

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 14th April, 2016 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Jennifer Mein

Leader of the Council
(in the Chair)

Cabinet Members

County Councillor David Borrow

County Councillor John Fillis

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone

County Councillor Tony Martin

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

County Councillors Geoff Driver CBE and Bill Winlow were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. 19(4).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Azhar Ali and County Councillor Albert Atkinson.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no interests disclosed.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 February 2016

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Executive Scrutiny Committee - Report of the Chair

County Councillor Bill Winlow, chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee, reported that the recommendations set out in the reports for consideration by Cabinet had been confirmed with no amendments or additional recommendations.

5. Lancashire Fairness Commission

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health, presented a report setting out the County Council's response to the recommendations made by the independent Lancashire

Fairness Commission, and the ways in which it was working to address fairness in Lancashire.

In presenting the report, it was noted that the section referring to the finalisation of the Lancashire Skills and Employment Strategic Framework 2016/21 should have referred to an "opt-out" rather than an "opt-in" with the Big Lottery 'Building Better Opportunities'.

It was reported that arrangements were being made for a "Fairness in Lancashire; One Year On" event in June to bring the organisations involved together for a review and update on the recommendation and work undertaken. It was noted that efforts were being made to ensure that the event was staged at little or no cost to the County Council.

Resolved: That

- i. the approaches to implement the actions arising from the report of the Lancashire Fairness Commission be noted
- ii. the proposals for hosting the "Fairness in Lancashire; One Year On" feedback event be approved

6. The Financial Sustainability of the Council and the Review of the Council's Operating and Business Model

Steve Browne, Corporate Director Commissioning and Deputy Chief Executive, presented a report setting out the context for a review of the Council's operating and business model, as identified in the budget report to cabinet in November 2015. The report proposed that external consultants be appointed to assist the Council in scoping and undertaking the review, and also that the remit of the Political Governance Working Group be extended to include the review of the business and operating model and make recommendations to Cabinet and Full Council as appropriate.

Resolved: That

- i. the initial brief for the review of the Council's business and operating model as set out at Appendix A to the report be approved
- ii. the additional terms of reference for the Political Governance Working Group as set out at Appendix B be approved

7. Health and Social Care Integration - Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Plan

Mike Kirby, Director, Corporate Commissioning, presented a report on the development of a Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), as well as other activity taking place to address integration issues on health and social care.

It was reported that every part of the NHS was required to have a locally led STP in place by 2017, for implementation by 2020. It was noted that this initiative needed to be seen in the context of substantial financial challenges for the health and social care system, including a forecast budget shortfall of at least £805m by 2020/21.

In considering the report, members welcomed the involvement of district councils in integration activities, and stressed the importance of increasing the level of democratic accountability in the NHS.

Resolved: That

- i. the development of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Plan be noted
- ii. the Operating Principles set out in the report be agreed, and that these be communicated to partner organisations: NHS England, the Clinical Commissioning Groups, Cumbria County Council and Lancashire Leaders and Chief Executives

8. Report of Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council, the Deputy Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Members

Resolved: That the report on the waiver of procurement rules by the Deputy leader of the County Council be noted.

9. Report of the Waiver of Procurement Rules by the Deputy Leader of the County Council

Resolved: that the report on Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council, the Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Members be noted.

10. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

11. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Cabinet would take place on Thursday 12 May 2016 at 2pm at County Hall, Preston

Jo Turton
Chief Executive

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Preston