

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 14th July, 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 Azhar Ali

County Councillor David Borrow

County Councillor John Fillis

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone

County Councillor Tony Martin

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. 19(4).

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Albert Atkinson.

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

None

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 June 2016**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 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. **Annual Reports of the County Council Champions**

Cabinet received the reports outlining the activities and expenditure of the six County Council Champions for the year 2015/16. Cabinet welcomed the important contributions made by the champions in the year.

Resolved: That the annual reports of the County Council's six Champions for 2015/2016 be noted.

6. 2015/16 – Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Programme: End of Year Review

Cabinet received a report providing a summary of key performance of the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Programme during and up to 2015/16 (Year 2).

In presenting the report, the Leader highlighted some key achievements:

- £9.161m Private Sector investment leveraged
- 9,665sq m commercial floor space made available
- 753 jobs created
- 1,599 new homes built, with 8,675 having received planning permission

Resolved: That the progress being made on delivering the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Programme as set out in the report be noted.

7. The County Council's Financial Position - 2015/16 Outturn

Cabinet considered a report providing a summary of the County Council's financial position at the end of 2015/16. Cabinet welcomed the underspend of £0.601m against an agreed cash limit budget of £726.675m in the final revenue outturn position, although it was recognised that the position in relation to the capital programme was less positive.

Cabinet also noted the significant pressures facing the Council in 2016/17 and beyond.

Resolved: That

- i. the transfer of the 2015/16 underspend to reserves be approved
- ii. the Capital Programme for 2016/17 and onwards be increased by £108.778m to reflect the slippage in 2015/16.

8. Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2015 -16

Cabinet received a report presenting the draft annual report of the independent Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB). It was noted that the report was being presented as a draft to Cabinet to ensure timely information was available, and to allow for feedback to be given to the LSCB.

In welcoming the report and the chance to comment, Cabinet noted that some of the indicators were still draft, and that full consideration would need to be given to the underlying factors behind the reported figures. Some concern was expressed in relation to the commitment of partners to the LCSB, as highlighted in attendance statistics.

It was noted that the report, when finalised, would be considered by the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved: That the draft Annual Report of the Lancashire Safeguarding Children's Board be noted.

9. Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015 -16

Cabinet considered a report presenting the draft Annual Report of the independent Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB). It was noted that the report was being presented as a draft to Cabinet to ensure timely information was available, and to allow for feedback to be given to the LSAB.

It was noted that the LSAB had only recently been placed on a statutory basis, reflecting the increasing prioritisation of adult safeguarding issues, and that the developing understanding of the issues by providers and agencies would be reflected in the performance statistics. It was also noted that the report, when finalised, would be considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved: That the the draft Annual Report of the Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board be noted.

10. Report of Key Decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

Resolved: That the report of Key Decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport be noted.

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

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

12. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held on Thursday 8 September 2016 at 2pm at county Hall, Preston.

Jo Turton
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