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18<sup>th</sup> March 2005

### **COUNCILLOR JUNE FORSHAW – MAYOR**

Ladies and Gentlemen

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Council of the Borough which will be held at the Astoria, Rawtenstall on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at 7.00 pm precisely. Notice of the time and place of the meeting has been published as provided by the Act.

#### **AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** (*Pages 5 – 20*)

To receive as read and approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, THE LEADER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

To receive any communications from the Mayor, the Leader or the Head of Paid Service that they may desire to lay before the Council.

**5. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

**6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

### a) Audit Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2005 (*Pages 21 – 46*)

The Audit Committee, at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2005, considered the attached report in respect of proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution in the light of the Organisational Review. The Committee agreed that the amendments be submitted to the next meeting of Council for approval, subject to two further minor revisions, which have now been incorporated into Appendices B and C of the report.

**Council are recommended** to agree that the amendments set out in Appendices A, B, C and D to the report, be made to the Council's Constitution.

### b) Executive – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005 (*Pages 47 – 112*)

#### **HOUSING STRATEGY 2005-2008** (*Pages 47 – 52*)

At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005, the Executive considered a report by the Housing Research and Strategy Officer on the Housing Strategy 2005-2008. A copy of the report is attached. The full Housing Strategy document, including the associated Action Plan, has been circulated previously and Members are requested to bring their copy with them to the meeting.

**Council are recommended** to approve the Housing Strategy 2005-2008, its priorities and objectives and the associated Action Plan (Appendix 1).

#### **LSP COMMUNITY STRATEGY DELIVERY PLAN 2005-2008** (*Pages 53 – 74*)

At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005, the Executive considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive on the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Community Strategy Delivery Plan for 2005-2008, a copy of which is attached.

In considering the Plan the Executive also:-

Noted that the Lancashire County Council (LCC) Community Strategy Approval Workshop on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005 would secure LCC support for the Community Strategy Delivery Plan 2005-2008;

Approved the granting of delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Lead Member to make any future adjustments to finalise the Delivery Plan, subject to the LCC Workshop and future reviews; and

Agreed to bi-annual monitoring of the Community Strategy Delivery Plan 2005-2008 via Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**Council are recommended** to agree the content of the LSP Community Strategy Delivery Plan 2005-2008 (v5 19.02.05).

## **PRIVATE SECTOR DECENT HOMES POLICY** *(Pages 75 – 80)*

At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005, the Executive considered a report by the Private Sector Housing Renewal Manager on the adoption of a Private Sector Decent Homes Policy, a copy of which is attached.

### **Council are recommended:-**

- (i) To approve the use of equity release across the Borough to assist vulnerable homeowners living in non-decent homes to meet the decent homes standard and to amend the Council's Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy and Strategy accordingly.
- (ii) To approve, in principle, the use of West Pennine Housing Association and the Home Improvement Trust as delivery agents and to give delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Lead Members for Housing to agree service level agreements with both agencies.
- (iii) To delete the use of Renovation Grant and Minor Works Grant as a form of financial assistance to homeowners in the Council's Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy and Strategy.

## **2005/06 TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STATEMENT** *(Pages 81 – 98)*

At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005, the Executive considered a joint report by the Head of Financial Services and the Deputy Director of Finance on the 2005/06 Treasury Management Strategy and the Annual Investment Statement, a copy of which is attached.

**Council are recommended** to approve the Treasury Management Strategy and the Annual Investment Statement for 2005/06.

## **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06 AND FUTURE YEARS** *(Pages 99 – 112)*

At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005, the Executive considered a joint report by the Executive Director of Resources and Head of Financial Services on the Capital Programme 2005/06 and Future Years, a copy of which is attached.

In considering the Capital Programme the Executive deferred consideration of the four historical schemes identified at paragraph 6.6 of the report.

### **Council are recommended:-**

- (i) To approve the committed Capital Programme set out at Appendix 1, together with the additional schemes set out at paragraph 6.4 of the report; and
- (ii) To note the preparation pool of schemes outlined at Appendix 2.

**8. EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS** *(Pages 113 – 116)*

To consider the attached report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the intended timetable for the adoption of new Executive Arrangements for the Council.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

To consider a procedure for the appointment of the Deputy Mayor and to approve the selection of the Deputy Mayor for 2005/06. (details to be provided at the meeting).

**10. SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2005/06**

To consider a Schedule of Committee Meetings for the Municipal Year 2005/06. (details to follow).

**For Chief Executive**