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## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the 432nd meeting of the County Executive Committee of Lancashire Association of Local Councils held virtually on 9 September 2023.

### Present

Sir Robert Atkins  
Cllr P Orme  
Cllr Ms P Hastings  
Colin Peacock

President  
Chairman & VP  
Vice Chairman  
Vice President

### Members representing areas

Blackburn with Darwen  
Bolton  
Burnley & Pendle  
Chorley  
Fylde  
Lancaster  
Preston  
South Ribble  
Wyre  
MALC

Cllr E Smith VP  
  
Cllr A Neal VP  
Cllr D Cranshaw  
Cllr G Stead, L Squires, Cllr G Smith  
none  
Cllr Ms P Hastings  
Cllr K Martin  
Cllr J Finch  
Cllr C Rose, Cllr I Hamilton

### Officers & guests in attendance

Membership & Engagement Officer  
LCC County Champion

Debra Platt  
Cllr Paul Rigby

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies from: Jane Smith, Cllr P Collins, Cllr E Houghton

### 2. Election of Chairman to the LALC Executive Committee

**Agreed:** Cllr Phil Orme was elected to the Chair.

### 3. Election of Vice Chairman to the LALC Executive Committee

**Agreed:** Cllr Pat Hastings was elected to Vice Chair.

### 4. Election of Representatives to outside organisations – (list enclosed)

Cllr Stead to go on the Lancashire Best Kept Village group as reserve for Cllr Orme.

Cllr G Stead asked about the Northern Group and NW Federation and volunteered to be a substitute member.

Fylde Community Safety Partnership – Cllr Smith & Stead asked to go on this, Cllr Rigby will check at LCC about places (Cllr Rigby & Cllr Smith will speak).

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Cllr Hastings will be Cllr Neal's deputy at NALC.

Cllr Bradley Arnold will be Cllr Hamilton's deputy at NALC.

Cllr Hamilton will be MALCs representative on the Northern Groups.

5. Election of Representatives to Finance and Management Committee

To be added are Cllr Smith from Fylde and a volunteer Cllr from Ribble Valley, if they confirm.

6. Minutes of the 431st Executive Committee meeting held on 9 September 2023 circulated – to approve

Drafted Minutes of the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of 4 November 2023 circulated – to action motions

**Agreed:** The circulated Minutes were approved.

7. Matters of update

No matters.

8. Lancashire County Council update - Cty Cllr Rigby

Members raised potholes and Cllr Rigby discussed the level of response from LCC being as much of the finances as it can spare on this service. The weather, frequency of repairs, type of repairs, utility company repairs, were all discussed. Also, the reporting app was discussed, as it does not hold the reports as it assumes the work is done when it is passed onwards. It would be useful for the app to retain the reports for monitoring. Cllr Rigby will endeavour to gain responses to items.

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- a. Devolution deal and how Town & Parish Councils are involved, affected or can contribute to the process

Members had been circulated with the LCC Parish Champion newsletter which contained the Devolution Deal article and details of the consultation for this. Members discussed and asked where Town & Parish Councils would be involved, the discussions covered the low levels of monies, for three limited projects, controlled by 3 bodies with no districts being involved in the decisions, no mentioned of our tier of government. It was asked if all the consultation results were against the deal if the deal could be lost and Cty Cllr Rigby responded no.

Cllr Hamilton informed he had got devolutions deals on to the NALC Larger Councils agenda and this will be discussed in March and he will feed back.

Cllr Rigby encouraged everyone to respond to the consultation.

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9. LALC Finance & Management Committee meeting - verbal update if required

Newer members asked for details of Finance figures and breakdowns; if F&M review relationship with NALC to ensure it gets value for money; if the LCC SLA restricts LALC in 'fighting our corner'

The F&M committee receive financial figures at its meetings. It was requested that for Executive Committee meetings a summary report from F&M be prepared.

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The relationship with NALC is complex and the next agenda item may assist.

The LCC SLA is a fixed project which aligns with LCC and LALCs objectives. It is not a rolling project but has finite ends to the four different elements within the project.

10. NALC matters – report from Cllr Neal

Cllr Neal updated on his experiences with NALC in these three areas:

- a. concerns over lack of response from NALC officers to delegates
- b. notice of motions being withdrawn without any discussions by delegates to NALC
- c. delegates appointed to relevant committees of NALC not being sent info such as agenda or minutes of relevant committees

Also discussed were the costs associated with having in person meetings and his encouragement to have more virtual meetings.

Members discussed what NALC does and doesn't do for LALC, its national role and its strength in numbers (of all the ALCs). Members wanted to invite the NALC CEO to the LALC Conference.

The COF paper circulated at the September Exec meeting and supported by the Exec was discussed. This to be circulated again for new members.

11. Officer update reports – no further updates

12. Area Committee Reports

Wyre Area Committee is to meet at the end of January. It will appoint a new Secretary after the one stepped down after over 38 years of service. Exec agreed for a letter to go to Mr Sharples thanking him for his work.

Fylde Area Committee started up in September and had its second meeting in December meeting. It has appointed three representatives to the Executive.

Blackburn Area Committee has a meeting in about two weeks.

13. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

LALCs representatives on the NALC committee was circulated.

CPRE – Cllr Martin reported on a few campaigns they are involved in currently.

14. Regional Matters

The last Northern Group meeting was in December, next will be April and July.

15. Long Service Award

Two nominations were considered for a 30 and 35 years service.

**Agreed:** The Executive Committee agreed both long service awards.

16. Any other urgent business

It was requested if actions in the minutes could be highlighted in some way.

17. Future meeting arrangements

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Debra Platt

**LALC calendar 2024**

Executive Committee Saturdays 10am	Finance & Management meetings 4pm
Saturday 20 January 2024 Virtual	Monday 8 January 2024 Virtual
	Monday 18 March 2024 Virtual
Saturday 13 April 2024 Virtual	Tuesday 7 May 2024 Virtual
Conference & F2F – approx. May/June	Monday 19 August 2024 Virtual
Saturday 7 September 2024 Virtual	Monday 28 October 2024 Virtual