

## Minutes of Council

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 23 May 2023, starting at 6.00 pm  
Present: Councillor S Hirst (Chair)

Councillors:

T Austin	M Robinson
J Alcock	J Rogerson
S Atkinson	G Scott
S Bibby	R Walsh
D Birtwhistle	N Stubbs
I Brown	K Barnsley
S Brunskill	D Brocklehurst
L Edge	Corney
R Elms	S Cowman
S Farmer	L Jameson
S Fletcher	McFall
M French	Ray
J Hill	L Street
M Hindle	Wilkins-Odudu
S Hore	J Atherton
K Horkin	Graveston
R Newmark	McCrum
D O'Rourke	K Spencer
S O'Rourke	G Hibbert

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Economic Development and Planning, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Principal Communications Officer

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillor M Peplow

### 2 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

The Mayor invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the municipal year 2023/2024. Councillor Louise Edge proposed and Councillor Robin Walsh seconded the motion that Councillor Mark Hindle be elected to the office of Mayor for the municipal year 2023/2024.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mark Hindle be elected to the office of Mayor for the municipal year 2023/2024.

Councillor Stuart Hirst invested Councillor Mark Hindle as Mayor with the ceremonial chain of office. Councillor Stuart Hirst then invested Tracey Whistlecraft as Mayoress. The Mayor (Councillor Mark Hindle) then took the chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and made a speech accepting the office of Mayor. The Mayor (Councillor Mark Hindle) presented Councillor Stuart Hirst and Elaine Hirst with badges to commemorate their successful term of office.

3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

The Mayor invited nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2023/2024. Councillor Robin Walsh proposed and Councillor Richard Newmark seconded the motion that Councillor Louise Edge be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2023/2024.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Louise Edge be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2023/2024. Councillor Louise Edge was invested as Deputy Mayor by the Mayor with the ceremonial chain of office. Phillip Edge was invested as Mayor Consort by the Mayor.

4 PRAYERS

PRAYERS The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev Carolyn Woodcock said prayers upon the deliberations of the Council.

5 TO DETERMINE THE COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24

The Leader, Councillor Stephen Atkinson made a short speech welcoming Councillors, acknowledging the result of the recent Council elections and highlighting the priorities for the Council in the forthcoming municipal year. He then proposed the recommendations outlined in the report regarding committee arrangements for the municipal year 2023/2024 relating to the:

- number of committees and their terms of reference;
- call in procedure;
- timetable of meetings;
- number of seats of each committee;
- allocation of seats to all councillors;
- representation on Parish Councils' Liaison committee;
- appointment of an Emergency committee;
- approval of the updated documents in the Council's Constitution

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Simon Hore.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee arrangements for 2023/2024 as set out in section 4 of the report of the Chief Executive be approved.

## APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

Councillor Stephen Atkinson proposed and Councillor Simon Hore seconded the Conservative Group nominations for the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committees of the Council for the municipal year 2023/2024, which were as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
<b>Community Services</b>	Richard Newmark	Jan Alcock
<b>Planning and Development</b>	Sue Bibby	Stella Brunskill
<b>Health and Housing</b>	Stuart Hirst	Tony Austin
<b>Personnel</b>	Rosie Elms	Steve Farmer
<b>Licensing</b>	Ian Brown	Stella Brunskill
<b>Policy and Finance</b>	Stephen Atkinson	Simon Hore
<b>Accounts and Audit</b>	Robin Walsh	Stuart Hirst
<b>Economic Development</b>	David Birtwhistle	Stephen Atkinson
<b>Emergency Committee</b>	Stephen Atkinson	Simon Hore

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Stewart Fletcher, proposed an amendment to the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committees of the Council for the municipal year 2023/2024 which was as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
<b>Community Services</b>	Malcolm Peplow	Stewart Fletcher
<b>Planning and Development</b>	Mark French	Simon O'Rourke
<b>Health and Housing</b>	Mary Robinson	John Atherton
<b>Personnel</b>	Karl Barnsley	Lee Jameson
<b>Licensing</b>	Simon O'Rourke	Lee Street
<b>Policy and Finance</b>	Stewart Fletcher	Lee Jameson
<b>Accounts and Audit</b>	Michael Graveston	Gaye McCrum
<b>Economic Development</b>	David Birtwhistle	Jonathan Hill
<b>Emergency</b>	Stewart Fletcher	Lee Jameson

This amendment was seconded by Councillor Mark French.

The matter was then debated and a recorded vote was taken on Councillor Fletcher's Chairman/Vice Chairman amendment.

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Apologies
J Alcock		X		
S Atkinson		X		
T Austin		X		
John Atherton		X		
Karl Barnsley	X			
D Brocklehurst		X		
S Bibby		X		
D Birtwhistle				X
I Brown		X		
S Brunskill		X		
R Corney	X			
S Cowman		X		
L Edge – Deputy Mayor		X		
R Elms		X		
S Farmer		X		
S Fletcher	X			
M French	X			
M Graveston	X			
G Hibbert	X			
J Hill	X			
M Hindle – Mayor		X		
S Hirst		X		
S Hore		X		
K Horkin		X		
L Jameson	X			
G McCrum	X			
H McFall		X		
R Newmark		X		
A Wilkins-Odudu	X			
S O'Rourke	X			
D O'Rourke	X			
M Peplow				X
R Ray	X			
M Robinson	X			
J Rogerson		X		
G Scott		X		
K Spencer	X			
L Street			X	
N Stubbs	X			
R Walsh		X		

The amendment was lost, so the original motion stood. A recorded vote was then taken on the Conservative Group's nominations for the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain	Apologies
J Alcock	X			
S Atkinson	X			
T Austin	X			
John Atherton	X			
Karl Barnsley		X		
D Brocklehurst	X			
S Bibby	X			
D Birtwhistle			X	
I Brown	X			
S Brunskill	X			
R Corney		X		
S Cowman	X			
L Edge	X			
R Elms	X			
S Farmer	X			
S Fletcher		X		
M French		X		
M Graveston		X		
G Hibbert		X		
J Hill		X		
M Hindle – Mayor	X			
S Hirst	X			
S Hore	X			
K Horkin	X			
L Jameson		X		
G McCrum		X		
H McFall	X			
R Newmark	X			
A Wilkins-Odudu		X		
S O'Rourke		X		
D O'Rourke		X		
M Peplow				X
R Ray		X		
M Robinson		X		
J Rogerson	X			
G Scott	X			
K Spencer		X		
L Street			X	
N Stubbs		X		
R Walsh	X			

The substantive motion was carried.

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:**

That the Chairs and Vice Chairs be approved as:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
<b>Community Services</b>	Richard Newmark	Jan Alcock
<b>Planning and Development</b>	Sue Bibby	Stella Brunskill
<b>Health and Housing</b>	Stuart Hirst	Tony Austin
<b>Personnel</b>	Rosie Elms	Steve Farmer
<b>Licensing</b>	Ian Brown	Stella Brunskill
<b>Policy and Finance</b>	Stephen Atkinson	Simon Hore
<b>Accounts and Audit</b>	Robin Walsh	Stuart Hirst
<b>Economic Development</b>	David Birtwhistle	Stephen Atkinson
<b>Emergency Committee</b>	Stephen Atkinson	Simon Hore

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**MEMBERSHIP ON COMMITTEES**

Councillor Stephen Atkinson proposed and Councillor Simon Hore seconded that the membership on the committees of the Council for the municipal year 2023/2024 be as outlined on the list circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the membership on committees be approved as follows:

**COMMUNITY SERVICES (15)**

<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>LIBERAL DEMOCRAT</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT GROUP</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT</b>
Jan Alcock	Stewart Fletcher	Karl Barnsley	John Atherton	Malcolm Peplow	
Stephen Atkinson	Mary Robinson	Lee Jameson	Lee Street		
Stella Brunskill	Simon O'Rourke				
Sophie Cowman					
Rosie Elms					
Ricky Newmark					
Gary Scott					

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (15)**

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN	INDEPENDENT
Tony Austin	Mark French	Karl Barnsley	Jim Rogerson		Ian Brown
Sue Bibby	Simon O'Rourke	Kieren Spencer			
Derek Brocklehurst	Stewart Fletcher	Nick Stubbs			
Stella Brunskill					
Louise Edge					
Simon Hore					
Kevin Horkin					

**HEALTH AND HOUSING (15)**

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN	INDEPENDENT
Jan Alcock	Donna O'Rourke	Rachael Ray	John Atherton		Ian Brown
Stephen Atkinson	Mary Robinson	Aaron Wilkins-Odudu			
Tony Austin	Jonathan Hill	Nick Stubbs			
Rosie Elms					
Steve Farmer					
Stuart Hirst					
Charles McFall					

**PERSONNEL (9)**

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN	INDEPENDENT
Sue Bibby	Donna O'Rourke	Karl Barnsley	David Birtwhistle		
Rosie Elms	Ryan Corney	Lee Jameson			
Steve Farmer					
Simon Hore					

**LICENSING (15)**

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN	INDEPENDENT
Derek Brocklehurst	Simon O'Rourke	Kieren Spencer	Jim Rogerson	Malcolm Peplow	Ian Brown
Stella Brunskill	Donna O'Rourke	Michael Graveston	Lee Street		
Steve Farmer	Gaynor Hibbert				
Ricky Newmark					
Gary Scott					
Robin Walsh					

### POLICY AND FINANCE

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN	INDEPENDENT
Stephen Atkinson	Mark French	Aaron Wilkins-Odudu	David Birtwhistle	Gaye McCrum	
Sue Bibby	Stewart Fletcher	Lee Jameson	Jim Rogerson		
Louise Edge	Gaynor Hibbert				
Stuart Hirst					
Simon Hore					
Kevin Horkin					
Ricky Newmark					

### ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (11)

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN	INDEPENDENT
Tony Austin	Stewart Fletcher	Lee Jameson	Lee Street	Gaye McCrum	
Stuart Hirst	Jonathan Hill	Michael Graveston			
Charles McFall					
Ricky Newmark					
Robin Walsh					

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN	INDEPENDENT
Jan Alcock	Stewart Fletcher	Rachael Ray	David Birtwhistle	Malcolm Peplow	
Stephen Atkinson	Jonathan Hill	Michael Graveston			
Sophie Cowman	Ryan Corney	Aaron Wilkins-Odudu			
Louise Edge					
Rosie Elms					
Stuart Hirst					
Robin Walsh					



### PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN	INDEPENDENT
Derek Brocklehurst	Mary Robinson	Karl Barnsley	David Birtwhistle	Malcolm Peplow	
Sophie Cowman	Simon O'Rourke	Nick Stubbs			
Kevin Horkin	Gaynor Hibbert				
Charles McFall					
Gary Scott					
Robin Walsh					

### EMERGENCY

CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN	INDEPENDENT
Stephen Atkinson	Stewart Fletcher	Lee Jameson			
Simon Hore					

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### REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Stephen Atkinson proposed and Councillor Simon Hore seconded that the Representatives on Outside Bodies for the municipal year 2023/2024 be as outlined on the list circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Representatives on Outside Bodies be approved as follows:

ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	NOMINATIONS	PARENT COMMITTEE	NO. OF REPORTS
Armed Forces Champion	1	Lee Street	Policy & Finance	1
Forest of Bowland AONB Advisory Committee	1	Rosie Elms	Planning & Development	1
Hanson Cement Liaison Committee	3	Kevin Horkin Stewart Fletcher + Labour Group Nomination	Health & Housing	2
Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Council for Voluntary Services	1	Richard Newmark	Policy & Finance	1
Longridge Social Enterprise Company Ltd	1	Labour Group Nomination	Community Services	1

Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust	1	Stuart Hirst	Health & Housing	1
NW Employer's Organisation	1 + 1 substitute	Rosie Elms Sue Bibby	Personnel	2
Rural Services Network	1	Louise Edge	Planning & Development	1
Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership	3	Stewart Fletcher Tony Austin + Labour Group Nomination	Policy & Finance	1
Ribble Valley Sports & Recreation (Roefield Leisure Centre)	2	Ian Brown Simon O'Rourke	Community Services	1
Tarmac Liaison Committee	2	Ian Brown Simon O'Rourke	Health & Housing	2
Police & Crime Panel	1	Jan Alcock	Policy & Finance	2
Lancashire Waste Partnership	1	Tony Austin	Community Services	1
LGA General Assembly	2	Stephen Atkinson Stewart Fletcher	Policy & Finance	1
Langho Football Club	1	Steve Farmer	Community Services	1
Salesbury & Copster Green Commons Management Committee	3	Sue Bibby Stuart Hirst Louise Edge	Community Services	1
Whalley Educational Foundation Trust	1	Mark Hindle	Policy & Finance	1

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm

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