

Lancashire County Council

Executive Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd February, 2015 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Bill Winlow (Chair)

County Councillors

A Atkinson	G Gooch
A Barnes	P Hayhurst
T Brown	S Holgate
Mrs S Charles	J Oakes
B Dawson	D O'Toole
M Green	N Penney

County Councillors Terry Brown and Graham Gooch replaced County Councillors Darren Clifford and Geoff Driver respectively for this meeting.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests

There were no interests disclosed.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2015

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Reports for decision by Cabinet

The Committee considered the following reports to be presented for decision by Cabinet on 5 February 2015.

a. Money Matters – Update on the County Council's Financial Position for 2014/15

The committee received a report on the County Council's financial position for 2014/15. The report set out the main financial risks facing the authority and actions undertaken to address these. It also set out the County Council's projected financial position at the end of the financial year and assessed the over financial outlook.

Resolved: That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

b. **Money Matters - The 2015/16 Budget and Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2017/18**

The Committee received a report setting out the context for the budget proposals to be made by Cabinet to Full Council. It was confirmed that the full proposals would be presented at the Cabinet meeting. The Committee noted particularly the one-off resources identified, including the position on the capital financing budget. It was recognised, however, that such resources needed to be considered in the context of the £176m further savings required in addition to the £62m savings agreed in February 2014.

Resolved: That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

c. **Money Matters - The Capital Investment Programme 2015/16 and Beyond**

A report was presented setting out proposals for the consideration of cabinet on the Capital Investment Programme for 2015/16 and beyond.

Resolved: That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

d. **Lancashire County Council Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2015/16**

The Committee received a report setting out the proposed Treasury Management Policy Framework for 2015/16.

Resolved: That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

5. **Forthcoming Individual Cabinet Member Key Decisions**

The Committee considered the following key decisions due to be taken by individual Cabinet Members.

6. Urgent Business

There was no Urgent Business.

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be at 2pm on Tuesday 3 March 2015.

8. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 and that in all circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

9. Superfast Broadband Extension Programme (SEP)

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

10. Partnering Framework for Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (Installations)

The Committee considered a report on the award of contracts following the completion of a tender process in relation to a partnering framework for mechanical and electrical engineering installation works.

Resolved: That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

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