

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST LANCASHIRE AREA COMMITTEE HELD
ON THURSDAY 17TH JULY 2025 AT 7.00PM IN THE WLBC OFFICES, DERBY
STREET ORMSKIRK L39 1DF

Present: Cllrs: John Gordon (chair), Elizabeth Broad (clerk to Upholland)) Gareth Dowling WLBC , John Ashurst (LALC ASO, Irene Roberts (clerk (Aughton), Chris Pyne (Halsall) Neil Pye (Up Holland) .

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs: J Waugh, Graham Jones, J Gardner, Matt Smith. Jane Smith (Clerk, Lathom South)
2. **Declarations of Interests;** None
3. **Appointment of Officers**

Chairman : Cllr. John Gordon was unanimously appointed and took the Chair.

Secretary: Following the retirement of long serving Secretary, Irene O' Donnell and the absence of a replacement John Ashurst agreed to act as Secretary until a permanent appointment could be made . **The Committee wished to express its gratitude to Irene and appreciation of her years of service and dedication to the West Lancs Area Committee and wished her a long and happy retirement.**

4. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 10th April 2025 Following a brief correction the minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2025 were proposed and seconded , held to be a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair .

5. **County Executive Report:** None.

6. **Local Government Reorganisation / Devolution :**

Cllr. Dowling gave an update detailing the various options for the proposed local government structure currently being considered and a possible timetable for implementation of the new structure as we move to the proposed **VESTING DAY of 1st April 2028** was circulated.

LALC Website : Members were encouraged to keep up to date with developments via the LALC website

Transfer of Assets and Services: Members were encouraged to write to their District Council to request what were the plans for the Transfer of Assets and other Services

7. Items raised by Member Councils – Emptying of Litter Bins The issue of reduced number of collections, sizes of bins, and general waste removal was raised again. Cllr Dowling advised that the transfer of refuse to one central point could mean that it becomes a waste transfer station for which a licence is required

8. Any other Business

6. Dates and Times of Future Meetings

Thursday 16th October 2025

West Lancs' Council Offices, Ormskirk

All meetings start at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.00Chairman