

Minutes of Council

Meeting date Tuesday, 17 May 2022

Committee Members present: Steve Holgate (Mayor), Councillor Julia Berry (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Sarah Ainsworth, Aaron Beaver, Martin Boardman, Alistair Bradley, Sam Chapman, Mark Clifford, Alan Cullens, Magda Cullens, Karen Derbyshire, Gordon France, Margaret France, Danny Gee, Tom Gray, Harold Heaton, Alex Hilton, Terry Howarth, Keith Iddon, Hasina Khan, Samir Khan, Zara Khan, Roy Lees, Adrian Lowe, 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

Committee Members present virtually (non-voting): Councillor Matthew Lynch

Officers: Gary Hall (Chief Executive), Chris Sinnott (Deputy Chief Executive), Asim Khan (Director of Customer and Digital), Mark Lester (Director of Commercial and Property), Chris Moister (Director of Governance/Monitoring Officer), Jennifer Mullin (Director of Communities), Jonathan Noad (Director of Planning and Development), Darren Cranshaw (Shared Services Lead - Democratic, Scrutiny and Electoral Services) and Ruth Rimmington (Democratic Services Team Leader)

1 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 19 April 2022 of Council

Resolved (unanimous) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 April 2022 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Mayor.

2 Declarations of Any Interests

There were no declarations of interests received.

3 Mayoral Announcements

Welcomed newly elected members and the new Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Alan Cullens, to the meeting

The Mayor reminded members of the sponsored fast for Ramadan.

4 Public Questions

There were no public questions for consideration.

5 Returning Officer's report

The Returning Officer, Gary Hall, presented his report.

The Mayor congratulated all those Councillors who had been elected or re-elected on 5 May 2022 and in particular welcomed the new and returning Councillors.

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

Ward	Councillor
Adlington and Anderton	June Molyneaux
Buckshaw and Whittle	Dedrah Cecelia Moss
Chorley East	Zara Khan
Chorley North and Astley	Alistair William Morwood
Chorley North East	Jenny Whiffen
Chorley North West	Matthew John Lynch
Chorley South East and Heath Charnock	Samir Khan
Chorley South West	Terry Howarth
Clayton East, Brindle and Hoghton	Michelle Le Marinel
Clayton West and Cuerden	Neville Grant Whitham
Coppull	Ryan Towers
Croston, Mawdesley and Euxton South	Alan Platt
Eccleston, Heskin and Charnock Richard	Arjun Singh
Euxton	Tommy Gray

Resolved: (unanimously) that the report be noted.

6 Election of the Mayor for the council year 2022/23

It was proposed by Councillor Alex Hilton, and seconded by Councillor Ryan Towers, that Councillor Julia Berry be elected as Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council Year.

Resolved: (unanimously) that Councillor Julia Berry be elected as Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council Year.

7 Election of the Deputy Mayor for the council year 2022/23

It was proposed by Councillor Danny Gee, and seconded by Councillor Adrian Lowe, that Councillor Tommy Gray be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council Year.

Resolved: (unanimously) that Councillor Tommy Gray be elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Chorley for the forthcoming Council Year.

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

Councillor Julia Berry in the Chair

On resuming the meeting, Councillor Julia Berry signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Mayor, and thanked Councillors for her appointment.

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

8 Tributes to the retiring Mayor

The Mayor thanked the Retiring Mayor, Councillor Steve Holgate year of office, along with his Mayoress, for their hard work as 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 in support of their charities.

Councillor Steve Holgate responded, thanking Councillors for their kind words and their support over the year. He thanked his Mayoress, the Mayor's Secretary and the Civics team for their support and assistance.

Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor invited all Members to attend the Civic Dinner on 22 May and Civic Sunday on 3 July.

9 Executive Cabinet appointments for 2022/23

Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader informed the Council of his appointments to the Executive Cabinet for 2022/23. He welcomed Councillor Terry Howarth as the new Executive Member for Homes and Housing.

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

Portfolio	Executive Member
<p>Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform Lead Directors: Mark Lester / Chris Sinnott / Jonathan Noad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Management • Business support and inward investment • Major Projects and Developments • Wholly owned companies • Town Centre (including Market Walk and car parking) • Public Service Reform (including combined authority and shared services development) • Local Plan 	Alistair Bradley
<p>Executive Member for Resources Lead Directors: Chris Sinnott / Louise Mattinson / Chris Moister</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance • Corporate Strategy and improvement • Transformation • Communications and events • Support services • Astley Hall and Cultural Assets 	Peter Wilson
<p>Executive Member for Early Intervention Lead Director: Jennifer Mullin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering and VCFS • Community Centre Management • Neighbourhood working and community development • Community safety • Environmental Health • Employment and Skills • Leisure Centres contract • Social Prescribing 	Bev Murray
<p>Executive Member for Homes and Housing Lead Director: Jennifer Mullin / Mark Lester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing options, advice and supported housing • Home improvement service • Private sector housing • Council Residential Accommodation incl. Primrose Gardens • Housing Strategy 	Terry Howarth

<p>Executive Member for Planning and Development Lead Director: Jonathan Noad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Enforcement, including Building Control, Licensing, Empty Properties and Environmental Enforcement • Parks and Open Spaces development 	Alistair Morwood
<p>Executive Member for Customer, Streetscene and Environment Lead Director: Asim Khan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Cleansing • Grounds Maintenance • Streetscene Improvements • ICT • Customer Services • Revenues and Benefits • Waste collection • Climate Change 	Adrian Lowe

Lead Member for Health Services	
<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 • Liaison with Primary Health Care Service Providers • Representation on relevant partnership bodies 	Alex Hilton
Lead Member for Shared Services, Joint Working & Community Wellbeing	
<p>To include:</p> <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 and Community Wellbeing • Supporting Local Health and Community Working • Observer Role on Chorley and South Ribble Partnership 	Margaret France
Lead Member for Equality and Diversity:	
<p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Champion for Equality and Diversity • Lead representative on outside bodies and shared working with regards to equality issues • Responsibilities for community cohesion and 	Hasina Khan

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The remit for these roles will be defined by the relevant Executive Member, except the Mental Health Awareness Council Champion which has a high level role description (below).

Member Responsible for:	
Town Centre and Assets Customer, Digital and Community Development Economic Development and Skills Governance and Audit Environment and Green Space	Danny Gee Kim Snape Matt Lynch Gordon France Mark Clifford

Council Champion for:	
Democratic and Member Services Older People Rural Communities Young People Strategic Development and Planning Public Protection and Enforcement and Adoptions Mental Health Awareness	Aaron Beaver Tommy Gray Alan Whittaker Sarah Ainsworth Neville Whitham Roy Lees James Nevett

Mental Health Awareness Council Champion

- To maintain an understanding of mental health best practice across a range of topics.
- To work with fellow elected members and officers to promote positive mental health and wellbeing.
- To advocate for mental health issues in council meetings, to help with policy development and ensure that mental health considerations form a key part of council decision making.

Resolved: (unanimously) that the appointments be noted.

10 Appointments to committees, panels and working groups for 2022/23

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 it was **Resolved (unanimously) that the following appointments be approved for 2022/23:**

Appointments to Committees, Panels and Groups 2022/23

Committees	Labour Group	Conservative Group
<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14 Members) (11:3)</p>	<p>1 Roy Lees (Vice-Chair) 2 Sarah Ainsworth 3 Hasina Khan 4 Samir Khan 5 Michelle Le Marinel 6 Dedrah Moss 7 James Neveitt 8 Arjun Singh 9 Kim Shape 10 Ryan Towers 11 Jenny Whiffen</p>	<p>1 John Walker (Chair) 2 Alan Platt 3 Aidy Riggott</p>
<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Performance Panel (6 Members) (5:1)</p>	<p>1 Roy Lees (Vice-Chair) 2 Sarah Ainsworth 3 Michelle Le Marinel 4 James Neveitt 5 Arjun Singh</p>	<p>1 John Walker (Chair)</p>
<p>Planning Committee (13 Members) (10:3)</p> <p>4 x substitute Members per group</p>	<p>1 June Molyneaux (Chair) 2 Alex Hilton (Vice-Chair) 3 Aaron Beaver 4 Gordon France 5 Danny Gee 6 Tommy Gray 7 Alistair Morwood 8 Jean Sherwood 9 Neville Whitham 10 Alan Whittaker 1 Sarah Ainsworth 2 Karen Derbyshire 3 Adrian Lowe 4 Arjun Singh</p>	<p>1 Martin Boardman 2 Harold Heaton 3 Keith Iddon 1 Magda Cullens 2 3 4</p>

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Committees		Labour Group	Conservative Group
Licensing and Public Safety Committee (15 Members) (11:4) 2 x substitute Members per group	1 Matthew Lynch (Chair) 2 Margaret France (Vice-Chair) 3 Mark Clifford 4 Gordon France 5 Tommy Gray 6 Terry Howarth 7 Hasina Khan 8 Michelle Le Marinel 9 Roy Lees 10 Dedrah Moss 11 Jean Sherwood 1 Aaron Beaver 2 Neville Whitham	1 Magda Cullens 2 Harold Heaton 3 Alan Platt 4 John Walker	
	1 Aaron Beaver (Chair) 2 Gordon France (Vice-Chair) 3 Karen Derbyshire 4 Tommy Gray 5 Alex Hilton 6 Samir Khan 7 Zara Khan 8 Roy Lees 9 Dedrah Moss 10 Jean Sherwood 11 Ryan Towers 12 Jenny Whiffen 13 Neville Whitham	1 Sam Chapman 2 Alan Cullens 3 Magda Cullens 4 Alan Platt	
Governance Committee (8 Members) (6:2) Charlotte Fitch (Independent Person) Peter Ripley (Independent Person) 2 x substitute Members per group	1 Mark Clifford (Vice-Chair) 2 Gordon France 3 Margaret France 4 Michelle Le Marinel 5 Dedrah Moss 6 Neville Whitham 1 June Molyneaux 2 Jean Sherwood	1 Debra Platt (Chair) 2 Sam Chapman 1 Magda Cullens 2 Alan Platt	

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Committees		Labour Group	Conservative Group
Appointments Panel (6 Members) (5:1) 1 x substitute Member per group	1	Alistair Bradley (Chair)	1
	2	Margaret France	Alan Cullens
Chief Executive's Performance Review Panel (5 Members) (4:1)	3	Beverley Murray	
	4	Kim Snape	
Human Resources Appeals Committee (Panels taken from 9 Members) (7:2)	5	Peter Wilson	
	1	Terry Howarth	1
Equality Forum (6 Members) (5:1)	1	Alistair Bradley (Chair)	1
	2	Kim Snape	Alan Cullens
Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee (3 members) (2:1) 2 x substitute Member per group	3	June Molyneux	
	4	Peter Wilson	
Human Resources Appeals Committee (Panels taken from 9 Members) (7:2)	1	Adrian Lowe (Chair)	1
	2	Margaret France	1
Equality Forum (6 Members) (5:1)	3	Alex Hilton	2
	4	Matt Lynch	Aidy Riggott
Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee (3 members) (2:1) 2 x substitute Member per group	5	Alistair Morwood	John Walker
	6	Beverley Murray	
Equality Forum (6 Members) (5:1)	7	Ryan Towers	
	1	Hasina Khan (Chair)	1
Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee (3 members) (2:1) 2 x substitute Member per group	2	Karen Derbyshire	Aidy Riggott
	3	Alex Hilton	
Equality Forum (6 Members) (5:1)	4	James Neveitt	
	5	Jenny Whiffen	
Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee (3 members) (2:1) 2 x substitute Member per group		Michelle Le Marinel (Observer)	
	1	Alistair Bradley	1
Equality Forum (6 Members) (5:1)	2	Alistair Morwood	Martin Boardman
	1	Margaret France	1
Equality Forum (6 Members) (5:1)	2	Terry Howarth	2
			Sam Chapman
Equality Forum (6 Members) (5:1)			Harold Heaton

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Committees		Labour Group	Conservative Group
Local Plan Working Group (12 Members) (9:3)	1 Alistair Morwood (Chair)	1 Alistair Morwood (Chair)	1 Martin Boardman
	2 Alistair Bradley (Vice-Chair)	2 Alistair Bradley (Vice-Chair)	2 Harold Heaton
	3 Margaret France	3 Margaret France	3 Keith Iddon
	4 Danny Gee	4 Danny Gee	
	5 Terry Howarth	5 Terry Howarth	
	6 Roy Lees	6 Roy Lees	
	7 Arjun Singh	7 Arjun Singh	
	8 Neville Whitham	8 Neville Whitham	
	9 Alan Whittaker	9 Alan Whittaker	
	Julia Berry (Observer)		
Wholly Owned Company and Projects Working Group (7 Members) (5:2)	1 Alistair Bradley (Chair)	1 Alistair Bradley (Chair)	1 Alan Cullens
	2 Sarah Ainsworth	2 Sarah Ainsworth	2 Debra Platt
	3 Danny Gee	3 Danny Gee	
	4 Samir Khan	4 Samir Khan	
	5 June Molyneux	5 June Molyneux	
2 x substitute Member per group	1 Jenny Whiffen	1 Jenny Whiffen	1 Martin Boardman
	2 Peter Wilson	2 Peter Wilson	2 Aidy Riggott
Members Support Working Group (8 Members) (6:2)	1 Kim Shape (Chair)	1 Kim Shape (Chair)	1 Alan Cullens
	2 Aaron Beaver (Vice-Chair)	2 Aaron Beaver (Vice-Chair)	2 Debra Platt
	3 Karen Derbyshire	3 Karen Derbyshire	
	4 Zara Khan	4 Zara Khan	
	5 June Molyneux	5 June Molyneux	
	6 James Nevett	6 James Nevett	
Climate Change Working Group (7 members) (5:2)	1 Adrian Lowe (Chair)	1 Adrian Lowe (Chair)	1 Magda Cullens
	2 Mark Clifford (Vice-Chair)	2 Mark Clifford (Vice-Chair)	2 Debra Platt
	3 Alistair Bradley	3 Alistair Bradley	
	4 James Nevett	4 James Nevett	
	5 Peter Wilson	5 Peter Wilson	
2x substitute member per group	1 Terry Howarth	1 Terry Howarth	1 John Walker
	2 Zara Khan	2 Zara Khan	2
	Jean Sherwood (Observer)	Jean Sherwood (Observer)	
Shared Services Joint Committee (5 Members) (4:1)	1 Alistair Bradley	1 Alistair Bradley	1 Alan Cullens
	2 Margaret France	2 Margaret France	
	3 Kim Shape	3 Kim Shape	
	4 Peter Wilson	4 Peter Wilson	
1 x substitute Member per group	1 Terry Howarth	1 Terry Howarth	1 Sam Chapman

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Committees		Labour Group	Conservative Group
Shared Services Appointments Panel (4 Members) (3:1) 1 x substitute Member per group	Chorley Liaison The Chairs of the Neighbourhood Area Meetings plus one other Councillor representing Chorley town	1 Alistair Bradley 2 Bev Murray 3 Peter Wilson	1 Alan Cullens
		1 Margaret France	1 Sam Chapman
Gordon France (Chair) & Kim Snape (Vice-Chair)			
Licensing Liaison Panel Chair and Vice Chair of Licensing & Public Services Committee plus Executive Member for Development and Planning	Town Team (4 Members including Executive Member for Resources – plus County Councillors) (3:1)	1 Matthew Lynch (Chair) 2 Margaret France 3 Alistair Morwood	
		1 Danny Gee (Chair) 2 Sarah Ainsworth 3 Peter Wilson Tommy Gray (Observer) Karen Derbyshire (Observer)	1 Aidy Riggott
Chorley and South Ribble Partnership (1 representative) (1:0)		1 Alistair Bradley	

Shadow Executives

Officer	Responsibility	Shadow Councillor
Gary Hall	CEO	Alan Cullens
		& Debra Platt
Chris Sinnott	Finance, Shared Services & Governance also	Sam Chapman
	Deputy CEO	
Mark Lester	Property	Alan Platt
Jennifer Mullin	Communities	Keith Iddon
Asim Khan	Customer & IT	Harold Heaton
Jonathan Noad	Planning	Martin Boardman

11 Appointments to outside bodies for 2022/23

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, the Deputy Leader, Councillor Peter Wilson seconded, and it was **Resolved (unanimously) that appointments to outside bodies be approved as follows:**

Appointment by role

No.	Name of Body	No of Reprs	Representatives	Expiry Date
1	District Councils' Network	1	Executive Leader (Councillor Alistair Bradley)	May 2022
2	Lancashire Police and Crime Panel	1	Executive Leader / Executive Member (Councillor Alistair Bradley)	May 2022
3	Local Government Association (Lancashire Branch)	1	Executive Leader (Councillor Alistair Bradley)	May 2022
4	Rural Services Network	1	Executive Member / Rural champion (Councillor Alan Whittaker)	May 2022
5	Safer-Chorley and South-Ribble Partnership (Responsible Authorities Group)	0	Portfolio Holder kept up-to-date	

General appointments

No.	Name of Body	No of Reprs	Representatives	Expiry Date
6	Adlington Community Association	2	Councillors June Molyneux and Kim Snape	May 2022
7	Armed Forces Champion	1	Councillor Aaron Beaver	May 2022
8	Brindle Village Hall Management Committee (Observer position)	1	Councillor Sam Chapman	May 2022
9	Chorley Consolidated Charity and Chorley Relief Fund	3	Councillor Karen Derbyshire (appointed May 2021) Councillor Danny Gee (appointed May 2021) Councillor Debra Platt (appointed July 2021)	May 2026 May 2026 May 2026

			(NB Appointments are for a 5-year period and cannot be changed mid-period)	
10	Chorley and South Ribble Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee	1	Councillor Gordon France	May 2022
11	Chorley and South Ribble Shop Mobility	1	Councillor June Molyneux	May 2022
12	Chorley Football Club Community Foundation	1	Councillor Bev Murray	May 2022
13	Chorley Sports Forum	2	Councillor Bev Murray Councillor John Walker	May 2022
14	Chorley Women's Centre Committee	1	Councillor Margaret France	May 2022
15	Chorley South Ribble and West Lancs Children Partnership Board	1	Councillor Karen Derbyshire	May 2022
16	Clayton Hall Landfill Liaison Committee	1	Councillor Mark Clifford	May 2022
17	Clayton-le-Woods Community Centre management Committee	1	Councillor Michelle Le Marinel	May 2022
18	Cuerden Valley Trust	1	Councillor Mark Clifford	May 2022
19	Determinants of Health System Delivery Board	1	Councillor Margaret France Councillor Alex Hilton (reserve)	May 2022
20	Growth Lancashire LTD Company – Board	2	Councillor Alistair Bradley Councillor Alistair Morwood (reserve)	May 2022
21	Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee	1	Councillor Gordon France	May 2022
22	Help the Homeless	1	Councillor Karen Derbyshire	May 2022
23	Heskin Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor Alan Whittaker	May 2022
24	Hoghton Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor Michelle Le Marinel	May 2022

25	Home Start Chorley and South Ribble	1	Councillor June Molyneaux	May 2022
26	Jigsaw Homes North Board	1	Councillor Matthew Lynch	May 2022
27	Lancashire County Council Health and Wellbeing Board	2	Councillor Alex Hilton Councillor Margaret France (reserve)	May 2022
28	Lancashire County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2	Councillor Alex Hilton Councillor Margaret France (reserve)	May 2022
29	Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership	1	Councillor Terry Howarth	May 2022
30	Lancashire Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – Governing Council	1	Councillor Alistair Bradley	May 2022
31	Lancashire Waste Partnership	1	Councillor Gordon France	May 2022
32	Local Government Association General Assembly and Associated Groups	3	Councillor Alistair Bradley Councillor Peter Wilson Councillor Martin Boardman	May 2022
33	Mawdesley Millennium Trust	1	Councillor Keith Iddon	May 2022
34	Mawdesley Village Hall Management Committee	1	Councillor Martin Boardman	May 2022
35	North West Local Authorities Employers Organisation	1	Councillor Peter Wilson	May 2022
36	PIVOTAL	1	Councillor Margaret France Councillor Alex Hilton (reserve)	May 2022
37	Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council	1	Councillor Hasina Khan	May 2022
38	Rivington and Brinscall Advisory Group	3	Councillor Jenny Whiffen Councillor Margaret France Councillor Kim Shape	May 2022
39	Rivington Heritage Trust	1	Councillor Kim Snape	May 2022
	The North West of England and the Isle of Man Reserved Forces and Cadets Association	1	Councillor Aaron Beaver	May 2022

12 Council Meetings in 2022/23

Councillors noted the programme of Council Meetings for 2022/23 as follows:

- 19 July 2022
- 27 September 2022
- 15 November 2022
- 24 January 2023
- 28 February 2023
- 18 April 2023

- 16 May 2023

13 Astley cottage roof repairs

The Executive Member (Resources), Councillor Peter Wilson, presented the report of the Deputy Chief Executive.

The cottage roof at the rear of Astley Hall was in need of urgent repair and a new budget was required to fund the work. Once the slates had been removed a significant amount of structural repairs were identified.

Members noted that the council would incur significant cost if the work started afresh later with scaffolding works and prelims. The repairs have been designed with listed building consent in mind and an independent structural engineer has assisted with the solution. The costs had been evaluated by the council's quantity surveyor and reviewed by the external project team to demonstrate value.

Councillor Martin Boardman queried the costs for the project and thanked the Leader for sharing additional information with him prior to the meeting.

In response to Councillor Boardman Councillor Wilson clarified that the original budget for the Astley Hall project was £1.1 million and, to date, the project had been on budget.

Councillor Bradley noted that the original scheme had been costed out in detail, but that additional works had been identified. Costs were rising due to external factors and works which had not been anticipated (as was often the case when working on old buildings). One of the costs were professional fees, due to additional surveys, which were costly. There were areas where costs could be reduced as the project progressed, for example, certain aspects of the project could be delayed for a future phase. Members debated the costs, those originally budgeted and the updated figures.

The project would be monitored through the Wholly Owned Company and Projects Working Group and input from all members was welcomed.

The Deputy Leader, Councillor Peter Wilson proposed and the Executive Leader, Councillor Alistair Bradley seconded and it, was **Resolved (by majority 38:0:3)**

1. **Approval granted to the creation of a new capital budget of £340,646 to fund the cottage roof replacement.**
2. **Approval granted transfer £107,163 from the asset improvements capital budget to undertake associated refurbishment to the cottage**
3. **Approval granted to the variation of the contract with Bullen Construction to allow the work to be completed.**

14 Future Investments

The Mayor advised that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

Mayor

Date