

## **Lancashire County Council**

### **Executive Scrutiny Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th March, 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**

A Atkinson	J Oakes
A Barnes	N Penney
B Dawson	A Schofield
M Green	V Taylor
C Henig	D Westley
S Holgate	

County Councillors A Schofield, V Taylor and D Westley replaced County Councillors D O'Toole, G Driver and S Charles respectively at this meeting.

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from County Councillor G Dowding.

#### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

County Councillor D Westley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8d (Supply of Active Lives and Healthy Weight Service for Adults (aged 18 and over) Families, Children and Young People (aged 4-18) across Lancashire) as he was a member of West Lancashire Borough Council. County Councillor A Barnes also declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8d as she was a member of Rossendale Borough Council. Councillor Barnes declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8c (Supply of a Growth Hub gateway Service) as she was a Regenerate Pennine Lancashire Ltd board member.

#### **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2016**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2016 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.

a. **Implementation of the Care Act 2014 - Review of Adult Social Care Policies and Procedures**

The Committee considered a report on the outcome of a comprehensive review of the County Council's adult social care policies, procedures and practice guidance. The following revised policies were presented:

- a. Wellbeing Principle
- b. Eligibility
- c. Ordinary Residence
- d. Independent Advocacy

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

b. **Approval of Direct Payments Policy**

The Committee considered a report on a revised Direct Payments Policy for adults, and children and young people following the introduction of the Care Act 2014 and Children and Families Act 2014.

It was proposed to amalgamate and update the two existing policies for Adults (2013) and Children and Young People (2007) in line with the 2014 legislation.

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

c. **Approval to Amend Adopted Route for the Penwortham Bypass**

The Committee considered a report on a proposal to amend the adopted and protected route for the Penwortham Bypass.

It was reported that further work, particularly in relation to traffic modelling, had provided the opportunity to amend the road scheme. It was proposed to:

- Replace the proposed roundabout junction on the A59 with a signal controlled T junction resulting in improved and simpler pedestrian and cycling facilities, reduced land take and increased promotion of the bypass as a route; and
- Reconfigure the A582 junction to accommodate the forecast future traffic growth in particular on the northern arm of the roundabout. This would incur a small amount of additional land take.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations set out in the report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services be noted, and that no additional comments or alternative recommendations be made.

**d. The Future of Blaze - Young People and Culture Project**

The Committee considered a report on the future of the Blaze young people's arts and culture project.

It was proposed that a sum of £10,000 from the Libraries, Museums, Culture and Registrars budget for 2015/16 be allocated to Curious Minds as a one off payment to help the Blaze project's transition to a sustainable future without County Council funding.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations set out in the report to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services be noted, and that no additional comments or alternative recommendations be made.

**e. The Provision of Additional Secondary School Places in Chorley**

The Committee considered a report on projected future pupil numbers in Chorley District secondary schools and the actions taken to secure additional places in order to meet future demand.

It was proposed to expand Holy Cross Catholic High school with effect from September 2017, and to enter into further negotiations with the remaining secondary schools to provide future additional places.

**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.

**5. Urgent Business**

None.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 2pm at the 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.

### **a. Direct Payment Support Service Award of Contract**

(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 proposed award of a contract for a Direct Payment Support Services across Lancashire.

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

### **b. Repairs & Maintenance Framework**

(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 proposed appointment of contractors to a framework for the provision of Reactive Repairs and Maintenance and Planned Maintenance Works up to a value of £60,000.

**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.

### **c. Supply of a Growth Hub Gateway Service**

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The Committee considered a report on the award of a contract for the supply of a Growth Hub Gateway Service 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.

d. **Supply of Active Lives and Healthy Weight Service for Adults (aged 18 and over), families, children and young people (aged 4-18) across Lancashire**

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The Committee considered a report on the proposed award of five contracts across Lancashire for an active lives and healthy weight service.

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

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