

Minutes of Emergency Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 13 August 2015, starting at 4pm
Present: Councillor S Hirst (Chairman)

Councillors:

T Hill
A Knox
R Thompson

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Resources, Director of Community Services, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Head of Cultural and Leisure Services.

159 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence from the meeting.

160 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTORAL REVIEW

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee that the Local Government Boundary Commission was conducting an Electoral Review of Lancashire and that this review was needed as more than 36% of divisions (30 out of 84) have an electoral variance of more than 10% of the average. The public consultation on new electoral division boundaries, council size and the allocation of County Councillors between districts had a deadline of 31 August 2015 and proposals were being invited to help draw up a pattern of divisions to accommodate the 84 County Councillors. The current position in Ribble Valley shows a 12% variance in the Clitheroe Division and a 14% variance in the Ribble Valley North East Division. The County Council have applied a growth rate from population projections to the electorate figure for June 2015 of 47,099. This would produce an electorate in 2021 of 48,140 which would then be increased by using housing land availability figures to 48,297. It was felt that the number of new dwellings anticipated had been seriously underestimated and that a more realistic assessment of electorate growth should be used. Based on preliminary estimated projections the estimated electorate would be in excess of 50,000 which would indicate that Ribble Valley should have increased representation from 4 seats to 5.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. respond to the Local Government Boundary Commission that the Ribble Valley electorate has been underestimated and that the electoral projections calculated would suggest 5 divisions and suggest a split of current wards into these 5 divisions; and

2. delegate a detailed response to the Local Government Boundary Commission to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, Shadow Leader and Deputy Leader.

161

TOUR OF BRITAIN CYCLE RACE

The Director of Community Services submitted a report seeking agreement to an increase in the budget allocation for the staging of the second stage of the 2015 Aviva Tour of Britain Cycle Race.

The Council had been asked by Pendle Borough Council late in 2014 to be a partner in the hosting of the second stage of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race; the start being in Clitheroe and the finish in Colne. An original sum had been assigned to the staging of the event before actual details of the implications in relation to traffic management, stewarding and first aid were fully known.

Following a full route assessment the number of zones had been determined which would each have a Zone Manager, Stewards and First Aid. Traffic management would also be essential to help manage the day-to-day traffic in the borough as the race progresses, including a closure on the A59 at Gisburn anticipated for up to 1 hour. It was imperative that the Council host a successful and safe event.

RESOLVED: That Committee approve a revised budget for the Council hosting of Stage 2 of the Aviva Tour of Britain 2015 of £125,000.

The meeting closed at 4.35pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Marshal Scott (414400).

(OH/CMS/EMERGENCY/13 AUG 15)