The Mayor invited all members to Civic Sunday for the mayoral procession to St Laurence's Church for a service at 11.30am.

The Mayor advised that her first charity event, a Golf Tournament at Duxbury Park Golf Course, will be held on Monday 18 June. Councillors Hasina and Zara Khan are aiming to fast for a full 30 days for Ramadan and all money raised will go to the Mayor's Charities.

18.C.7 Executive Cabinet appointments for 2018/19

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader informed the Council of his appointments to the Executive Cabinet for 2018/19.

Appointments to the Executive Cabinet and portfolio support roles were reported as follows:

Portfolio	Executive Member
<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM Lead Director: Mark Lester / Rebecca Huddleston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business growth and inward investment • Employment and skills • Asset Management • Town Centre (including Market Walk and car parking) • Public Service Reform (including combined authority and shared services) • Parks and Open Spaces development • Planning and housing policy 	<p>Alistair Bradley</p>

<p>RESOURCES Lead Director: Rebecca Huddleston / Gary Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance • Corporate Strategy and improvement • Transformation • Communications and events • Support services • Astley Hall and Cultural Assets 	<p>Peter Wilson</p>
<p>EARLY INTERVENTION Lead Director: Chris Sinnott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated community wellbeing service • Volunteering and VCFS • Community Centre Management • Neighbourhood working and community development • Community safety • Environmental Health 	<p>Bev Murray</p>
<p>HOMES AND HOUSING Lead Director: Chris Sinnott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing options, advice and supported housing • Home improvement service • Private sector housing • Primrose Gardens 	<p>Jane Fitzsimons</p>
<p>PUBLIC PROTECTION Lead Director: Asim Khan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Control • Enforcement, including Building Control, Licensing, Empty Properties and Neighbourhood Officers (fly tipping) 	<p>Paul Walmsley</p>
<p>CUSTOMER, ADVICE AND STREETSCENE SERVICES Lead Director: Asim Khan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Cleansing • Grounds Maintenance • Streetscene Improvements • ICT • Customer Services • Revenues and Benefits • Single Front Office • Waste collection 	<p>Adrian Lowe</p>
<p>Lead Member for Chorley Integrated Community Wellbeing Service:</p>	
<p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Chorley Integrated Community Wellbeing Service Executive Steering Group • Council Champion for Health and Wellbeing • Observer role on Public Services Reform Board 	<p>Margaret France</p>

Lead Member for Shared Services and Joint Working	
To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of shared service joint committee • Lead role for developing sub-regional partnerships, including Lancashire Combined Authority • Council Champion for Shared Services 	Graham Dunn
Lead Member for Equality and Diversity:	
To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of the Equality Forum • Council Champion for Equality and Diversity • Lead representative on outside bodies on equality issues 	Hasina Khan
Member Responsible for:	
Town Centre & Assets Customer, Digital & Community Development Economic Development and Skills Governance and Audit	Danny Gee Matthew Alistair Morwood Anthony Gee
Council Champion for:	
Democratic and Member Services Older People Rural Communities Young People Strategic Development & Planning Public Protection & Animal Welfare Enforcement and Adoptions	Margaret Lees Jean Cronshaw Alan Whittaker Zara Khan Roy Lees Marion Lowe Kim Snape

18.C.8 Appointments to committees, panels and working groups for 2018/19

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 positions.

The Executive Leader Councillor Alistair Bradley proposed, the Deputy Leader Councillor Peter Wilson seconded, and the **Decision that the following appointments be approved for 2018/19:**

COMMITTEES	LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	INDEPENDENT GROUP
<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14 Members)</p> <p>(10:4:0)</p>	<p>1 Alistair Morwood (Vice-Chair) 2 Paul Clark 3 Chris France 4 Yvonne Hargreaves 5 Steve Holgate 6 Matthew Lynch 7 June Molyneaux 8 Steve Murfitt 9 Gillian Sharples 10 Kim Snape</p>	<p>1 John Walker (Chair) 2 Paul Leadbetter 3 Greg Morgan 4 Debra Platt</p>	
<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL (6 Members)</p> <p>(4:2:0)</p>	<p>1 Alistair Morwood (Vice-Chair) 2 Matthew Lynch 3 June Molyneaux 4 Kim Snape</p>	<p>1 John Walker (Chair) 2 Greg Morgan</p>	
<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK GROUP – HOUSING</p>	<p>1 Matthew Lynch (Chair) Ongoing membership</p>		
<p>DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (15 Members)</p> <p>(11:4:0)</p> <p>3 x substitute Members per group</p>	<p>1 June Molyneaux (Chair) 2 Chris France (Vice-Chair) 3 Gordon France 4 Danny Gee 5 Tommy Gray 6 Yvonne Hargreaves 7 Alistair Morwood 8 Steve Murfitt 9 Paul Walmsley 10 Neville Whitham 11 Alan Whittaker</p> <p>1 Aaron Beaver 2 Jean Cronshaw 3 Graham Dunn</p>	<p>1 Martin Boardman 2 Henry Counce 3 John Dalton 4 Keith Iddon</p> <p>1 Eric Bell 2 Paul Leadbetter 3 Sheila Long</p>	
<p>LICENSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (15 Members)</p> <p>(10:3:2)</p> <p>2 x substitute Members per group</p>	<p>1 Marion Lowe (Chair) 2 Matthew Lynch (Vice-Chair) 3 Jean Cronshaw 4 Gordon France 5 Margaret France 6 Tommy Gray 7 Steve Holgate 8 Hasina Khan 9 Roy Lees 10 Adrian Lowe</p> <p>1 Aaron Beaver 2 Steve Murfitt</p>	<p>1 Doreen Dickinson 2 Sheila Long 3 John Walker</p> <p>1 P Leadbetter 2 D Platt</p>	<p>1 Joyce Snape 2 Ralph Snape</p>

COMMITTEES	LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	INDEPENDENT GROUP
ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CHORLEY COUNCIL COMMITTEE (9 Members) (7:2:0) 2 x Substitutes from each Group	1 Alistair Bradley (Chair) 2 Jane Fitzsimons 3 Danny Gee 4 Steve Holgate 5 Adrian Lowe 6 Alan Whittaker 7 Peter Wilson 1 Paul Walmsley 2 Margaret France	1 Paul Leadbetter 2 John Walker 1 Debra Platt 2 John Dalton	
EQUALITY FORUM (4 Members) (3:1:0)	1 Hasina Khan (Chair) 2 Jean Cronshaw 3 Zara Khan	1 Sheila Long	
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP (12 Members) (8:4:0)	1 Alistair Bradley (Chair) 2 Paul Walmsley (Vice-Chair) 3 Christopher France 4 Margaret France 5 Danny Gee 6 Roy Lees 7 Neville Whitham 8 Alan Whittaker	1 Martin Boardman 2 John Dalton 3 Paul Leadbetter 4 Debra Platt	
MARKET WALK STEERING GROUP (7 Members) (5:2:0) 1 x Substitute from each Group	1 Alistair Bradley (Chair) 2 Tommy Gray 3 Zara Khan 4 Alistair Morwood 5 Peter Wilson 1 Danny Gee	1 Eric Bell 2 Greg Morgan 1 Paul Leadbetter	
MEMBERS SUPPORT WORKING GROUP (7 Members) (5:1:1)	1 Margaret Lees (Chair) 2 Gordon France (Vice Chair) 3 Aaron Beaver 4 Hasina Khan 5 June Molyneaux	1 Doreen Dickinson	1 Joyce Snape

COMMITTEES	LABOUR GROUP	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	INDEPENDENT GROUP
<p>SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE (5 Members)</p> <p>(4:1:0)</p> <p>1 x Substitute from each Group</p>	<p>1 Alistair Bradley (Chair) 2 Graham Dunn 3 Alistair Morwood 4 Peter Wilson</p> <p>1 Chris France</p>	<p>1 Alan Cullens</p> <p>1 Martin Boardman</p>	
<p>SHARED SERVICES APPOINTMENTS PANEL (3 Members)</p> <p>(2:1:0)</p> <p>1 x Substitute from each Group</p>	<p>1 Alistair Bradley 2 Peter Wilson</p> <p>1 Graham Dunn</p>	<p>1 Alan Cullens</p> <p>1 Martin Boardman</p>	
<p>INTEGRATED COMMUNITY WELLBEING SERVICE EXECUTIVE STEERING GROUP (3 Members)</p> <p>(2:1:0)</p>	<p>1 Bev Murray 2 Margaret France</p>	<p>1 Sheila Long</p>	
<p>CHORLEY LIAISON Chair: Vice Chair:</p> <p>The 8 Chairs of the Neighbourhood Area Meetings plus one other Councillor representing Chorley town</p>	<p>Chairs of all 8 Neighbourhood areas - to be appointed at the first Neighbourhood Meetings of the year in June/July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chorley Town East - Alistair Morwood • Chorley Town West - Roy Lees • Clayton and Whittle - Eric Bell • Eastern Parishes - Gordon France • Western Parishes - Doreen Dickinson • Euxton, Astley and Buckshaw - Danny Gee • South Eastern Parishes - Kim Snape • Southern Parishes - Alan Whittaker • Chorley Town Area - Alistair Bradley 		
<p>LICENSING LIAISON Chair and Vice Chair of Licensing & Public Services Committee plus Executive Member for Public Protection</p>	<p>1 Marion Lowe 2 Matthew Lynch 3 Paul Walmsley (Executive Member)</p>		

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PUBLIC SERVICES TRANSFORMATION WORKING GROUP (8 Members) (6:2:0)	1 Alistair Bradley (Chair) 2 Steve Holgate 3 Adrian Lowe 4 Steve Murfitt 5 Gillian Sharples 6 Alan Whittaker	1 Alan Cullens 2 Martin Boardman	
TOWN TEAM (4 Members including Executive Member for Resources – plus County Councillors) (3:1:0)	1 Danny Gee (Chair) 2 Matthew Lynch 3 Peter Wilson Tommy Gray to attend as observer with role of Town Centre Redevelopment Lead	1 Eric Bell	
CHORLEY PUBLIC SERVICES REFORM EXECUTIVE (2 representatives) (1:1:0)	1 Alistair Bradley Graham Dunn (Observer) Margaret France (Observer)	1 Alan Cullens	

SHADOW CABINET APPOINTMENTS

Leader of the Opposition, Economic Development and Public Services Reform (less business growth, employment and skills)	Alan Cullens
Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Resources and Public Protection	Martin Boardman
Early Intervention	Debra Platt
Homes and Housing (plus business growth, employment and skills)	Greg Morgan
Customer	Paul Leadbetter
Streetscene Services	Eric Bell

18.C.9 Appointments to outside bodies for 2018/19

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

The Executive Leader Councillor Alistair Bradley proposed, Councillor Peter Wilson seconded, the **Decision that appointments to outside bodies be approved as follows:**

No.	NAME OF BODY	NO OF REPS	REPRESENTATIVES	EXPIRY DATE
1.	Adactus Board (Now Jigsaw	Now	Councillor Roy Lees +	May 2019

No.	NAME OF BODY	NO OF REPS	REPRESENTATIVES	EXPIRY DATE
	Homes)	1	Substitute TBC	
2.	Adlington Community Association	2	Councillor June Molyneux and Mrs Florence Molyneux (Labour Nominee)	May 2019
3.	Armed Forces Champion (Central Lancashire CVS)	1	Councillor Aaron Beaver	May 2019
4.	Brindle Village Hall Management Committee (Observer position)	1	TBC	May 2019
5.	Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee	3	Executive Leader – Councillor Alistair Bradley and Councillors Paul Walmsley and Martin Boardman (Substitute Councillors Roy Lees, Chris France and Paul Leadbetter)	May 2019
6.	Chorley and District Neighbourhood Watch Association	1	Executive Member for Early Intervention - Councillor Beverley Murray	May 2019
7.	Chorley and South Ribble Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee	1	Councillor Gordon France	May 2019
8.	Chorley and South Ribble Disability Forum	1	Councillor Hasina Khan	May 2019
9.	Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility	1	Councillor June Molyneux	May 2019
10.	Chorley Consolidated Charity and Chorley Relief Fund	3	Councillor Anthony Gee (Appointed May 2015) Councillor Jean Cronshaw (Appointed May 2015) Councillor Doreen Dickinson (Appointed May 2016) (NB Appointments are for a 5 year period and cannot be changed mid-period)	May 2020 May 2020 May 2021

No.	NAME OF BODY	NO OF REPS	REPRESENTATIVES	EXPIRY DATE
11.	Chorley Football Club Community Trust	1	Executive Member for Early Intervention - Councillor Beverley Murray	May 2019
12.	Chorley Sports Forum	2	Executive Member for Early Intervention - Councillor Beverley Murray and Councillor John Walker	May 2019
13.	Chorley Women's Centre Committee	1	Councillor Margaret France	May 2019
14.	Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire Children's Partnership Board	1	Councillor Zara Khan	May 2019
15.	Clayton-le-Woods Community Centre Management Committee	1	David Rogerson (Labour nominee)	May 2019
16.	Cuerden Valley Trust	1	Councillor Neville Whitham	May 2019
17.	District Councils' Network	1	Executive Leader - Councillor Alistair Bradley	May 2019
18.	Growth Lancashire Ltd Company - Board	1	Executive Leader - Councillor Alistair Bradley Substitute Cllr Alistair Morwood	May 2019
19.	Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee	2	Councillors Chris France and Gordon France	May 2019
20.	Heskin Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor Paul Leadbetter	May 2019
21.	Hoghton Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor Sheila Long	May 2019
22.	Home-Start Chorley and South Ribble	1	Councillor Margaret Lees	May 2019
23.	Lancashire Combined Authority (Shadow)	1	Executive Leader - Councillor Alistair Bradley (Substitute - Councillor Graham Dunn)	May 2019
24.	Lancashire County Council - Wellbeing, Prevention and		Councillor Margaret France	May 2019

No.	NAME OF BODY	NO OF REPS	REPRESENTATIVES	EXPIRY DATE
	Early Help Advisory Board			
25.	Lancashire County Council – Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee (Co-opted member)	1	Councillor Margaret France (Substitute - Councillor Jean Cronshaw)	May 2019
26.	Lancashire County Council Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) Scrutiny Task Group	1	Councillor Graham Dunn	May 2019
27.	Lancashire Neighbourhood Watch Forum	1	Councillor Jean Cronshaw	May 2019
28.	Lancashire Police and Crime Panel	1	Executive Leader - Councillor Alistair Bradley (Substitute, Deputy Executive Leader - Councillor Peter Wilson)	May 2019
29.	Lancashire Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – Governing Council (3 year appointment)	1	Executive Leader – Councillor Alistair Bradley	May 2019
30.	Lancashire Waste Partnership	1	Executive Member for Customer, Advice and Streetscene Services - Councillor Adrian Lowe	May 2019
31.	Local Government Association (Lancashire Branch)	1 (2)	Executive Leader - Councillor Alistair Bradley Deputy Executive Leader - Councillor Peter Wilson and Leader of the Opposition - Councillor Alan Cullens (Observers)	May 2019
32.	Local Government Association General Assembly and associated groups	2	Executive Leader - Councillor Alistair Bradley and Deputy Executive Leader - Councillor Peter Wilson	May 2019
33.	Mawdesley Millennium Trust	1	Councillor Martin Boardman	May 2019
34.	Mawdesley Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor Keith Iddon	May 2019

No.	NAME OF BODY	NO OF REPS	REPRESENTATIVES	EXPIRY DATE
35.	North Western Local Authorities' Employers Organisation	1	Executive Member for Resources - Councillor Peter Wilson	May 2019
36.	PATROL Adjudication and Bus Lane Adjudication Joint Committee Service	1	Executive Member for Customer, Advice and Streetscene Services - Councillor Adrian Lowe	May 2019
37.	Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council	1	Councillor Paul Clark	May 2019
38.	Preston Domestic Violence Services – Management Committee	1	Councillor Margaret France	May 2019
39.	Rivington and Brinscall Advisory Group	3	Councillors Chris France, Margaret France and Kim Snape	May 2019
40.	Rivington Heritage Trust	1	Councillor Kim Snape	May 2019
41.	Runshaw College Community Liaison Group	4	Councillors John Dalton, Anthony Gee, Danny Gee, Alistair Morwood	May 2019
42.	Rural Services Network	1	Councillor Alan Whittaker	May 2019
43.	Safer Chorley and South Ribble Partnership (Responsible Authorities Group)	1	Councillor Marion Lowe	May 2019
44.	The North West of England and the Isle of Man Reserved Forces and Cadets Association	1	Councillor Aaron Beaver	May 2019
45.	West Pennine Moors Area Management Committee	2	Councillors Gordon France and Kim Snape	May 2019
46.	Clayton Hall Landfill Liaison Cttee	1	Councillor Neville Whitham	May 2019

18.C.10 Council Meetings 2018/19

Councillors noted the programme of Council Meetings for 2018/19 as follows:

- Tuesday, 24 July 2018 at 6.30pm
- Tuesday, 18 September 2018 at 6.30pm
- Tuesday, 20 November 2018 at 6.30pm
- Tuesday, 22 January 2019 at 6.30pm

- Tuesday, 26 February 2019 at 6.30pm
- Tuesday, 9 April 2019 at 6.30pm
- Tuesday, 14 May 2019 at 6.30pm

18.C.11 General Data Protection Regulations

Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member for Resources, presented the report of the Director (Policy and Governance).

The EU General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will come into force on 25 May 2018. These introduce a new data protection regime to be enforced against any organisation doing business or providing services within the European Economic Area. This includes Local Government.

The GDPR provide new principles to be applied placing new obligations on data holders and new rights are granted to data owners. There is also a new role created who is responsible for the monitoring of the Data Protection regime in each organisation, the Data Protection Officer.

A Member Learning Session has been scheduled on 24 July, prior to the next Council meeting, all about the impact of GDPR, in addition to the elearning course made available to all members.

The Executive Member for Resources, Councillor Peter Wilson proposed and the Executive Leader, Councillor Alistair Bradley seconded the **Decision**

- 1. To approve the adoption of the policies contained at Appendix 1.**
- 2. To approve the appointment of the Council's Monitoring Officer, the Head of Legal, Democratic and HR Services to the role of Data Protection Officer.**

18.C.12 LCC Transformation Fund - additional budget request

The Executive Leader, Councillor Alistair Bradley presented the report of the Director (Policy and Governance).

This report provides a summary of the current financial position regarding the provision of Council-funded bus services within Chorley. It also outlines the proposals to move to a tendered solution, to provide a more sustainable suite of subsidised bus provision, funded by the Council, and LCC within the borough.

The overall subsidy contribution funds four current routes. The current cost arrangements are expensive, and are not sustainable. Over recent months, a significant amount of work has taken place between both Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council to seek a more sustainable approach to the provision of these routes within Chorley.

In order to deliver more sustainable bus services, and increase LCC funding into the subsidised routes, the existing routes have been re-designed into three routes combining the majority of the current 7C and 6/6A provision into a new 357 service. Details of these routes are outlined within the report.

As the initial 12 month tender will span both the 18/19 and 19/20 financial year, approval is sought to support the current subsidy, and new tendered arrangements until 30 September 2019.

The Executive Leader, Councillor Alistair Bradley proposed and the Deputy Leader, Councillor Peter Wilson seconded the **Decision**

- 1. To increase the 2018/19 LCC Transformation Fund budget by £58,000, to a total of £158,000 to subsidised bus services in the borough.**
- 2. That the awarding of the Tender for the proposed 357 service, be awarded by the Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform via an EMD once a cost tender exercise has been undertaken by LCC.**

18.C.13 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Decision: that the press and public be excluded for the remaining items of business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

18.C.14 Properties for the Syrian Refugee Programme

The Executive Member (Homes and Housing), Councillor Jane Fitzsimons presented the confidential report of the Director (Early Intervention and Support).

The preferred option is for the council to seek to purchase properties that will be used to house refugees as part of the Syrian Refugee Programme. The rationale for this proposal is that it provides the council the best opportunity to manage the programme so that the refugee families are well-supported and become well integrated into the community. In addition, following the end of the programme, the council will have assets in the properties that can be used in the future.

Members discussed the different options considered. Councillor Alan Cullens, Leader of the Opposition expressed concern about the timescales involved and the town centre location of the proposed properties. He suggested that rental properties should be the preferred option. He queried the costing within the report and the options if properties cannot be purchased and renovated for when the refugees arrive.

Councillor Fitzsimons explained that timescales are tight, but that the Council, as a community leader, is best placed to ensure that the refugees are supported in settling in Chorley, with access to services and education. Until the Council knew the families were coming it was not possible to purchase properties, but long term the proposal will increase the Council asset base, in line with the proposal for the housing company.

The Executive Member (Homes and Housing), Councillor Jane Fitzsimons proposed and the Executive Leader, Councillor Alistair Bradley seconded the **Decision**

- 1. To increase the Capital Programme by £1.672 million for the purpose of purchasing 10 properties and that prudential borrowing is used to fund this purchase.**
- 2. To set aside a revenue reserve of £60k to create a building maintenance fund to bring any homes that require refurbishment up to the necessary standard.**

Mayor

Date