

**Minutes of Council**

**Meeting date Tuesday, 30 January 2024**

**Committee Members present:** Councillor Tommy Gray (Mayor), Councillor Gordon France (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Tommy Gray, Gordon France, Sarah Ainsworth, Aaron Beaver, Julia Berry, Alistair Bradley, Michelle Brown, Mark Clifford, Alan Cullens, Margaret France, Danny Gee, Christine Heydon, Alex Hilton, Terry Howarth, Michelle Beach, Roy Lees, Adrian Lowe, Matthew Lynch, Pauline McGovern, June Molyneaux, Alistair Morwood, Dedrah Moss, Beverley Murray, Alan Platt, Debra Platt, Aidy Riggott, Jean Sherwood, Chris Snow, Arjun Singh, Kim Snape, Ryan Towers, Jenny Whiffen, Neville Whitham, Alan Whittaker, Joan Williamson and Peter Wilson

**Committee Members present virtually (non-voting):** Councillor Samantha Martin

**Officers:** Chris Sinnott (Chief Executive), Chris Moister (Director of Governance/Monitoring Officer), Louise Mattinson (Director of Finance/Section 151 Officer), Asim Khan (Director of Customer and Digital), Caroline Wolfenden (Director of Change and Delivery) and Gayle Wootton (Director of Planning and Property)

**Apologies:** Councillor Karen Derbyshire, Hasina Khan, Samir Khan, Zara Khan and Craige Southern

20 members of the public

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## **68 Declarations of Any Interests**

No declarations of interests were made.

## 69 Minutes

**Resolved (unanimously) that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 21 November 2023 and the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 17 January 2024 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.**

## 70 Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor offered his congratulations to the Chorley Lions Running Club who had been awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service.

He also reminded members about his Roaring 20s Charity Ball on 1 March.

## 71 Public Questions

There were no public questions for consideration.

## 72 Executive Cabinet

Members considered a general report of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet meetings held on 12 October, 9 November, 7 December and 18 January 2024.

The Executive Leader, Councillor Alistair Bradley proposed and the Deputy Leader, Councillor Peter Wilson seconded, and it was **Resolved (unanimously) that the report be noted.**

## 73 Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Task and Finish Groups

Members considered a general report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 5 October and 25 January 2024, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Panel held on 23 November and 11 January 2024 and Task Group update.

Councillor Riggott noted the forthcoming Scrutiny Task Group on suicide and suicide prevention would be starting soon and requested members contact Democratic Services if they wished to join.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Aidy Riggott proposed the report and the Vice Chair, Councillor Roy Lees seconded, and it was **Resolved (Unanimously) that the report be noted.**

## 74 Governance Committee

Members considered a general report of the Governance Committee meeting held on 27 September, 29 November and 17 January 2024.

The Chair of the Governance Committee, Councillor Alan 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.**

## 75 Fees and Charges

The Deputy Leader, Councillor Peter Wilson, presented the report of the Director of Finance which recommended an uplift in garden waste collection charges.

At the Executive Cabinet meeting in January members approved changes to the council's fees and charges as part of the annual review and budget setting process. As the recommendation would result in a change to the budget in excess of £100k, full Council approval was required.

The recommended increase of £5 to £37.50 per subscription would generate an additional £125,000 of revenue for the Council. This equated to an increase of just less than 10p per week per subscription.

The Deputy Leader, Councillor Peter Wilson proposed and the Executive Member (Customer, Streetscene and Environment), Councillor Adrian Lowe seconded, and it was **Resolved (unanimously) To approve an increase of £5 per annum on the current annual garden waste charge.**

## **76 Recycling and Waste Strategy**

The Executive Member (Customer, Streetscene and Environment), Councillor Adrian Lowe, presented the report of the Director of Customer and Digital which presented a new Recycling and Waste Strategy for approval.

The strategy was designed to drive Chorley towards meeting waste reduction and recycling targets as required in the Environment Act 2021 and the Resources and Waste Strategy for England.

The strategy supported the ambition set in Chorley's Climate Change Strategy to achieve net-zero carbon status by 2030.

There were some new statutory waste collection obligations that would require significant changes in the coming years.

The Executive Member (Customer, Streetscene and Environment), Councillor Adrian Lowe proposed and the Deputy Portfolio Holder (Customer, Streetscene and Environment), Councillor Jean Sherwood seconded, and it was **Resolved (unanimously)**

- 1. To approve the strategy and action plan**
- 2. To approve the budget requirement for local priority actions.**

## **77 Questions Asked under Council Procedure Rule 8**

No questions were asked.

## **78 To consider the Notices of Motion given in accordance with Council procedure Rule 10**

No Notices of Motion were received.

Mayor

Date