



Council Minutes

Minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde on Thursday 28 September 2017.

Councillors present:

The Mayor, Councillor Collinson, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Robinson,
Councillor I Amos Councillor Ellison Councillor A Turner
Councillor R Amos Councillor Greenhough Councillor S Turner
Councillor E Anderton Councillor Henderson Councillor A Vincent
Councillor M Anderton Councillor Hodgkinson Councillor Matthew Vincent
Councillor Lady Atkins Councillor Holden Councillor Michael Vincent
Councillor Ballard Councillor Ibison Councillor Walmsley
Councillor Barrowclough Councillor Ingham Councillor Wilson.
Councillor Beavers Councillor Kay
Councillor Berry Councillor Lees
Councillor B Birch Councillor Moon
Councillor C Birch Councillor Murphy
Councillor Bowen Councillor Orme
Councillor Bridge Councillor Ormrod
Councillor Catterall Councillor Pimbley
Councillor I Duffy Councillor Shewan
Councillor R Duff Councillor Smith

Apologies for absence: Councillors Balmain, Fail, Jones, McKay, B Stephenson and E Stephenson. Cllr Gibson was not present.

Officers present:

Garry Payne (Chief Executive)
Marianne Hesketh (Service Director Performance and Innovation)
Mark Billington (Service Director People and Places)
Mark Broadhurst (Service Director Health and Wellbeing)
Rosie Green (Policy and Engagement Manager)
Emily Wareing (Engagement and Communications Officer)
Roy Saunders (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager)

Also present: Aldermen Bannister, Brooks and Mutch, 14 members of the public and one member of the press.

COU.
37 **Councillor Vivien Taylor**

A minutes silence was held in memory of Cllr Vivien Taylor.

COU.
38 **Removal of Councillor Gibson as Leader of the Council**

The following notice of motion, supported by Councillors I Amos, R Amos, Lady Atkins, Ballard, Balmain, Barrowclough, Berry, B Birch, C Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Catterall, Ellison, Greenhough, Henderson, Hodgkinson, Holden, Ibison, Ingham, Kay, Moon, Murphy, Orme, Ormrod, Pimbley, Robinson, V Taylor, S Turner, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, Walmsley and Wilson, was submitted in accordance with paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules in Part 4.01 of the Constitution:

“That Councillor Peter Gibson be removed from the office of Leader of the Council with immediate effect.”

The motion was proposed by Cllr A Vincent and seconded by Cllr Moon.

RESOLVED: (by 31 votes to 0) that Councillor Peter Gibson be removed from the office of Leader of the Council with immediate effect.

COU.
39 **APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The following notice of motion, supported by Councillors I Amos, R Amos, Lady Atkins, Ballard, Balmain, Barrowclough, Berry, B Birch, C Birch, Bowen, Bridge, Catterall, Ellison, Greenhough, Henderson, Hodgkinson, Holden, Ibison, Ingham, Kay, Moon, Murphy, Orme, Ormrod, Pimbley, Robinson, V Taylor, S Turner, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, Walmsley and Wilson, was submitted in accordance with paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules in Part 4.01 of the Constitution:

1. *“That, if the proposal to remove Cllr Peter Gibson as Leader is approved, Cllr Alan Vincent be appointed as interim Leader of the Council until 7 December 2017 at the latest.”*
2. *“That, at the Council meeting on 7 December 2017 (or at an earlier extraordinary meeting of the Council convened for the purpose) a motion be submitted to dissolve the interim arrangement, remove Cllr Alan Vincent from the office of Leader of the Council and to appoint a Leader until the Annual Council meeting after the next election in May 2019.”*

The motion was proposed by Cllr Henderson and seconded by Cllr Murphy.

Following a debate, the motion was carried (by 31 votes to 8) and it was

RESOLVED:

1. *“That Cllr Alan Vincent be appointed as interim Leader of the Council until 7 December 2017 at the latest.”*

2. "That, at the Council meeting on 7 December 2017 (or at an earlier extraordinary meeting of the Council convened for the purpose) a motion be submitted to dissolve the interim arrangement, remove Cllr Alan Vincent from the office of Leader of the Council and to appoint a Leader until the Annual Council meeting after the next election in May 2019."

Cllr A Vincent referred to the incredibly sad and sudden death the previous day of Vivien Taylor. His comments were endorsed by Cllr Beavers.

Cllr Vincent said that he would consider arrangements for the appointment of a replacement Health and Community Engagement Portfolio in due course and inform Council accordingly.

Cllr Vincent confirmed that, in the meantime, the members of his Cabinet would be Councillors Berry, Bowen, Henderson and Murphy, who would each retain their former portfolio holder responsibilities and, that he would himself undertake the responsibilities of the Resources Portfolio Holder. He announced that the Deputy Leader until 7 December 2017 would be Cllr Bowen.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 7.28pm.

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