

Lancashire County Council

Executive Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th June, 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	S Holgate
A Barnes	J Oakes
Mrs F Craig-Wilson	D O'Toole
D Clifford	A Schofield
B Dawson	D Westley
G Dowding	

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Niki Penney.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests

County Councillor Albert Atkinson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 as a member of the Board of Global Renewables Lancashire Operations Limited.

County Councillor David Borrow declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5 as a member of Preston City Council.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 March 2015

Resolved: - That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2015

Resolved: - That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

5. Reports for decision by Cabinet

The Committee considered a number of reports to be presented for decision by Cabinet on 11 June 2015.

a. **Preston Bus Station and Multi-Storey Car Park**

The Committee considered a report setting out progress made, since the last report in March 2015, in relation to Preston Bus Station and Multi-Storey Car Park.

The report set out details of the international design competition, proposals for Preston Youth Zone Plus, the Conservation Management Plan, the consolidated development proposal/listed building consent application and the phasing of works/indicative programme dates.

A further report would be submitted in September setting out details of the winner of the design competition and firmer details around the phasing of works and the programme dates.

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

b. **Delivery of the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal**

The Committee considered a report updating on the delivery and implementation of the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal since the agreement was signed in September 2013. Reference was made to the link to the Preston Bus Station and Multi-Storey Car Park which had always been part of the City Deal.

The report set out details of the governance and delivery arrangements, communication and marketing, the delivery of new homes and jobs, the delivery of transport and other supporting infrastructure, and changes to the funding model.

In respect of the funding model, reference was made to the proposed allocation of £7m from within the council's risk reserve in respect of potential liabilities in respect of the project.

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

6. Forthcoming Individual Cabinet Member Key Decisions

The Committee considered a number of Key Decisions due to be taken by individual Cabinet Members.

a. **Lancashire Adult Learning: Fees and Remission Policy 2015/16**

The Committee considered a report setting out proposals for Lancashire Adult Learning's Fees and Remissions Policy for 2015/16 as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report.

Lancashire Adult Learning reviews the Fees and Remissions Policy annually, to respond to variations in external (Skills Funding Agency (SFA)) levels of funding for learning, changes to SFA eligibility criteria for full or partially funded learning, and public demand for learning programmes. The policy for 2015/16 has been amended in order to reflect the recent FE Commissioner report and changes in the SFA contract for 2015/16.

Resolved: - That the recommendation set out in the report to the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services be noted and no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

b. Residential and Nursing Homes for Older People: Fees for 2015/16

The Committee considered a report setting out proposals for residential and nursing homes fees for older people for 2015/16 as set out at Appendices 'A' - 'B' to the report.

The County Council commissions residential and nursing home places for older people from over 300 Care Quality Commission (CQC) registered care services based within Lancashire. The 2015/16 Budget approved by Full Council made provision for an increase in the budget for meeting the fees for these placements equivalent to a 2% uplift, but on the basis that further work was underway and required completion on the structure of the uplifts. This work has now been completed and the report detailed the proposed new arrangements for fee uplifts for 2015/16 including the phasing of the new approach.

Resolved: - That the recommendations set out in the report to the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services be noted and no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

c. Proposed Consolidation of Permit and Pay & Display Orders and Proposed Designation Order for Related Charges

The Committee considered a report setting out proposals for the consolidation of Permit and Pay & Display Orders and a proposed Designation Order for Related Charges.

Residents parking, other permit and pay and display bays have been introduced over a period of several years by multiple Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). This proposal seeks to consolidate the multitude of orders into single district wide orders to ensure that there is consistency across schemes in the county. All charges relating to pay and display and permit bays have been further consolidated into one single county wide designation order which contains all the charges in one document.

Resolved: - That the recommendation set out in the report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport be noted and no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

7. Urgent Business

The Chair informed the Committee that he had agreed to the inclusion of an item of urgent business (item 7a) which would be considered under Part II.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 2pm at County Hall, Preston.

9. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: - That, in accordance with 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 1972 and that in all circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

10. Award of Contract for the Integrated Wellbeing Worker Service for Vulnerable Adults

The Committee considered a report setting out a recommendation to award a contract for the Integrated Wellbeing Worker Service for Vulnerable Adults.

Resolved: - That the recommendation set out in the report to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services be noted and no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

11. Procurement of a Framework Agreement for the Supply of External Print and Related Services

The Committee considered a report setting out a recommendation for the award of the framework contracts for the supply of external print and related services.

Resolved: - That the recommendations set out in the report to the Leader of the County Council be noted and no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

12. Upgrade of the Existing Fire Suppression Systems within the Facilities at Farington and Thornton Waste Recovery Parks

The Committee considered a report setting out recommendations in relation to the upgrade of the existing fire suppression systems within the facilities at Farington and Thornton Waste Recovery Parks.

Resolved: - That the recommendations set out in the report to the Leader of the County Council be noted and no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

7a. Procurement of a Framework Agreement for the Provision of Transport Services in Lancashire

The Committee considered a report setting out a recommendation in relation to the procurement of a framework agreement for the provision of transport services in Lancashire.

Resolved: - That the recommendation set out in the report to the Leader of the County Council be noted and no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

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