Lancashire County Council

Executive Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th January, 2017 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	D O'Toole
A Barnes	J Oakes
Ms L Collinge	N Penney
B Dawson	V Taylor
M Green	D Westley
S Holgate	

County Councillors L Collinge, V Taylor and D Westley replaced County Councillors D Clifford, G Driver and Mrs S Charles respectively at this meeting.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2016

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Reports for decision by Cabinet

The Committee considered a number of reports to be presented for decision by Cabinet on 19 January 2017, as follows:

a. The Annual Audit Letter for Lancashire County Council - Year Ended 31 March 2016

The Committee considered a report on the external auditor's Annual Audit Letter for Lancashire County Council for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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

b. **Money Matters - The Financial Strategy**

The Committee considered a report which provided an update of the forecast outturn Financial Position for 2016/17 on revenue and capital, the County Council's updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21, reflecting the provisional settlement for 2017/18, and the position with regard to application of current reserves.

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

c. **Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000: Annual Report to Cabinet**

The Committee considered a report on the annual review of the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA).

The Committee's attention was drawn to three additional policies linked to the use of covert surveillance. These related to non RIPA surveillance, the use of social media and the internet in investigations, and a new draft CCTV Policy incorporating the codes of practice issued by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner and the Information Commissioner. The report also proposed that the role of CCTV Manager be undertaken by the Head of Service Legal and Democratic Services.

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

5. 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. **Adult Social Care Fee Uplifts - 2017/18**

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services on the proposed fee uplifts for adult social care providers for 2017/18.

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 suggested alternative recommendations be made.

b. **Schools Budget 2017/18**

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools on the proposed schools budget for 2017/18 including the views of the Schools Forum from its meeting on 12 January 2017.

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 suggested alternative recommendations be made.

c. **The University of Central Lancashire Masterplan and Associated Highway Modifications**

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on the highway modification proposals to support the University of Central Lancashire Masterplan.

Resolved: That the recommendations 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.

d. **Procurement Report - Request for Approval to Commence Procurement Exercises**

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, and to the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services on the proposed commencement of procurement exercises for:

(i) The Supply of Maintained Equipment ; and
(ii) The Provision of Crisis Services in Central Lancashire

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

6. Urgent Business

None.

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive Scrutiny Committee would be held on Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 2pm at the County Hall, Preston.

8. 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.

9. Forthcoming Individual Cabinet Member Key Decisions

The Committee considered the following reports on Key Decisions due to be taken by individual Cabinet Member, as indicated:

a. **Chorley Youth Zone - County Council Grant**

(Not for Publication – Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I 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 to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools on the proposed payment of a capital grant to Chorley Borough Council for the development of a new Youth Zone in Chorley.

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 suggested alternative recommendations be made.

b. **Provision of PAT Testing Services to Lancashire County Council**

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The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Leader of the County Council on the award of a contract for the provision of an inspection and electrical testing 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.

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