



# Extraordinary Meeting of the Burnley Borough Council

To be held at 6.30 pm on  
Thursday, 30th July, 2020





Sir or Madam,

Notice is given of a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF BURNLEY to be held by video-conference on

**DATE: Thursday, 30th July, 2020**

**starting at 6.30 pm**

To transact the business specified below.

**Catherine Waudby  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

**Members of the public may ask a question, make a statement, or present a petition relating to any matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which affects the Borough.**

**Notice in writing of the subject matter must be given to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services by 5.00 pm on the day before the meeting. Forms can be obtained for this purpose from the reception desk at Burnley Town Hall, Manchester Road or from the web at: <http://burnley.moderngov.co.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13234> . You can also register to speak via the online agenda. Requests will be dealt with in the order in which they are received.**

**All meetings are currently being held remotely. Members of the public wishing to address the meeting should submit their request in the usual way, and will then be invited either to join the meeting by video conference or to make a submission in writing which will be shared with the Committee.**

**All public meetings are being livestreamed on the Council's [Youtube Channel](#)**

## **A G E N D A**

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting 7 - 14  
To receive, as read, the Minutes of the proceedings of the previous Council meeting, and to confirm them or otherwise.
2. Declarations of Interest  
To receive any declarations of interest.
3. Mayor's Communications  
To receive communications (if any) from His Worshipful the Mayor.
4. Public Question Time

To receive questions, statements or petitions (if any) from members of the public.

5. Notice of Motion - Human Rights violations against the LGBTIQ+ community in Poland

Human Rights violations against the LGBTIQ+ community in Poland

This Council notes:

- The Polish population of Burnley is at least 7401 as at March 2020.
- In the 1970s, Burnley was the UK's battleground for gay and lesbian rights, with two ground-breaking public struggles at either end of the decade. The first was a transformative public meeting held at Burnley Central Library in 1971. The meeting was about the right to open the first ever LGBT centre in old Co-Operative Society premises. The second was as a result of the political activism of Mary Winter, a bus driver sacked for nothing more than wearing a 'Lesbian Liberation' badge and unsupported by her trade union. She fought back against her employers in 1978 using a network of women's groups across the UK, and staging a demo outside the Burnley Bus Station. These links to LGBTIQ+ activism prompted two plays to be made in 2017.<sup>2</sup>
- Since 2019, 100 Polish Local Government areas, which cover about 1/3rd of Poland, have declared themselves "LGBT-free" zones and in passing such resolutions used aggressive, dehumanising and hate filled language against the LGBTIQ+ community.<sup>3</sup>
- Peaceful Pride marches have been met with violence from far-right groups.<sup>4</sup>

This Council believes:

- That, following re-election of President Duda who used anti-LGBTIQ+ rhetoric as his central campaign pledge, that the Human Rights of the Polish LGBTIQ+ community will be further threatened.<sup>5</sup>
- Hate and violence against the LGBTIQ+ community is unacceptable in all forms and should be called out and addressed.

Therefore, this Council agrees:

- To send a letter to the Burnley MP, the Prime Minister of the UK Government and the President of the European Commission to call on them to do whatever they can to speak out against this injustice and support whatever international sanctions are necessary to ensure that the Polish Government recognises that it must uphold the Human Rights of the LGBTIQ+ community to the fullest extent.

6. Items for Decision by the Council

a) Appointment of Head of Finance and Property (Section 151 Officer) 15 - 18

To seek approval of the recommendation from the Appointments Committee regarding the appointment of the Head of Finance and Property (Section 151 Officer).

b) Pavement Licences 19 - 20

To outline the new Pavement Licence regime and set a fee for the Pavement Licence application and grant the necessary delegations to officers to enable the

licences to be issued and make the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution.

7. Questions

To deal with questions (if any) relating to matters not contained in the Minutes before the Council and of which notice in writing has been received in accordance with Standing Order No. 10(2).