

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 12th October, 2017 at 2.00 pm in Committee 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 Keith Iddon
County Councillor Peter Buckley

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

The Chairman announced that, in accordance with Standing Order No 22, he had agreed that an item on Norton High School be dealt with at the meeting as an Item of Urgent Business. The reason for the urgency was to enable the County Council to determine the matter by the deadline of 1 November, as set out in the report.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillors Susie Charles and Graham Gooch.

Cabinet stood in silent tribute to County Councillor Vivien Taylor, who passed away on 27 September 2017.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no interests declared.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 September 2017

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2017 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Money Matters - Additional Savings 2018/19 - 2020/21

Cabinet received a report noting that some of the budget proposals put forward for consideration at the September meeting were identified as requiring an Equality Impact

Assessment (EIA) to be prepared. This had been done, and Cabinet were asked to consider the proposals and the accompanying EIAs.

Resolved: That the budget proposals set out within the report be approved, following consideration of the Equality Impact Assessments, and officers be authorised to proceed with their implementation, and that the 2018/19 budget be based upon these revenue decisions.

5. Procurement Report - Request Approval to Commence Procurement Exercises

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

- i. Provision of Day Time Support Services
- ii. Lancashire Teaching Agency – Provision of Supply Services to Schools
- iii. Supply of Water and Wastewater Services
- iv. Supply of Catalytic Regeneration Systems – Clean Bus Technology (Revision to procurement process)

Resolved: That the commencement of the procurement exercises as set out in the report for the following areas

- i. Provision of Day Time Support Services
 - ii. Lancashire Teaching Agency – Provision of Supply Services to Schools
 - iii. Supply of Water and Wastewater Services
 - iv. Supply of Catalytic Regeneration Systems – Clean Bus Technology
- be approved

6. Towards a smoke free generation: A Tobacco Control Plan for Lancashire 2017 - 2022

Cabinet considered a report setting out a tobacco control plan for Lancashire based on the latest national policy, guidance and evidence following the publication of the national tobacco control plan 2017.

Resolved: That the tobacco control ambition and objectives as set out in the report be approved and adopted.

7. Greyhound Bridge - Proposed Major Maintenance Repairs

Cabinet received a report noting that the County Council had been successful in its bid for £3.711million from the Department for Transport's (DfT) Challenge Fund Tranche 2A in 2017/18, to support the refurbishment of Greyhound Bridge in Lancaster. It was reported that the award represented 80% of the estimated cost of the project, with the balance to be funded from the previously approved 2017/18 Bridges Capital allocation.

Resolved: That the addition of the £3.711million Department for Transport Challenge Fund award to the 2017/18 Bridges Capital Programme be approved.

8. Amendment to existing Speed Limit and Introduction of new speed limits, weight restriction and Bus Lane on Garstang Road, Whittingham Lane and Woodplumpton Lane, Broughton

Cabinet received a report on the Broughton Bypass and Broughton Village Corridor schemes. Following investigations and a public consultation, a reduction of existing speed limits, a weight restriction through the village and the introduction of a Bus lane were proposed. The proposals were put forward in order to reduce pollution, noise, congestion and bus journey times, and improve safety.

Resolved: That the proposals for the reduction of the speed limits, introduction of a weight restriction and the implementation of a bus lane on the roads detailed in the report be approved.

9. Highways and Transport Capital Programme - Proposed Amendments

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

The report also sought approval for a revised criteria for developing the 2017/18 Cycling Safety programme.

Resolved: That

- i. the proposed amendments to the Highways Capital Programme as outlined in the report be approved
- ii. the proposed criteria for developing the 2017/18 Cycling Safety programme as outlined in the report be approved.

10. Highway Cross Boundary Agreement between Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Council

A report was considered on arrangements covering routine and special maintenance of highways that cross the boundary between the County council and Blackpool. It was noted that an informal agreement had been in place since 1998, and discussions have taken place between Officers to revisit the informal agreement with a view to establishing further efficiencies.

Resolved: That

- i. a S8 of the Highways Act (1980) agreement be entered into with Blackpool Council in terms substantially similar to the draft agreement attached at Appendix 'A'.
- ii. the Head of Service for Asset Management be authorised to negotiate the terms of the agreement.
- iii. a further report come to a future meeting for Cabinet to approve the final agreement.

11. Highways Act 1980 - Section 116 Proposed stopping-up of the Public Highway (U5847) Redwood Avenue (part), Leyland, South Ribble District

A report was considered proposing the stopping up of part of Redwood Avenue, Leyland, following an application to the County Council for the public highway to be stopped up under Section 116 Highways Act 1980.

Resolved: That the Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services be authorised to apply to the local magistrates for the stopping-up, under Section 116 Highways Act 1980, of a highway known as Redwood Avenue (part) as shown in the report, on the basis that it is no longer necessary for public use.

12. A6 Corridor Works, Broughton, Cycle Tracks

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for cycling, walking and environmental enhancements along the existing A6 Garstang Road, Broughton, in accordance with the planning conditions for the Broughton Bypass. The measures proposed in the report included new cycle tracks and the removal of an existing cycle track.

Resolved: That the construction and removal of cycle tracks as detailed in the report be approved.

13. Lancashire Children Looked After Sufficiency Strategy 2017- 2020

Cabinet received a report presenting the Children Looked After Sufficiency Strategy 2017-2020, in accordance with the requirements of Section 22G of the Children's Act 1989. The Strategy set out how Lancashire County Council intends to meet its Sufficiency Duty for the children we look after, improve the quality and choice of placements, ensure value for money and minimise the likelihood of suitable placements not being available locally.

In considering the report, Cabinet highlighted the importance of the council's own residential provision, and requested a report on the Residential Strategy for a future meeting.

Resolved: That

- i. the Lancashire Children Looked After (CLA) Sufficiency Strategy 2017-2020, as presented, be approved
- ii. a report on the Residential Strategy and enhancing the Council's residential provision come to a future Cabinet

14. Children's Services Continuous Improvement Plan

It was agreed that the item be deferred to the next meeting to allow for consideration of constructive feedback recently received from Ofsted in the course of a positive meeting on the Council's progress.

15. Review of Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Small Grants Scheme

The item was deferred to the next meeting.

16. Awarding of Small Grants to Third Sector Groups which are Registered with the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service, including Grants to individual young people

Cabinet considered a report outlining the work of the District Youth Councils in their role in recommending grant monies to third sector organisations which are registered with the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service.

Resolved: That the recommendations of the District Youth Councils on the applications for grants from third sector groups which are registered with the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service, as set out in the report, be approved.

17. Proposals relating to Library Buildings and Community Asset Transfer

Cabinet received a report outlining proposals in relation to the provision of library facilities and also presenting options in relation to premises where Community Asset Transfer requests have been received.

In considering the report, Cabinet resolved that further negotiations with Heysham High School Sports College take place to ensure sustainable funding arrangements are in place.

Resolved: That

- i. the progress in the community asset transfer of Bamber Bridge Library be noted.
- ii. the establishment of an Independent Community Library in the former Bamber Bridge Library building be approved in principle.
- iii. a feasibility study be developed to determine the costs and implications for the provision of a library service within Earby New Road Community Centre..

18. Urgent Business

It was confirmed that there was an item of urgent business to be dealt with under Part II.

19. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held on Thursday 9 November 2017 at 2pm at County Hall, Preston.

20. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

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

21. 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.

22. Programme of Works to Operational Buildings

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet considered a report setting out a programme of works required at operational premises.

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

23. Extension of the Roving Nights Service Contract

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet received a report setting out proposals in relation to the Roving Nights Service Contract.

Resolved: That the recommendation as set out in the report be approved.

24. Waste Company Fire Risk Mitigation Strategy Initiatives

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet received a report on fire risk mitigation strategy initiatives at the council's waste facilities.

Resolved: That the recommendation as set out in the report be approved.

25. Billington and Langho St. Leonards CE School Expansion Project - Approval for Additional Funding Request

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet considered a report on additional funding for the Billington and Langho St Leonards CE School expansion project.

Resolved: That the recommendation as set out in the report be approved.

26. Extension of the Carer Support Service Contracts

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet considered a report on an extension of the Carer Support Service Contracts.

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

27. Capital Projects schedule for Older People's Residential Homes

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet received a report on a programme of capital works required at Older People's Residential Homes across Lancashire.

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

29. Norden High School

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet considered a report in relation to Norden High School in Hyndburn. This item was dealt with as an item of Urgent Business to enable the County Council to determine the matter by the deadline of 1 November, as set out in the report.

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

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