

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the 429th meeting of the County Executive Committee of Lancashire Association of Local Councils held virtually on 15 April 2023.

Present

Cllr P Orme

Cllr Ms P Hastings

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Members representing areas

Blackburn with Darwen

Bolton

Burnley & Pendle

Chorley

Lancaster

Preston

South Ribble

Wyre

MALC

Lancaster

Cllr Mrs E Smith, Ms Jane Smith

Cllr J Speight

Cllr A Neal, Cllr M Royds,

Cllr D Cranshaw

Cllr C Peacock

Cllr Ms P Hastings

Cllr K Martin, Cllr E Houghton

Cllr P Orme

Cllr C Rose, Cllr A Makin

Officers & guests in attendance

Membership & Engagement Officer

Training Officer

LCC County Champion

Debra Platt

Cllr Paul Rigby

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies from:

Cllr Jan Finch, Sir Robert Atkins, Brian Anderson, Val Watson.

2. Minutes of the 428th Executive Committee meeting held on 4 January 2023 circulated – to approve

Agreed: 428th Executive Committee minutes of 4 January 2023.

3. Matters of update

4. Lancashire County Council update - Cty Cllr Rigby

Cllr Rigby updated on the recent LCC Scutiny Committee meeting and the type of information the meeting was seeking. Highways is expecting more government investment to be spent on estate roads and country lanes. Members had asked about using alternative materials for roads/potholes – these are always being researched.

Discussed PROW scheme and extending it to other items such as sign cleaning – Cllr Rigby would ask.

A member reported that The Love Clean Streets App seems to have a problem reporting items on ie, to the LCC Police.

A member mentioned reading an article on traffic lights at junctions remaining green if vehicle speed is within the speed limit and changing to red if speeding – Cllr Hasting will take this to the Road Safety Partnership.

5. LALC Finance & Management reports – DP

Brian Anderson had submitted a report which had been circulated.

Debra updated on the latest finance items.

6. Training operations update – VW

A member had asked how they could move a training booking to another member – if information sent in to the training@ email it could be sorted.

7. LCC SLA update and arrangements for the AGM now on 4 November

Agreed: The Executive agreed the AGM would move to 4 November to hold it following the LCC conference.

8. Area Committee Reports

Cllr Neal reported that at the Area Committee for Burnley & Pendle turnout was low for the face to face meeting and virtual had not been good either.

South Ribble Chair Cllr Houghton asked about getting an Area Secretary and the LCC SLA project was discussed.

9. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Hastings updated that the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership Strategy for 2023/2030 was to be signed off at the next meeting.

Cllr Martin had not heard from the Forest of Bowland group or the PROW Committee. CPRE has more funding for 'hedges' projects around the Greater Manchester area.

Cllr Orme reported that the Best Kept Village Competition nominations were open and it had introduced some new categories such as 'Tidy Town'.

10. Regional Matters

Cllr Peacock had attended the Northern Meeting – NALC had sold its offices and members asked where the £2.4m funds was to be going.

Cllr Neal will ask question NALC on this as our membership monies fund NALC and its offices and salaries.

11. National Association matters

12. Any other urgent business

Cllr Martin discussed that the lowest spend by LCC is in South Ribble on road repairs and it was seeking action using the Road Safety Act.

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Cllr Peacock – this was Colins last meeting and everyone wished him well in his retirement and thanked him for his many years representing Lancashire on the NALC Executive.

13. Future meeting arrangements: Saturdays at 10am on the following dates:

Executive Committee meetings 10am	Finance & Management meetings 4pm
Saturday 21 January 2023	Monday 9 January 2023
Saturday 15 April 2023	Tuesday 28 March 2023
Saturday 17 June 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
Saturday 9 September 2023	Tuesday 29 August 2023
Saturday 4 November 2023 – AGM	Tuesday 30 October 2023
Saturday 20 January 2024	Monday 8 January 2024

Debra Platt
County Secretary

APPENDIX 1

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2083-nalc-calls-for-sustainable-land-use-in-a-new-lords-inquiry>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2106-new-county-councils-network-and-zoom-report-backs-nalc-call-for-remote-meeting-powers>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2127-nalc-parliamentary-briefing-on-levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/nalc-national-networks#coastal-communities>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/nalc-national-networks#climate-emergency>

Surveys

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2132-nalc-publishes-new-survey-on-dementia-friendly-councils>

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2096-nalc-issues-survey-on-2022-local-elections>