

Lancashire County Council

Executive Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, 19th February, 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	M Green
Mrs S Charles	C Henig
B Dawson	J Oakes
G Dowding	N Penney
G Driver	J Shedwick
K Ellard	

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor A Barnes.

County Councillors C Henig, K Ellard and J Shedwick replaced County Councillors D Clifford, S Holgate and D O'Toole respectively at this meeting.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests

County Councillors A Atkinson, D Borrow and J Oakes declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4a (Proposed waste processing requirements and specification for services delivered by Global Renewables Lancashire Operations Limited) as they were Company directors.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2016

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Forthcoming Individual Cabinet Member Key Decisions

The Committee considered the following report on a key decision due to be taken by an individual cabinet member.

- a. **Proposed waste processing requirements and specification for services delivered by Global Renewables Lancashire Operations Limited**

The Committee considered a report on proposed waste processing requirements and specification for services delivered by Global Renewables Lancashire Operations Limited (GRLOL).

It was reported that following the County Council's decision in November 2015 to adopt a number of policies in relation to the processing of waste through its waste recovery parks at Farington and Thornton, the waste management service had reviewed options and made recommendations in relation to the delivery of these policies. Members were informed that the proposals would result in significant changes to the waste processing operations conducted at the waste recovery parks, and reductions in the services provided to the County Council by GRLOL. However, the proposed changes would not impact on the County Council's ability to process recyclables or compost garden waste collected from households.

It was noted that the service changes would provide the lowest cost, lowest risk operation to the County Council which it was considered could be delivered within the prescribed revenue budget; delivering a revenue saving of £8.5m per annum on current operations. It was also noted that early delivery of the service changes was likely to save £5m - £8m of allocated transitional reserve over the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The nature of the proposed service changes was that there would be the requirement for GRLOL to significantly transform the Company resulting in excess of 250 job losses.

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.

5. Urgent Business

None.

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 2.00 p.m at County Hall, Preston.

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