



## BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN HALL  
DUKE STREET  
BARROW-IN-FURNESS

14th January, 2013

To: The Members of Barrow Borough Council

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at the TOWN HALL, BARROW on TUESDAY the 22nd day of JANUARY, 2013 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM for the transaction of the business specified below.

Executive Director

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Prior to the business of the meeting, Prayers will be offered.

### Business

#### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

2. MINUTES. To confirm the Minutes of the Council's proceedings held on 16th October and 12th December, 2012.
3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

**To expedite the business of the meeting, Members are requested to give the Executive Director adequate notice of any Amendment which they propose to raise.**

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader or Head of Paid Service.

5. (A) TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS:-

- (1) Planning
- (2) Licensing
- (3) Executive
- (4) Audit

(B) QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Council has agreed that time be set aside for questions to the Leader of the Council.

Standing Order 10.2 and 10.4 set out the procedure for questions to the Leader and the notice period required.

The Leader will also take any questions without notice relevant to the reports and minutes detailed on the agenda.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER RULE 11

To consider the following motion signed by Councillors Sweeney and Graham.

This Council believes that a high quality, consultant led, maternity unit at Furness General Hospital, supported by strong paediatric and anaesthetic services, is essential for the well-being of this area.

Council fully supports the Families for FGH Campaign and urges local people to make their voice heard in the consultation exercise.

7. TO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, THAT IS TO SAY:

That the Council authorises the fixing of its Common Seal to any documents to give effect to the Minutes and proceedings of the Committees submitted to or approved by this meeting and any other matters dealt with at this meeting.

**To expedite the business of the meeting, Members are requested to give the Executive Director adequate notice of any Amendment which they propose to raise.**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 5(A)(1)</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: 22nd January, 2013</b>	
<b>Reporting Officer: Executive Director</b>	
<p><b>REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE (Report of the meetings held on 6th November and 4th December, 2012)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>There were no recommendations referred to Council from the above meetings.</p> <p><u>Delegated Decisions</u></p> <p>The matters determined by the Planning Committee in exercise of the powers which have been delegated to the Committee will be detailed in the Minutes of the meetings noted above reproduced in Volume 3 (2012/13) of the printed Minutes.</p>	

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 5(A)(2)</b>
Date of Meeting: 22nd January, 2013	
Reporting Officer: Executive Director	
<p><b>REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE</b>  <b>(Report of the meetings held on 22nd November, 2012 and 3rd January, 2013)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>The Gambling Policy – Review of Statement was dealt with at Council on 12th December, 2012.</p> <p>There were no other recommendations referred to Council from the above meetings.</p> <p><u>Delegated Decisions</u></p> <p>The matters determined by the Licensing Committee in exercise of the powers which have been delegated to the Committee will be detailed in the Minutes of the meetings noted above reproduced in Volume 3 (2012/13) of the printed Minutes.</p>	

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 5(A)(3)</b>
Date of Meeting: 22nd January, 2013	
Reporting Officer: Executive Director	
<p><b>REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Report of the meetings held 17th October, 14th November and 12th December, 2012)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>There were no recommendations referred to Council from the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.</p> <p>The Council Tax Reduction Scheme was dealt with at Council on 12th December, 2012.</p> <p>The following recommendations have been referred to Council.</p> <p><b><u>Executive Committee – 14th November, 2012</u></b></p> <p><b>1.0 Members Allowances Scheme – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel</b></p> <p>1.1 The Executive Director reported that Government regulations required that any amendment to the Scheme of Allowances for a local authority should be made following the consideration of a report by its Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).</p> <p><b>1.2 Recommendations:</b></p> <p>(i) That the Council remove Recommendation No. 3 (ii) - Travel Inside the Borough - 40p per mile; and</p> <p>(ii) To recommend the Council to accept the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for inclusion in the scheme with the above variation.</p>	

## **2.0 Parking Services Management Structure**

2.1 The Deputy Executive Director submitted a report regarding the temporary arrangements for the ongoing management of the Parking Services function which were in place pending the outcome of the On-Street Parking Review by Cumbria County Council agreed on 20th October, 2010. The County Council had concluded this review and the Council had signed a new agreement to manage on-street enforcement on their behalf (Minute No. 34 of Executive Committee on 18th July, 2012 refers).

Now that this agreement was in place, the Council needed to consolidate the management arrangements for Parking Services.

### **2.2 Recommendations:**

**To recommend the Council:-**

- (i) That approval be given for Management to begin formal consultations with Unison and Post Holder No: DES150 with a view to deleting the post graded PO1-4 and replacing it with a post graded PO6; and**
- (ii) Subject to satisfactory consultation, the Council's establishment be amended accordingly.**

## **Executive Committee – 12th December, 2012**

### **3.0 Police and Crime Panel**

3.1 The Executive Director informed the Committee that the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) had met as a Shadow Board to agree its Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure. As the PCP would be a Joint Committee of the District and County Councils in Cumbria it required formal endorsement of the Council.

### **3.2 Recommendations:**

**To recommend the Council:-**

- (i) To agree the Police and Crime Panel Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure; and**
- (ii) To agree that the Police and Crime Panel should be a Joint Committee under Article 9 of the Council Constitution.**

## **4.0 War Pensions Disregard**

4.1 The Borough Treasurer informed the Committee informed the Committee that under current legislation local authorities could disregard up to 100% of war pension payments when calculating entitlement to Council Tax Benefit; the first £10 was statutorily disregarded. That included all War Disablement Pensions, War Widow's Pensions, Armed Forces Compensation Scheme payments and any corresponding pensions payable to a widower or a surviving civil partner. Despite the final regulations not yet being published for the Council Tax Support Scheme, the Committee was asked to agree the discretionary local scheme for 2013-2014, awarding the full 100% for Council Tax support and up to 100% for Housing Benefit.

### **4.2 Recommendations:**

**To recommend the Council:-**

- (i) To agree to the adoption of a 100% disregard of War Pension payments for Council Tax support, and**
- (ii) To continue the disregard of War Pension payments for Housing Benefit of up to 100%.**

### Delegated Decisions

The matters determined by the Executive Committee in exercise of the powers which have been delegated to the Committee will be detailed in the Minutes of the meetings noted above reproduced in Volume 3 (2012/13) of the printed Minutes.

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 5(A)(4)</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: 22nd January, 2013</b>	
<b>Reporting Officer: Executive Director</b>	
<p><b>REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (Report of the meeting held on 13th December, 2012)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>There were no recommendations referred to Council from the above meeting.</p> <p><u>Delegated Decisions</u></p> <p>The matters determined by the Audit Committee in exercise of the powers which have been delegated to the Committee will be detailed in the Minutes of the meeting noted above reproduced in Volume 3 (2012/13) of the printed Minutes.</p>	