

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18th January, 2018 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 Michael Green
County Councillor Mrs Susie Charles
County Councillor Keith Iddon
County Councillor Peter Buckley
County Councillor Graham Gooch
County Councillor Shaun Turner

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Albert Atkinson.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no interests disclosed.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 December 2017

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2017 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

4. Money Matters - The Financial Strategy for 2018/19 to 2021/22

Cabinet considered a report setting out an overview of the Council's financial position from 2017/18 to 2021/22, including an update on the current year's financial position and a revised Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) reflecting the provisional settlement for 2018/19 announced on 19th December 2017 as well as updated financial assumptions based on the latest evidence.

The report included proposals for a capital programme for the period 2018/19 – 2020/21 of £226.117m, and for prudential borrowing totalling £200.428m covering the period 2017/18 to 2020/21 to fund the proposed programme. The report also included an assumption of a Council Tax increase of 5.99% in 2018/19, including 3% for adult social care, maximising

the flexibilities set out in the latest provisional settlement without the need for a referendum.

In presenting the report, the Interim Chief Executive and Director of Resources, in her capacity as Section 151 Officer, outlined the key risks, confirmed that the assumptions underlying the proposals in the report were sound and stated that the proposed budget was robust, and reserves sufficient.

Resolved: That

- i. the current forecast underspend of £15.758m on the revenue budget in 2017/18 be noted, and the transfer of the final underspend at year end into the transitional reserve be agreed.
- ii. the revised funding gap of £144.492m covering the period 2018/19 to 2021/22 as set out in the revised financial outlook forecast for the Council be noted.
- iii. the additional budget adjustments for 2018/19, and following years' increases, included in the revised MTFS following the financial settlement, be approved.
- iv. the budget proposals set out in Appendix C be approved for the purposes of consultation, the outcomes of the consultation to be reported back to Cabinet for consideration in due course.
- v. the budget proposals set out in Appendix D be approved, officers be authorised to proceed with their implementation, and the 2018/19 budget is based upon these revenue decisions
- vi. Full Council on 8th February 2018 be recommended to set a Band D Council Tax for 2018/19 reflecting a 5.99% increase including 3% to be used for social care as per the new flexibilities.
- vii. the contents of the County Council's Reserves position at 31st December 2017, forecast at £190.285m at the end of 2019/20, be noted, and the transfers between reserves be approved as contained within the report.
- viii. the specific capital programme estimated at £226.117m for 2018/19 – 2020/21 be approved as presented within the body of the report.
- ix. prudential borrowing totalling £200.428m over the period 2017/18 to 2020/21 be approved as identified within the Capital Programme report.
- x. the advice of the Interim Chief Executive and Director of Resources in relation to the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves be noted.

5. Procurement Report - Request Approval to Commence Procurement Exercises

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

- i. Cuerden Development Site – Multi Utility Infrastructure Supplier
- ii. Cuerden Development Site – Earthworks
- iii. Provision of Debt Collection Services via Debt Market Integrator
- iv. Broughton A6 Corridor Works
- v. A59 Pendle Road Clitheroe Works
- vi. Eastway Phase 2 Works
- vii. Provision of Transport Services – Wheelchair Framework

Resolved: That the commencement of the procurement exercises for the following areas be approved:

- i. Cuerden Development Site – Multi Utility Infrastructure Supplier
- ii. Cuerden Development Site – Earthworks
- iii. Provision of Debt Collection Services via Debt Market Integrator
- iv. Broughton A6 Corridor Works
- v. A59 Pendle Road Clitheroe Works
- vi. Eastway Phase 2 Works
- vii. Provision of Transport Services – Wheelchair Framework

6. A6 Corridor Works, Broughton

Cabinet considered a report on a modified set of proposals in relation to a condition included in the planning consent granted for Broughton bypass requiring proposals be developed for cycling, walking and environmental enhancements along the existing A6 Garstang Road, Broughton.

Resolved: That a submission be made to the Planning Authority of revised proposals for A6 Corridor Works, Broughton, as set out in this report

7. Highways and Transport Capital Programmes - Proposed Changes

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 presented the proposed 2017/18 New Start Cycle Safety Programme and the proposed 2017/18 National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) Programme.

Resolved: That

- i. the proposed amendments to the Highways and Transport Capital Programmes as outlined in the report be approved.
- ii. the proposed 2017/18 New Start Cycle Safety Programme as outlined in the report be approved
- iii. the proposed 2017/18 National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) Programme as outlined in the report be approved.

8. Lancashire County Council (Various Road, Burnley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and West Lancashire Borough) (Revocations and Various Parking Restrictions (July/August No1)) Order

Cabinet received a report setting out proposals to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to address anomalies in restrictions and to clarify, simplify and tidy up a selection of traffic orders that have been identified in the Burnley, Fylde and Preston districts, and to introduce new restrictions in the districts of Hyndburn, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and West Lancashire to restrict waiting and prohibit loading/unloading.

Resolved: That the proposals for parking restrictions on the various lengths of road within the Burnley, Fylde, Preston, Hyndburn, Rossendale, South Ribble and West Lancashire Districts as detailed within the report be approved.

9. Proposed Puffin Crossing at Bolton Road, Anderton

Cabinet considered a report on proposals to install a puffin crossing and undertake bus stop upgrades at Bolton Road, Anderton in line with planning conditions, and for the commencement of a formal consultation on these proposals. The proposals would be fully funded by a developer contribution.

Resolved: That

- i. the proposals to install a Puffin Crossing and undertake bus stop upgrades on Bolton Road Anderton be approved
- ii. a formal consultation now commence on the above proposals ;
- iii. developer funding estimated at £100,000 be added to the 2017/18 Highways capital programme.

10. Schools Budget 2018/19

Cabinet received a report seeking the approval to submit the Schools Block budget proforma and approval for the Early Years, High Needs and Central Schools Services Block budgets for 2018/19, in accordance with the Government's school funding Regulations and Guidance.

Resolved: That

- i. the report, including the 2018/19 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations, the final budget proposals for each funding block and the comments made by the Lancashire Schools Forum, be noted
- ii. the Head of Service Financial Management (Development and Schools) be authorised to submit the final Schools Block budget proforma for 2018/19 to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) by 19 January 2018, on the basis set out in this report.
- iii. the 2018/19 budgets for the Early Years, High Needs and Central Schools Services Blocks be approved
- iv. the Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve underwrite the uncertainties around the Early Years and High Needs Blocks;
- v. the in-year review of High Needs Block expenditure to reduce the level of overspend and minimise the risk exposure of future deficits be supported.
- vi. the decision be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 35 as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities, specifically to ensure that the necessary proforma can be submitted to the ESFA by the required deadline of 19 January 2018.

11. Extension of Supported Housing Contracts for Young People

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to extend the block contracts for the provision of supported housing contracts for young people up to the maximum extension date allowed for under the contract provisions, thereby providing an additional 6 months to assess the impact of the new arrangements. It was noted that the monitoring information collated would then inform the re-procurement of services in 2019.

Resolved: That

- i. the extension of the Supporting People contracts up to their maximum extension date, which ranges from 1 April 2019 until 9 August 2019, be approved.
- ii. the Director of Children's Services be authorised to review the eligibility and prioritisation policy and, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, to amend the policy in respect of 22 to 25 year old care leavers as appropriate.

12. Awarding of Small Grants to Third Sector Groups which are Registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing 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 registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service.

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

13. Adult Social Care Fee Uplifts - 2018/19

Cabinet received a report setting out the County Council's proposed fee uplifts for adult social care providers for 2018/19.

Resolved: That the following uplifts be approved, effective from 2 April 2018:

- i. Residential & nursing care
 - a. Nursing Standard - 3.82%
 - b. Nursing Dementia - 3.82%
 - c. Residential Dementia - 3.82%
 - d. Residential Higher - 3.75%
 - e. Residential Standard - 3.48%
 - f. For other client groups - 3.82%, and the minimum fee level for new placements be increased to £545.46.
- ii. Homecare (all client groups)
 - a. no uplift for successful providers under the new Homecare Framework commenced in November 2017.
 - b. 3.17% for unsuccessful providers.
- iii. Supported Living –£14.51 per waking hour and £9.42 per sleep-in hour.
- iv. Extra Care – 3.17%
- v. Direct Payments – 3.41%
- vi. Carers –the fixed payments of £210 / £315 to £219.25 / £328.85 respectively.
- vii. Shared Lives – 4.40%
- viii. Day Care – 4.07%
- ix. Rolling Respite & Provider Brokerage – in line with the relevant service

14. Libraries, Museums and Archive Fees and Charges

Cabinet received a report setting out proposals for fees and charges in the Libraries, Museum, Culture and Registrars Service (LMCR) following a service review. The aim of the review was to ensure that charges support service efficiency and effectiveness,

recover costs where this is appropriate and achievable and as far as possible ensure consistency across the service.

Resolved: That the following changes to fees and charges be implemented effective from 1 April 2018, as detailed in the report

- i. the Library reservation fee be increased and extended to general subject area requests.
- ii. fines for the late return of Library books be increased.
- iii. commission on works of art and crafts sold in Libraries and Museums be increased.
- iv. admission charges at Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham, be increased.
- v. the charge for a copy of an archive probate record be increased
- vi. an additional carriage charge be levied for all non-UK archive copying orders.

15. Revised Friends of Lancashire Libraries Constitution and Guidance

Cabinet considered a report outlining proposals to revise the 'Friends of Lancashire Libraries Constitution' and associated documents to reflect the approach to community set out in the recently revised Library Strategy.

Resolved: That

- i. the revised 'Friends of Lancashire Libraries Constitution' be approved
- ii. the associated 'Using Friends Groups to enhance Libraries' staff guidance document be approved.
- iii. the 'Friends of Lancashire Libraries Donation Form' document be approved

16. Lancashire Enterprise Partnership - Future Funding Arrangements

Cabinet received a report on the future funding requirements for the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP), specifically requesting approval for an allocation of £0.250m annually from 2018/19 onwards from the County Council's £1.000m annual contribution to the Economic Development Service, to be subject to annual performance reviews and changes in Government policy and funding approaches.

The report also set out capacity and resource proposals for the LEP, summarising how the LEP has used capacity and core funding monies provided by Government and match funding provided by the County Council since the LEP's inception.

Resolved: That

- i. the allocation of £0.250m annually from 2018/19 onwards from the recurrent additional funding awarded to Economic Development as part of the budget amendment agreed by Full Council in July 2017 be approved, being subject to annual performance reviews and changes in Government policy and funding approaches
- ii. the transfer of two Skills Hub officers from Preston's College to Lancashire County Council be approved as set out in the report

17. Urgent Decision(s) taken by the Leader of the County Council and the relevant Cabinet Member(s)

The urgent decision taken by the Leader was noted.

18. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

19. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of Cabinet would take place on Thursday 1 February 2018 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. Disposal of land at West Street Padiham

(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 outlining proposals in relation to the disposal of land at West Street, Padiham

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

23. Land at Westgate, Burnley

(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 outlining proposals in relation to the disposal of land at Westgate, Burnley

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

24. Community Asset Transfers

(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 proposals in relation to premises where Community Asset Transfer Requests had been received:

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

25. Waste Processing Operations at Thornton Waste Recovery Park

(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 Waste Processing Operations at Thornton Waste Recovery Park.

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

Angie Ridgwell
Interim Chief Executive
and Director of Resources

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