



West Lancashire Area Committee

10th April 2025 7.00pm

Council Offices, 52 Derby Street Ormskirk

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Speaker –To be advised
4. Election of Vice Chairman for the year 2024-2025
5. Minutes of the meetings held on 23rd January 2025
6. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not on the agenda
7. County Executive Report
8. Election of Representatives to the County Executive
9. Items raised by Member Councils
10. Any other Business
11. Date and Times of Future Meetings

Future Meetings: 17th July 2025, 7pm



THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE HELD
ON THURSDAY 23rd JANUARY 25 AT 7.00PM IN THE WLBC OFFICES
DERBY STREET ORMSKIRK

Present:

Mrs E Broad (Clerk Upholland, Dalton) Cllr John Gordon (Rufford)

J Ashurst- LALC ASO Secretary , LCC's Heather Booth and Laura Worden and James Reilly of EasyWeb Sites Ltd

1. **Apologies:** Mrs I M O'Donnell (Hon Sec.) Councillors; J Gardner, Waugh ,Jones, Roughneen, Mrs Irene Roberts (clerk Aughton) , Angela Draper (Bickerstaffe) , Cllr. Judith Burton { Wrightington)

2. **Declarations of Interest** None

In the absence of a Chairman, Cllr Gordon agreed to take the Chair and welcomed the Speakers to the meeting.

3. **Speaker 1** – LCC's Heather Booth gave a presentation regarding Consumer Goods Testing and Product Safety explain how the Office for Product and Safety Standards works in partnership with Local Authorities throughout the UK

Lancashire County Scientific Services carries out tests on a large sample of products every year and Failure Rate is currently y running at 82%. Products tested include children's toys and clothing resulting in product withdrawal where possible but enforcement of regulations is often difficult since it needs to be carried out in the country of origin. Heather distributed information regarding testing procedure and the reporting of defective/ dangerous products.

Heather's colleague , LCC's Partnerships Development Officer Laura Worden distributed packs detailing current initiatives and developments. Both Heather and Laura were thanked for their efforts which were much appreciated.

Speaker 2 – James Reilly of EasyWeb Sites spoke directly to the Reps from Rufford and Up Holland answering any questions they had with particular regard to website compliance

Due to the poor attendance, it was decided that the rest of the Agenda be deferred to the next Meeting .

Date and times of Future Meetings: 10TH April 2025, 17th JULY 2025. All meetings start at 7pm in the WLBC Offices Ormskirk

The meeting closed at 8.pmChairman