

Lancashire County Council

Executive Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th January, 2016 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Bill Winlow (Chair)

County Councillors

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| A Atkinson | G Driver |
| A Barnes | M Green |
| Mrs S Charles | S Holgate |
| D Clifford | J Oakes |
| B Dawson | D O'Toole |
| G Dowding | N Penney |

1. Apologies

None.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2015

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Forthcoming Individual Cabinet Member Key Decisions

The Committee considered the following reports on Key Decisions due to be taken by individual cabinet members as indicated:

a. Schools Budget 2016/17

The Committee considered a report on the submission of the Schools Budget for 2016/17 to the Education Funding Agency, and the Lancashire Early Years and High Needs Block Budgets for 2016/17.

Members were informed that in accordance with the Government's school funding framework, the Council was required to submit a final Schools Block budget pro forma for 2016/17 to the Education Funding Agency by 20 January 2016.

It was noted that decisions and recommendations arising from the Schools Forum's consideration of the 2016/17 budget proposals would be provided for the Cabinet Member's consideration on 15 January 2016.

Resolved:

That the recommendations set out in the report to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools be noted, and that no additional comments or alternative recommendations be made.

b. Adult Social Care - Use of new Resource Allocation System (RAS)

The Committee considered a report on the proposed adoption and use of a new Resource Allocation System (RAS) to support decision making in the setting of personal budgets for adults with eligible care needs, which would enable the delivery of savings and ensure compliance with the Care Act.

It was noted that the report contained a complex and significant set of proposals which would affect many individuals who already received services or may do so in the future. It was felt that a Bite Size briefing should be arranged for all members of the Council to enable the implementation and implications of the new RAS to be fully explained and understood.

Resolved: That the recommendations set out in the report to the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services be noted and that, subject to the request for a Bite Size briefing on the new RAS, no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

c. Addition of Proposed Changes to Highway Layout Associated with Developments at New Hall Lane, Adelaide Street and Witton Street, Preston (Section 278 funded) to the Highways Block of the 2015/16 Capital Programme

The Committee considered a report on the proposed addition of a highways scheme that would improve access to the new Eden Boys school, Preston, to the Council's 2015/16 capital programme.

It was noted that the scheme would be fully funded by a Section 278 payment from the developer.

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

5. Urgent Business

None.

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 19 January 2016 at 2.00 p.m. at County Hall, Preston.

7. 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.

8. Forthcoming Individual Cabinet Member Key Decisions

The Committee considered the following reports on Key Decisions due to be taken by individual cabinet members as indicated:

a. Road Lighting LED Lanterns and LED Retrofit Gear Trays

(Not for Publication - Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information)

The Committee considered a report on the award of a Framework Agreement in respect of the supply of Road Lighting LED Lanterns and LED Retrofit Gear Trays.

Members sought clarification of the budget provision for this Framework Agreement. Officers agreed to circulate further information to members of the Committee.

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

b. Approval to award contracts for the provision of 'Infant Feeding Peer Support and Infant Feeding Coordination Services, Lancashire

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The Committee considered a report on the award of contracts for the delivery of Infant Feeding Peer Support and Infant Feeding Co-ordination Services in Lancashire.

Members sought clarification of the priority need and the funding for these contracts.

Resolved: That the recommendations set out in the report to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools be noted, and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

c. **The Supply of a Growth Mentoring Service**

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The Committee considered a report on the award of a contract for the supply of a Growth Mentoring Service to the County Council.

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

d. **Supply of a Growth Support Programme**

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The Committee considered a report on the award of a contract for the supply of a Growth Support Programme to the County Council.

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

e. **The Supply and Distribution of Fresh Non-Halal Meat Products to Lancashire County Council Establishments**

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The Committee considered a report on the award of a contract for the supply and distribution of Fresh Non-Halal Meat Products to the County Council's catering establishments.

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

f. **Agreement to award the Supply of Office Supplies and Computer Consumables contract using the London Universities Purchasing Consortium Framework**

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The Committee considered a report on the award of a contract for the supply of office stationery supplies to the County Council.

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

g. **Management of the County Council's Energy Procurement**

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The Committee considered a report in relation to the management of the County Council's Energy Procurement.

Members sought clarification on the costs of the proposed arrangements, as well the level of new service being offered. Officers agreed to provide the Leader with this information prior to her decision making session and a copy of the information would also be circulated to all members of the Committee.

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

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