

Lancashire County Council

Executive Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th March, 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	S Holgate
A Barnes	J Oakes
Mrs S Charles	D O'Toole
B Dawson	N Penney
G Driver	S Perkins
M Green	

1. Apologies

CC Nikki Hennessy replaced CC Matthew Tomlinson

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests

None declared

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2017

Resolved: - That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2017 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. The Future of Lytham St Annes Technology and Performing Arts College's Post 16 Provision

The Committee considered a report presented to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools on the proposal to discontinue post 16 sixth form provision, by permanently lowering the age range from 11-18 years to 11-16 years, with effect from 31 August 2018 of Lytham St Annes Technology and Performing Arts College (LSATPAC) following the conclusion of statutory consultation between 1 December 2016 and 20 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.

b. **Determination of Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary and Secondary Schools and Sixth Forms for the School Year 2018/19**

The Committee considered a report presented to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools on the determination of the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the school year 2018/19

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. **Funding for supported housing for care leavers and young people who are homeless**

The Committee considered a report for the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools on reviewing how we fund and procure supported accommodation services for young people.

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 suggested alternative recommendations be made.

d. **Proposed 2017/18 Highway Maintenance, Road Safety and Public Rights of Way New Starts Capital Programme**

The Committee considered a report for the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on the criteria used to select projects for inclusion in the 2017/18 Highways Block of the Capital programme.

Further information in relation to funding to support flood damage was requested.

It was proposed and seconded that the decision be deferred to enable the Cabinet Member to reconsider the balance of projects across the county

An amendment was then proposed and, upon a vote, carried that the original recommendation set out in the report remain

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.

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

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services on the commencement of six procurement exercises.

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

f. **County Hall Complex**

The Committee considered a report presented to the Deputy Leader of the County Council on the ongoing redevelopment of the County Hall Complex

Further information in relation to the fire evacuation of disabled visitors and staff was requested for the next meeting of the Committee

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

g. **Skelmersdale Rail Link Grip 3 study**

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport requesting approval to commission Network Rail to undertake a feasibility study.

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.

h. **Assessment of Applications for the Countryside Sites and Implications for the County Council**

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services in relation to applications from organisations and individuals wishing to take over a number of sites.

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 suggested alternative recommendations be made.

5. Urgent Business

The Chair of the Committee agreed that the following report in relation to 30 Hours Extended Entitlement should be considered as an item of Urgent Business. The reason for the urgency was so that approval for the grant spend can be obtained and the agreement signed prior to the April Decision Making Session and Executive Scrutiny Meeting.

It was also agreed that the following Part II reports should be considered as an item of Urgent Business:

- **Item 8c - Error! Unknown document property name.** - that the contract needs to be in place prior to the April Decision Making Session and Executive Scrutiny Meeting.
- **Item 8d - Pension Fund – Re-profiling the Council's Contributions** - that the re-profiling needs to be completed by the end of March 2017, before the next Executive Scrutiny Committee and Deputy Leader's Decision Making Session.

a. Capital Funding for 30 Hours Extended Entitlement

As mentioned above the Chair of the Committee agreed that the report in relation to 30 Hours Extended Entitlement should be considered as an item of Urgent Business. This was so that approval for the grant spend can be obtained and the agreement signed.

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Deputy Leader of the County Council requesting approval for Education Funding Agency grant to be added to the 2017-2018 Children and Young People's block of the Capital Programme.

It was agreed that the Education Funding Agency be asked to provide feedback to the unsuccessful applications.

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

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive Scrutiny Committee would be held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 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, as indicated.

a. Proposed Capital Programme for Regularising Primary School Admission Numbers Phase 2

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools seeking approval of a programme of capital expansion projects in maintained schools to provide additional places to regularise admission numbers (to make them compatible with class size 30 requirements) in areas of growth.

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. Operation of Household Waste Recycling Centres and Waste Transfer Stations from April 2018

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services and the Deputy Leader of the Council seeking approval for the recommissioning of the service from 1st April 2018, on the basis of the continuation of the current level of provision in terms of network of sites, staffing levels and existing opening hours and proposals for the recommissioning of the waste transfer stations operations.

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

c. Procurement of Water and Wastewater Retail Services

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Deputy Leader of the Council seeking approval for an exemption to Lancashire County Council Procurement Rules so that Lancashire County Council can enter into a regulated contract for water and wastewater retail services.

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

d. **Pension Fund - Re-profiling the Council's contributions**

The Committee considered a report to be presented to the Deputy Leader of the Council on the options available to the Council and recommendation that both the deficit recovery and future service costs are paid in advance for three years.

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

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