



# BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL

## MECHANICS THEATRE

Wednesday, 25th January, 2023

### PRESENT

### MEMBERS

The Worshipful The Mayor (Councillor Cosima Towneley) in the Chair;

Councillors A Khan (Vice-Chair), A Anwar, H Baker, G Barton, C Briggs, S Chaudhary, S Cunliffe, A Fewings, S Graham, J Harbour, B Horrocks, A Hosker, M Hurt, S Hussain, J Inckle, K Ingham, S Kazmi, A Kelly, L Khan, J Launer, A Lewis, M Lishman, S Lone, J McGowan, L Mehanna, N Mottershead, M Payne, A Raja, A Royle, C Sollis, M Steel, J Sumner, M Townsend, D Whitaker and A Wight

### OFFICERS

Mick Cartledge	– Chief Executive
Lukman Patel	– Chief Operating Officer
Chris Gay	– Governance Manager
Alison McEwan	– Democracy Officer
Carol Eddleston	– Democracy Officer
David Bristow	– Mayor's Officer
MJ Hindman	– Graphic Designer
Dexter Almond	– Admin Officer
Paul Barlow	– Graphic Designer

### 45 Minutes of the Last Meeting

**RESOLVED** With the addition of Cllr Bill Horrocks to the attendance the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 46 Declarations of Interest

It was noted that the Chief Operating Officer would leave the meeting during Minute 53 – Arrangements for the Recruitment and Appointment of Chief Executive.

## **47 Accessible Streets**

It was moved by Councillor Martyn Hurt and seconded by Councillor Sue Graham that;

### **This council notes :**

1. Street clutter is increasing over time, particularly within the town centre.
  - Street clutter includes (but is not limited to) items like Advertising boards, guard rails, wheelie bins, outdoor tables and chairs, planters, badly placed signposts and lampposts, telecommunication boxes and masts, poorly placed EV chargers and bollards.
2. Other issues that affect accessibility include pavement parking, parking over dropped kerbs, pavement cycling/E-Scooter riding and overgrown bushes and hedges.
3. Visually impaired residents and visitors in particular are finding it increasingly difficult to navigate our streets and town centre, with guide dogs struggling to safely guide their owners around obstacles; high obstacles such as rope barriers causing canes to miss them, causing them to walk into them, or safe routes completely blocked, requiring visually impaired residents having to use the road.
4. The lack of tactile definition of roadway and pavement means that visually impaired people and guide dogs cannot tell if they are on the road or pavement in some areas, such as the pedestrianised area of St James's Street.
5. That Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Police are not fulfilling its duties around vehicles obstructing pavements and dropped kerbs.
6. That there are not enough dropped kerbs within the borough, and many stretches of pavement have no accessible routes, leaving those with accessibility issues having to use the road.

### **This council believes that:**

1. The streets of Burnley and Padiham should be accessible for all.
2. Public realm works should consider the accessibility needs of all residents in their design.
3. Reducing street clutter benefits everyone but has a greater benefit for those with additional accessibility needs.
4. On-Street EV Charging points should be built out into the highway rather than taking pavement space.

**This council resolves to:**

1. Place accessibility at the heart of future building and public realm works.
2. That the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive write to the Chief Executive and Leader of Lancashire County Council requesting:
  - That all highways works take into account accessibility, and that improving accessibility of our pavements is treated high priority, such as increasing the number of dropped kerbs, particularly on streets where there are no accessible routes currently in place, and that dropped kerbs and crossing points should have tactile surfaces to indicate their location.
  - That requests for pruning and trimming works to bushes, trees and hedges that are causing pavement obstruction are dealt with promptly, and that they encourage residents to use the Love Clean Streets app to report these issues.
  - Request that when working on the roll-out of on-street EV chargers, that charging points are built out into the highway and not take pavement space.
  - That they make full use of their powers in enforcing issues such as pavement obstruction and parking on dropped kerbs.
3. Work with Urbaser to ensure that bins and waste receptacles are put in a place that does not obstruct pavements after they have been emptied, and also request residents and businesses to ensure that their bins and waste receptacles are not obstructing the pavement when presented for collection.
4. Take a more proactive approach to planning and streetscene enforcement where advertising boards, outdoor dining areas etc are exceeding the curtilage of the property.
5. That the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive write to Chief Constable of Lancashire Police requesting that Lancashire Police:
  - Enforce the rules and regulations around the use of bicycles and other prohibited vehicles using the pavement
  - Proactively enforce the laws around motor vehicles obstructing pavements and dropped kerbs.
6. That the Chief Executive reports back to Full Council on the responses received from Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Constabulary.

On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED and it was RESOLVED accordingly.

## 48 Appointments to Committees and Panels

Consideration was given to appointments to Committees and Panels.

It was RESOLVED that:

1. That the changes to the Political Balance were noted, and the consequential amendments to Committees are approved as set out below:

Committee	Remove	Add
Scrutiny	Vacancy	Cllr Alan Hosker
Audit & Standards	Cllr Alan Hosker	Cllr Howard Baker

2. That David Sparrow be re-appointed to the Independent Remuneration Panel until May 2025.

## 49 Polling Station Changes

Consideration was given to changes to polling stations for future elections.

It was RESOLVED that:

Full Council approve the following permanent changes to Polling Stations:

(a) Bank Hall Ward (EB) from Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Belvedere Road BB10 4BQ to Burnley Tennis Club, 30 Lower Ridge Close, off Belvedere Road, BB10 4BW.

(b) Rosegrove with Lowerhouse Ward (LB) from Parkside Methodist Church, 175 Cog Lane BB11 5AH to West End Community Centre, Venice Street, BB11 4BA.

(c) Coalclough with Deerplay Ward (KA) from Parkside Methodist Church 175 Cog Lane BB11 5AH to Coal Clough Community Centre, 2 Pasturegate Avenue, BB11 4DD.

(d) With the exception of a) to c) above, Members note the Returning Officers decision not to change any other polling stations.

## 50 Food Safety Delivery Plan 2023/24

Having regard to Minute 70 of the Executive consideration was given to the Food Safety Delivery Plan and it was RESOLVED that the plan be approved.

## 51 Health & Safety Delivery Plan 2023/24

Having regard to Minute 71 of the Executive consideration was given to the Health & Safety Delivery Plan and it was RESOLVED that the plan be approved.

## **52 Lancashire 2050**

Having regard to Executive Minute 68 consideration was given to a report on Lancashire 2050. It was RESOLVED that Council:

- (i) Endorse the outline Lancashire 2050 strategic framework (Appendix 'A') as the strategic framework that will guide further development of shared detailed priorities and actions with partners and stakeholders across the whole of Lancashire.
- ii) Agree that the Leader of the Council continues to work with Lancashire Leaders and that the Leader will make representations to that forum on any matters arising from the Council's consideration of this report.

**The Chief Operating Officer left the room for the duration of the following item.**

## **53 Arrangements for the Recruitment and Appointment of Chief Executive**

Consideration was given to the arrangements for the recruitment and appointment of a Chief Executive.

With the following clarification – The Appointments Committee would comprise The Leader, Deputy Leader, another Executive Member and the Group Leaders of the Liberal Democrat, Green and Conservative Groups (or appointed substitutes) – it was RESOLVED that Council:

- a) Confirm the Appointment Committee's authority to conduct the recruitment within the financial parameters set out in the report; and
- b) Establish a budget of £20,000 for the cost of recruitment support and advertising as set out in the report.

**The Chief Operating Officer returned to the meeting**

## **54 Planning - Quality of Decision Making**

It was RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **55 Council Delegations**

Having regard to Minute 75 of the Executive, it was RESOLVED:

That Council agrees to add the following delegation to those of the Chief Operating Officer:

'The Chief Operating Officer is delegated authority to discharge delegations and functions afforded to a Head of Service in the Constitution and Standing Orders; in the absence of the relevant Head of Service, excluding those finance functions afforded to the Section 151 Officer.'

## **56 Reports from Committee Chairs**

Reports of Committee Chairs were noted as presented.

## **57 Strategic Plan Progress Reports**

**RESOLVED** That the Strategic Plan Progress Reports of Executive Members be noted.