



## Council Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting of the Wyre Borough Council meeting held at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde on Thursday 10 May 2012.

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### Councillors present:

The Mayor, Councillor Lawrenson, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Perkin.

Councillor Anderson	Councillor J Grunshaw	Councillor Shewan
Councillor E Anderton	Councillor Hargreaves	Councillor Smith
Councillor M Anderton	Councillor Henderson	Councillor Swift
Councillor Lady Atkins	Councillor Hewitt	Councillor V Taylor
Councillor Balmain	Councillor Hodgkinson	Councillor T Taylor
Councillor Bannister	Councillor Kay	Councillor Treece-Birch
Councillor Beavers	Councillor Martin	Councillor Turner
Councillor Berry	Councillor MacNaughton	Councillor A Vincent
Councillor Bridge	Councillor McCann	Councillor M Vincent
Councillor Brooks	Councillor McKay	Councillor Walmsley
Councillor Catterall	Councillor Murphy	Councillor Williams
Councillor Cocker	Councillor Newsham	Councillor Wilson
Councillor M Gandhi	Councillor Ormrod	
Councillor R Gandhi OBE	Councillor Pimbley	
Councillor Gibson	Councillor Robinson	
Councillor C Grunshaw	Councillor Rogers	

**Apologies:** Councillors Amos, Birch, I Duffy, R Duffy and Moon.

### Officers present:

Garry Payne (Chief Executive)  
Michael Ryan (Corporate Director, People and Places)  
Philippa Davies (Corporate Director, Resources)  
Roy Saunders (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager)  
Joanne Porter (Electoral Services & Information Governance Manager)  
Andrea Mullin (Electoral Registration Assistant)

**Also present:** The Mayor's Chaplin for 2011/12 (Rev. M. Keighley)

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### 1. Presentation of the HMS Sheraton Trophy

The Mayor for 2011/12 (Councillor Bannister) presented the HMS Sheraton Trophy to Molly Betmead for her outstanding achievements as an under 15 cross country runner.

**2. Mayor's Charity 2011/12**

The Mayor for 2011/12 referred briefly to the highlights of his year of office. He presented a cheque for £6,821 to Jane Molyneux, Fundraising Manager for the Trinity Hospice, bringing the total raised during the Mayoral Year to £7,071.

**3. Declaration of Interest**

Councillor C Grunshaw declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 (Lancashire Police and Crime Panel) as a current member of the Lancashire Police Authority.

**4. Election of Mayor 2012/13**

Councillor Bannister invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Balmain and seconded by Councillor Hodgkinson and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Don Lawrenson be elected to the office of Mayor of the Borough of Wyre for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

The outgoing Mayor for 2011/12 (Councillor Bannister) retired from the chair which was then taken by Councillor Lawrenson, who signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

As Mayor of the Borough he thanked the Council for the honour bestowed upon him. He announced that the Mayor's Charities for 2012/13 would be Brian House Children's Hospice and Help for Heroes.

**5. Retiring Mayor**

Councillor M Gandhi proposed a vote of thanks to the Retiring Mayor.

**RESOLVED** that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Councillor Bannister for the valuable services which he had rendered to the Borough during his term of office as Mayor and that the thanks of the Council also be tendered to Mrs Bannister for the valuable services which she had rendered as Mayoress.

**6. Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2012/13**

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Anderton and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Ian Perkin be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Wyre for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

Councillor Perkin thanked the Council and then signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

**7. Mayor's Communications**

None.

**8. Establishment of and Appointments to Committees 2012/13**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on the appointment to the Council's Committees, other panels and groups for the 2012/13 Council year. Councillor Gibson proposed the appointments as set out in the Appendices to the report, subject to the appointment of Councillor Balmain to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee instead of Councillor Birch.

**RESOLVED**

1. That the following Committees be appointed for 2012/13, with the allocation of 70 places as set out below, in accordance with the statutory political balance rules.

	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lab</u>
1. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (14)	11	3
Planning Committee (14)	10	4
Licensing Committee (14)	10	4
Audit Committee (14)	10	4
Employment and Appeals Committee (10)	7	3
Senior Officers Appointments Committee (4)	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>51</u>	<u>19</u>

2. That Members be appointed to the Committees, as listed in Appendix 1 to these minutes.
3. That the existing Standards Committee be reappointed, with its current membership (as listed in Appendix 2 to these minutes) and its current terms of reference for the period until 30 June 2012.
3. That the intention to appoint, at the Council meeting on 14 June, a new Standards Committee, with revised terms of reference and

membership in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, for the period from 1 July 2012 until 8 May 2013, be noted.

4. That the following other bodies, to which the statutory political balance rules do not apply, also be appointed for 2012/13.
  - (a) Housing Benefit & Council Tax Review Board Panel (Panel of 10 from which 3 Members will be appointed for each hearing).
  - (b) Councillor Development Group (12).
  - (c) Wyre 3 Tier Forum (8)
  - (d) Planning Policy Group (15 including 1 Executive Member)
5. That appointments be made to the panels and groups listed in resolution 4 above, as set out in Appendix 3, to these minutes.

**9. Appointment of Neighbourhood Lead Members**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Corporate Director of Resources submitted a report on the appointment of a Lead Member for each of the geographical areas identified in the Council's new approach to neighbourhood engagement. He proposed that Councillors Kay, Anderson, Henderson, Lady Atkins and Robinson be appointed as Neighbourhood Lead Member respectively for the areas of Cleveleys, Thornton, Poulton, Rural East and Rural West. He said that, as indicated in the report each of these Lead Members had been nominated by the members from within their own area.

Cllr C Grunshaw said that the nomination for the Neighbourhood Lead Member for Fleetwood area was Cllr Hewitt.

Cllr Martin and Cllr Lees said that they objected to the way in which the Neighbourhood Lead Members for Cleveleys and Thornton had been nominated. They stated that they would not, therefore, be participating in the arrangements set out in the Shaping Your Neighbourhood document, although they would continue to engage with and represent their constituents as individual councillors.

**RESOLVED** that Neighbourhood Lead members be appointed as follows:-

Fleetwood – Councillor Hewitt  
Cleveleys - Councillor Kay  
Thornton - Councillor Anderson

Poulton - Councillor Henderson  
Rural East - Councillor Lady Atkins  
Rural West - Councillor Robinson

**10. Lancashire Police & Crime Panel**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on arrangements for the establishment of a Lancashire Police & Crime Panel, as required by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Councillor Gibson said that since the Agenda had been printed, he had received further information about the revised political makeup of each of the Councils in Lancashire following the elections held on 3 May 2012. He said that the implications of the new political balance calculations were due to be discussed at a meeting of the Leaders and Chief Executives to be held on Monday 14 May. He therefore proposed that a caveat should be included in recommendation 3.4, to make the appointment of co-opted members subject to further consideration of the options available by the Lancashire Leaders Group.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the establishment of a Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire, as a formal Joint Committee of the 15 local authorities for the Lancashire Police force area, on the basis as set out in this report, be approved.
2. That the Leader of the Council, Councillor Peter Gibson be appointed as Wyre's representative on the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel for 2012/13.
3. That the arrangements, procedure rules and the terms of reference of the Panel, as set out in this report, be approved.
4. That the Panel be authorised to seek approval from the Secretary of State to the appointment of up to three additional co-opted members who might or might not be councillors, in order, as far as is reasonably practicable, to be able to meet the balanced appointment objective, subject to further consideration of the options available by the Lancashire Leaders Group
5. That the appointment of Lancashire County Council as Lead Authority to the PCP and to the appointment of Ian Fisher, County Secretary and Solicitor as Secretary to the Panel, be approved.

**11. Fylde and Wyre Health and Well Being Partnership**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on the establishment format and proposed membership of a Fylde and Wyre Health and Well Being Partnership.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Councillor Gibson and the Chief Executive be nominated as Wyre's representative on the Fylde and Wyre Health and Well Being Partnership.
2. That the proposed makeup and format of the Fylde and Wyre Health and Well Being Partnership, as set out in paragraph 5.4 of the report, be approved.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.12 pm.

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## **APPENDIX 1 TO THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2012**

### **APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES 2012/13**

**Note:** Membership of these Committees has to be politically balanced in accordance with the requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

#### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14)**

Conservative Councillors (11)	Anderson, Balmain, Cocker, M Gandhi, Hodgkinson MacNaughton Pimbley, Perkin, V Taylor, Walmsley and Williams
Labour Councillors (3)	Martin, Lees and Shewan

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE (14)**

Conservative Councillors (10)	Amos, Balmain, Brooks, Collinson, Greenhough, Kay, MacNaughton, Moon, Turner and Wilson .
Labour Councillors (4)	Anderton, Hewitt, Rogers and T. Taylor.

#### **EMPLOYMENT AND APPEALS COMMITTEE (10)**

Conservative Councillors (7)	Amos, Bridge, Cocker,, Pimbley, Robinson, Turner and Wilson.
Labour Councillors (3)	I. Duffy, R. Duffy and Martin.

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)**

Conservative Councillors (10)	Lady Atkins, Bannister, Birch, Catterall, Greenhough, Henderson, Moon, Newsham, Perkin, and Williams
Labour Councillors (4)	E. Anderton, Rogers, Shewan and T Taylor.

#### **LICENSING COMMITTEE (14)**

Conservative Councillors (10)	Bridge, Collinson, R. Gandhi, Hargreaves, Hodgkinson, Ormrod, Pimbley, Robinson, Swift, and M. Vincent,
Labour Councillors (4)	M. Anderton, Beavers, Smith and Treece-Birch

#### **SENIOR OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (4)**

Conservative Councillors (3)	Cllr Gibson, A. Vincent and Murphy
Labour Councillors (1)	Cllr C Grunshaw

**APPENDIX 2 TO THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10  
MAY 2012**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE (6 Councillors)**

**Re-appointed for the period until 30 June 2012**

Conservative Councillors (4)	Collinson, M. Gandhi, V. Taylor and Bridge
Labour Councillors (2)	M. Anderton and Lees.
Independent Members (3)	John Shaw, Anthony Egerton and Bob Jones
Parish and Town Councils Representatives (3)	Phil Orme, David Sharples and June Jackson



**APPENDIX 3 TO THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
10 MAY 2012**

**APPOINTMENTS TO NON-STATUTORY COMMITTEES, PANELS AND GROUPS\*  
2012/2013**

**HOUSING AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT REVIEW BOARD (10)**

Conservative Councillors (7)                      Anderson, Bannister, Cocker, Collinson,  
Hargreaves, A. Turner and Williams

Labour Councillors (3)                              M. Anderton, J. Grunshaw and Martin

**COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT GROUP (12)**

Conservative Councillors (9)                      Amos, Balmain, Bannister, R. Gandhi, Murphy,  
Newsham, Perkin, Swift and Ormrod.

Labour Councillors (3)                              Hewitt, Smith and Treece-Birch

**PLANNING POLICY GROUP (14)**

Economy Portfolio Holder                      McCann  
Planning C'tee Chairman                          Henderson  
Planning C'tee V. Chairman                      Greenhough

Conservative Councillors (8)                      Balmain, Birch, Brooks, Cocker, Newsham, Perkin,  
Pimbley, and Walmsley.

Labour Councillors (3)                              Lees, Shewan and T. Taylor.

**WYRE 3 TIER FORUM (8)**

Conservative Councillors (6)                      Lady Atkins, R. Gandhi, Murphy, Newsham,  
Robinson and Walmsley.

Labour Councillors (2)                              P. Martin and T. Taylor

*\*Please note that Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989  
relating to political balance arrangements, does not apply to these  
Committees/Panels/Groups.*