

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 6th October, 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

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 Albert Atkinson

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no interests declared

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2016

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 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.

9. Flood & Water Management Act 2010 Section 19 Investigation - December 2015 Floods - Initial Report

Cabinet agreed that this item be moved on the agenda

A report on the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 Section 19 Investigation into the December 2015 floods across Lancashire was presented. It was noted that this was a statutory duty on the Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority.

It was noted that the report now presented discharged the statutory duty, and would be followed by further reports into the individual flood incidents at each identified location, based on detailed investigations undertaken.

It was additionally noted that since the publication of the investigation report representations area had been received from Burscough Parish Council. It was noted that a meeting had already been arranged with the Parish Council to discuss flooding in its area.

Resolved: That

- i. the report at Annex 1 be approved as discharging the County Council's obligations under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 in regard to the December 2015 floods
- ii. the proposal for further reports and the means of progressing flood investigations, communications and risk management activities within affected communities identified in the report at Annex 1 be approved.

5. Statutory Services Budget Review - PwC report

Cabinet considered the independent Statutory Services Budget Review produced by PwC. In presenting the report, it was noted that Table 17 in the report contained a small error, and that the Savings for Highways and Transport should read £6m and £11m, not £17m and 0 respectively.

It was identified that the report validated the council's own analysis and financial assumptions, and highlighted the scale of the challenge facing the county council.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

6. Money Matters - The County Council's Re profiled Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2018/19 and later years

Cabinet considered a report setting out the proposed re-profiling of the County Council's Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2018/19 and where appropriate later years.

It was noted that, whilst the Capital Programme was affordable and within budget, the report did not set out the details of any options in relation to funding arrangements, and that these would be part of a subsequent report in December.

Resolved: That

- i. the additions to the Capital Programme approved during quarters 1 and 2 of 2016/17 set out in section 2 of Table 1 in the main body of the report be noted
- ii. the re-profiling of the County Council's Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2018/19 and where appropriate for later years as set out in section 3 of Table 1 to the report be approved.

7. Property Strategy (Neighbourhood Centres) – Community Asset Transfer

Cabinet considered a report in relation to the business cases submitted by community organisations interested in taking on the running of county council building where they were no longer required for the delivery of council services.

The report summarised the assessment of the bids to date and provided recommendations on the way forward. The report also clarified the approach to be taken regarding any further expressions of interest/business cases which may be received.

It was noted that further Expressions of Interests were still being received, and would continue to be considered. A number of representations were made in relation to specific buildings and cases, and it was confirmed these would be given full consideration.

Resolved: That

- i. the recommendations set out in Tables 2, 3 and 4 of the report be endorsed
- ii. individual reports be presented in due course to the Deputy Leader of the County Council for decision in relation to Business cases set out in tables 2 and 3 of the report,
- iii. the business cases submitted in relation to Brierfield Library be taken into consideration as part of the ongoing assessment of service delivery options in that area, and
- iv. further bids for Community Asset Transfer be determined on their merits on the basis of the Community Asset Transfer Policy but that new Expressions of Interest are not considered where Business Cases made in line with the Property Strategy Consultation process are still under consideration, or where Community Asset Transfer to another group has already been agreed.

8. Approval of the District of Lancaster Highways and Transport Masterplan for Publication

Cabinet received a report on the Lancaster Highways and Transport masterplan. It was noted that this was the final Masterplan for approval and would complete the picture across Lancashire.

The Masterplan and the proposals contained were welcomed as a positive plan for the area covered.

Resolved: That the District of Lancaster Highways and Transport Masterplan, as presented, be approved.

10. Report of Key Decisions taken by the Deputy Leader for the County Council and Cabinet Members

Resolved: That the report of Key Decisions taken by the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet members be noted.

11. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business

12. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Cabinet would be at 2pm on Thursday 10 November at county Hall, Preston.

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