

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 13th July, 2017 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE Leader of the Council
(in the Chair)

Cabinet Members

County Councillor Albert Atkinson
County Councillor Michael Green
County Councillor Mrs Susie Charles
County Councillor Keith Iddon
County Councillor Peter Buckley
County Councillor Vivien Taylor
County Councillor Graham Gooch

County Councillors Azhar Ali and John Fillis were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. 19(4).

The Chair advised that he intended to take a confidential item of Urgent Business during the Part II section of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

None

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

There were no interests disclosed.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 June 2017**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetign of Cabinet on 15 June 2017 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

4. **Revisions to the 2017/18 Budget**

Cabinet considered a report on the implementation of the Amendment (revised to incorporate the most up to date budget information) proposed to Full Council by the Conservative Group in February 2017 and the impact on the 2017/18 budget and beyond.

Resolved: That

- i. Full Council be recommended to add an additional £3.995m to the 2017/18 revenue budget.
- ii. Full Council be recommended to agree to add an additional £7.071m to the 2017/18 capital budget as per the Budget Amendment (Appendix 'B').
- iii. the Director of Financial Resources be requested to incorporate the impact of the Budget Amendment within the Medium Term Financial Strategy from 2018/19 onwards which will be reported to Cabinet in September 2017.
- iv. officers be requested to bring a further report on the procedures necessary to remove all paid Trade Union officers

5. Procurement Report - Request Approval to Commence Procurement Exercises

Cabinet received a report in line with the County Council's procurement rules, setting out recommendations to approve the commencement of two procurement exercises for:

- i. the Lancashire 0-19 Healthy Child programme
- ii. Service for homeless households with complex needs
- iii. the M55 Heyhouses Link Road

Resolved: The commencement of the procurement exercises as set out for the Lancashire 0-19 Healthy Child programme; Service for homeless households with complex needs; and the M55 Heyhouses Link Road be approved

6. Local Initiative Fund 2017/18

Cabinet considered a report on the launch the Local Initiative Fund (LIF) scheme for 2017/18, incorporating recommendations of the former Cabinet Working Group for the Third Sector.

Resolved: That

- i. the LIF scheme for 2017/18 be launched and bids be invited for funding from the Third Sector.
- ii. the underspend of £18,080.67 be brought forward from the 2016/17 LIF scheme and be added to the relevant districts budget for the LIF 2017/18 scheme.
- iii. the underspend of £28,550.58 from Local Member Grants Scheme for 2016/17 be brought forward to the relevant district's budget for the LIF 2017/18 scheme.
- iv. officers, in consultation with the Head of Service, Legal and Democratic Services, keep the LIF scheme under regular review and make minor changes to maintain expedient delivery of the programme as deemed appropriate.

7. Preston City Centre Traffic Management

This item was withdrawn to allow officers to prepare proposals for Lune Street, and for those proposals to be considered alongside the proposals in the report at a future meeting.

8. Review of Tendered Bus Services in Skelmersdale

Cabinet received a report recommending revisions to the tendered bus services in the Skelmersdale area to maintain a public transport service for the Birch Green and Ashurst area.

Resolved: That

- i. the proposed revisions to the tendered bus service in West Lancashire as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report be approved
- ii. officers undertake the necessary contract variation process to allow the service revisions to commence on 24 July 2017.

9. Preston Park & Ride – Walton-le-Dale

Cabinet considered a report on the procurement of a replacement service for the Walton-le-Dale Park & Ride site for 6 months whilst longer term options for the continuation of the service are identified.

Resolved: That

- i. the procurement of a bus service for the Walton-le-Dale Park & Ride service on an initial 6 month contract be approved
- ii. officers undertake the necessary procurement process to allow the replacement service to commence on 24 July 2017.

10. Highways and Transport Capital Programmes - Proposed Amendments

Cabinet considered a number of amendments to the approved Highways and Transport Capital Programmes Capital Programmes proposed in order to meet emerging priorities and to respond to some unanticipated service demands.

Resolved: That the proposed amendments to the Highways and Transport Capital Programmes as outlined in Appendix 'A' and Appendix 'B' to the report be approved.

11. The Future of Central Lancaster High School's Post 16 Provision

Cabinet received a report, following a statutory consultation, on a proposal to discontinue the post 16 sixth form provision at Central Lancaster High School (CLHS), by permanently lowering its age range from 11-18 years to 11-16 years, with effect from 31 August 2018.

The consultation on this proposal took place from 29 March to 31 May 2017.

Resolved: That the proposal, as detailed in the statutory notice, to discontinue the post 16 sixth form provision at Central Lancaster High School (CLHS), by permanently lowering its age range from 11-18 years to 11-16 years, with effect from 31 August 2018 be approved.

12. Recommendation of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory

Cabinet considered the recommendations of the Edwards Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee.

Resolved: That approval be given to the recommendations of the Joint Advisory Committee from its meeting on 23 June 2017 as set out below:

- i. The following allocation of funds in 2017/2018 (totalling £51,540)
 - Lancashire County Council - £15,500

- Burnley Borough Council - £15,500
 - Burnley Mechanics Trust Allocation - £5,000
 - Individuals and Voluntary Organisations - £8,540
 - Higher Education Student Support Scholarship Awards - £7,000
- ii. In respect of the Higher Education Student Scholarship Awards, the interview panel of the JAC be authorised to award the scholarships at its meeting on 22 December 2017.

13. Mental Health Partnership Agreement with Clinical Commissioning Groups for Jointly Funded Rehabilitation Services

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals to develop a Section 75 Agreement with the Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Groups to manage the funding arrangements for a specialist rehabilitation framework for Care and Support services for adults with mental health needs.

Resolved: That

- i. Approval be given to the County Council commencing negotiations with the aim of establishing a Section 75 partnership agreement with the following Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to provide the governance for a new framework for Mental Health Rehabilitation Services:
 - a. Chorley and South Ribble CCG
 - b. Greater Preston CCG
 - c. West Lancashire CCG
 - d. Fylde and Wyre CCG
 - e. East Lancashire CCG
 - f. Morecambe Bay CCG (Lancashire North)
- ii. the Director of Adult Services and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to agree the terms of the Section 75 Agreement.

14. Proposals relating to Library Buildings which were closed/proposed for closure as part of the Property Strategy (Neighbourhood Centres)

This report outlines proposals in relation to the provision of library facilities and also considers options in relation to premises where Community Asset Transfer requests have been received.

Resolved: That

- i. a full library service be provided from: Coppull Library, Ecclestone Library, Ansdell Library, Brierfield Library, Bacup Library and Whitworth Library.
- ii. a full library service be operated from Milbanke Older People's Day Service, Kirkham, with a full library service to continue at Kirkham Library pending the completion of works to the new accommodation.
- iii. there be a phased re-opening and delivery of a full library service at: Burnley Campus Library; Freckleton Library; Oswaldtwistle Library; Bolton-le-Sands Library; Silverdale Library; Barrowford Library; Fulwood Library; Whalley Library and Springwood Children's Centre; and Lostock Hall Library and Children's Centre.
- iv. progress be noted in relation to the community asset transfer and development of independent community libraries at: Pike Hill Library;

Trawden Library and Riverside Children's Centre; Crawshawbooth Library and Community Centre; and Penwortham Library and Penwortham Young People's Centre.

- v. further consideration be given to the following buildings: Briercliffe Library; Rosegrove Library; Adlington Library and Children's Centre; Lytham Library; Rishton Library; Earby Library; Bamber Bridge Library; Burscough Library; Parbold Library; Upholland Library; Cleveleys Library and Children's Centre; and Thornton Library.
- vi. where a group that has proposed Community Asset Transfer withdraws their request, consideration be given to re-opening the premises as a County Council managed Library.
- vii. the decision to declare surplus the following buildings be rescinded: Ansdell Library; Burnley Campus Library; Freckleton Library; Oswaldtwistle Library; Bolton-le-Sands Library; Silverdale Library; Barrowford Library; Fulwood Library; Whalley Library and Springwood Children's Centre; and Lostock Hall Library.
- viii. the grateful thanks of the cabinet to the voluntary and community groups who had committed time and resources into the Library service and its future development be noted.

15. Urgent Business

It was confirmed there was no urgent business under Part I of the agenda.

16. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of cabinet would be at 2pm on Thursday 10 August 2017 at County Hall, Preston.

17. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

The Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private was noted.

18. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That Cabinet considered that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the 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 paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated against the heading to the item.

19. Public Footpath along Culbeck Lane, Euxton (ref. 09-14-FP37/38/39)

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 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 interests in disclosing the information)

Cabinet considered a report on options for the future maintenance and/or improvement of public footpath 09-14-FP37/38/39 known as Culbeck Lane, Euxton.

Resolved: That Cabinet approve Option 2 as set out in the report

20. Commissioning of Services for Homeless People with Complex Needs

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 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 interests in disclosing the information)

Cabinet considered a report on the commissioning of services for homeless people with complex needs.

Resolved: That the recommendations as set out in the report be approved

21. Recommendation to Full Council

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2 of Part 1 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 interests in disclosing the information)

Cabinet agreed that the item be taken as an item of urgent business on the basis that the Council's financial position required action to be taken as soon as possible.

Cabinet considered a proposal to make a recommendation to Full Council.

Resolved: That a recommendation to Full Council be approved.

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