

**COUNCILLOR TREVOR UNSWORTH, DEPUTY MAYOR**

**MINUTES OF: THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSSENDALE**

**Date of Meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**PRESENT:** The Deputy Mayor Councillor Unsworth (in the Chair)  
Councillors A. Barnes, Challinor, Cheetham, Crawforth,  
Dickinson, Eaton, Essex, Evans, Farrington, Gill, Gledhill,  
Graham, Haworth, Lamb, Nuttall, C. Pilling, J. Pilling,  
Robertson, Sandiford, Smith, Stansfield, P.Steen and  
Swain.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Helen Lockwood, Chief Executive  
Carolyn Sharples, Acting Committee and Member Services  
Manager

**ALSO PRESENT:** 2 members of the public

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Aldred, L. Barnes, Driver, Forshaw, Milling, Morris, Neal, H.Steen, Thorne and Wilson.

**2. MINUTES**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 be signed by the Deputy Mayor as a correct record.

**3. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

The Deputy Mayor reported that there were no urgent items of business.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. OUTSTANDING ITEMS OF BUSINESS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

There were no outstanding actions to report.

## 6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Leader of the Council answered questions raised by members of the public on the following issues:

No.	Issue	Answered by (and action)
1.	The registering of the Pennine Lancashire Company name.	Councillor Swain
2.	The sale of land at Stacksteads, near Glen Crescent and impact on residents.	Councillor Swain agreed to look into and respond directly.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPUTY MAYOR, THE LEADER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

The Deputy Mayor had no communications to report.

The Leader of the Council had no communications to report.

The Chief Executive reported that there was a change to the committee members on the Accommodation Working Group and that Councillor Cheetham would be replacing Councillor Swain with immediate effect. In addition she informed members that a rating of 3 (out of 4) had been achieved in relation to the Comprehensive Area Assessment. Information on the assessment breakdown could be found on the Oneplace website where comparisons with other councils could be made. A report on the results of the assessment would be brought before members.

## 8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

The following issues were raised by Councillors and answered by the Leader or designated person:

No.	Issue	Questioner	Answered by (and action)
1.	Council policy on collection of side waste.	Councillor Lamb	Councillor P.Steen
2.	Response by the Audit Commission on the Use of Resources Assessment.	Councillor Gledhill	Councillor Swain
3.	Inviting partners to present updates at Full Council meetings and encourage scrutiny debates.	Councillor Sandiford	Councillor Swain would look into this.

4.	Unanswered question on the re-opening of the public toilets in Rawtenstall.	Councillor Crawforth	Councillor P. Steen
5.	Time taken to answer questions at Full Council.	Councillor Robertson	Councillor Swain
6.	Faster response times to questions.	Councillor A.Barnes	Councillor Swain
7.	Copies of Standing Orders for Council meetings.	Councillor A.Barnes	Councillor Swain
8.	Challenging the County Council in relation to the re-filling of grit boxes on unadopted streets.	Councillor A.Barnes	Councillor Swain
9.	Responses to questions being provided to all Councillors following the meeting.	Councillor Nuttall	Councillor Swain

## 9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET AND OTHER COMMITTEES

### 9a. Recommendation of Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

#### **Strategic Report – Statement of Principles - Gambling Act 2005**

The Council considered the recommendations of the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of the Strategic Report – Statement of Principles - Gambling Act 2005.

The Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services thanked the Licensing Team including the Licensing Administrative Officer for their hard work on the re-writing of the document as required under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.

In considering the report members identified the following issues to which the Leader of the Council responded:

- Appendix A relating to a previous period.

#### **Resolved**

- That Council approve the Statement of Gambling Policy.

## 10. PLACE JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

The Council considered the minutes of the PLACE Joint Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

In noting the minutes members raised the following:

- More information required in the minutes.
- Who people are and which authority they come from.

In response to the questions the Leader of the Council agreed to take the issues raised up with the PLACE Joint Committee for future meetings.

**Resolved**

- That the minutes of the PLACE Joint Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 be noted.

**11. URGENT DECISIONS**

The Deputy Mayor reported that the Cabinet had not taken any urgent decisions since the last meeting.

**(The meeting started at 7.00pm and concluded at 7.30pm)**

Signed.....

(Chair)

Date .....