

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 1st February, 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 Albert Atkinson
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**

None

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

There were no interests disclosed.

It was confirmed that Item 23 on the agenda – Preliminary Review of the County Council Policy on Fire Suppression Measures in Schools ahead of Government Direction - did not contain any exempt or confidential information and would be taken after Item 16 in the part of the meeting open to the Press and Public.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 January 2018**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2018 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. **Department for Transport Consultation: Shaping the Future of England's Strategic Roads**

Cabinet considered the County Council's proposed response to the Department for Transport consultation on Highways England's proposals in its Strategic Road Network Initial Report.

Resolved: That the County Council's response to the consultation be approved as set out in the report.

5. Proposed 40mph Speed Limit at Briars Lane, Lowry Hill Lane and Course Lane, Newburgh

Cabinet were asked for approval for the sealing of the order in respect of the installation of a 40 mph speed limit along the currently derestricted (national speed limit) section of (A5209) Briars Lane, Course Lane, and Lowry Hill Lane, Newburgh.

Resolved: That the sealing of the order in respect of the above speed reduction proposal as set out in this report be approved.

6. Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Chorley, Fylde, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre Boroughs) (Revocation, 30mph, 40mph, 50mph and De-Restricted Road (August No1) Speed Limits) Order 201*

Cabinet received a report on proposals for a Speed Limit Order (SLO) to introduce a number of speed restrictions on various roads within Lancashire and to clarify, simplify and tidy up a number of speed limit orders that have been identified to improve the safety and operation of the public highway network and to allow for effective enforcement by Lancashire Constabulary.

In discussing the report, it was acknowledged that the specific proposals relating to the A682 Gisburn Road, Blacko, Pendle should be subject to further consideration.

Resolved: That the proposals for speed restrictions on various lengths of road within the Wyre, Chorley, Fylde, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and West Lancashire Districts as detailed within the report be approved, other than the proposal relating to the A682 Gisburn Road, Blacko, Pendle, which would be subject to further consideration..

7. McKenzie Street and Station Road, Bamber Bridge, South Ribble Borough Revocation, prohibition of Waiting and Restriction of Waiting Traffic Regulation Order

Cabinet considered a report on the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order to restrict and prohibit waiting on lengths of Station Road and McKenzie Street, Bamber Bridge, South Ribble, as part of an agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act for a new housing development accessed off Station Road.

Resolved: That the proposal for the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions on Station Road and McKenzie Street, Bamber Bridge as detailed within the report be approved.

8. Bacup Townscape Heritage Initiative

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval of a public realm improvement scheme and related funding arrangements for Bacup Town Centre, using both County Council and

Heritage Lottery funding (HLF). It was reported that, as part of the public realm works, it was proposed to create three Zebra crossings, located on Market Street, St James Square and Yorkshire Street, and that a Section 278 Agreement was being drafted to safeguard the County Council's financial position.

Resolved: That:

- i. the County Council enter into a S278 agreement under which it will accept staged payments totalling £320,000 from Rossendale Borough Council together with any other additional financial resources for the project that may be agreed, on the condition that payments are received and added to the Highways block of the 2015/16 capital programme in advance of any application for payment from the appointed contractor; and that the final wording of the Agreement be agreed under the present delegations for S278 Agreements.
- ii. the introduction of a three Zebra crossing arrangement and markings as set out in the report be approved.

9. Highways and Transport Capital Programme

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 Additional 2017/18 Urban Unclassified Capital Programme, the proposed Road Safety Programme Apportionment Criteria, and the proposed Additional 2017/18 Road Safety Programme.

Resolved: That:

- i. the proposed amendments to the Highways and Transport Capital Programmes be approved.
- ii. the proposed Additional 2017/18 Urban Unclassified Capital Programme be approved .
- iii. the proposed Road Safety Programme Assessment Criteria be approved.
- iv. the proposed Additional 2017/18 Road Safety Programme be approved

10. Highway Pothole Repair Policy

Cabinet considered a proposed Highway Pothole Repair Policy, setting out how potholes will be repaired when intervention levels are reached on vehicular highways and introducing revised response times in relation to carriageways, footways and cycle tracks. During the discussion, it was identified that the policy would benefit from further clarity on timescales relating to repairs following reports from members of the public.

Resolved: That the proposed Highway Pothole Repair Policy be approved, subject to an amendment to address public reporting of potholes.

11. Capital Strategy for Schools – Condition Led Capital Investment Programme, 2017/18 and part 2018/19

Cabinet received a report setting out the proposals for the allocation of schools capital funding to address a further phase of high priority building condition repairs on Community, Voluntary Controlled and Maintained Schools in Lancashire.

Resolved: That the proposed list of maintenance schemes in Lancashire Schools set out in the report, totalling £11.994m, be approved as a further phase of high priority school repairs.

12. Determination of Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Lancashire Maintained Schools and Academies for 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23

A report was presented providing details of the outcome of the consultation on the establishing of the relevant area for consultation on admission arrangements. It was confirmed that the county council proposed no changes, and no responses were received by the council this consultation.

Resolved: That the definition of the relevant areas remains unchanged for the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 school years

13. Determination of Admission Arrangements for Lancashire Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2019/20

Cabinet were asked to approve the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the school year 2019/20.

Resolved: That

- i. the admission numbers and criteria for admission to community and voluntary controlled primary schools, secondary schools and sixth forms for 2019/20 listed in the report be approved
- ii. the issues raised by Community and Voluntary Controlled Governing Bodies be noted
- iii. the admission numbers and criteria for admission set out in the report, together with the other information included on the Authority's website and in its admissions booklets, be approved as the admission arrangements for 2019/20.

14. Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme 2019/20 - Determination of the Qualifying Scheme

Cabinet considered a report on the determination of the statutory scheme and the mandatory timetable for co-ordinating admissions for Lancashire's primary and secondary schools and academies for 2019/2020.

Resolved: That

- i. the scheme and timetable set out in the report in Appendix 'B' be adopted as the qualifying scheme for admissions to Lancashire primary and secondary schools and academies for 2019/20;
- ii. the Director for Children's Services seek to secure the adoption of the scheme and timetable by the governing body of each Lancashire voluntary aided and foundation

school and academy in order to inform the Secretary of State that a scheme has been introduced in Lancashire.

15. Joint Commissioning Arrangements for Children and Young People's Special Education Needs or Disabilities Provision - North Lancashire

Cabinet considered a proposal for the County Council to enter into a Collaborative Commissioning Agreement with Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for the delivery of speech and language (SLT) and occupational therapy (OT) services across North Lancashire.

Resolved: That

- i. the County Council enters into a Collaborative Commissioning Agreement with Fylde & Wyre CCG from 1 April 2018 until 31 March 2019, for the delivery of SLT and OT services across North Lancashire.
- ii. the County Council becomes an Associate to the existing NHS Standard Contract between Fylde & Wyre CCG and Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.
- iii. officers be authorised to enter into a Section 75 agreement if necessary.

16. Implementation of the Care Act 2014 - Approval of Revised Adult Social Care Policies and Procedures incorporating Information & Advice and Prisons and Approved Premises

Cabinet received a report presenting two new policies for approval, as part of the ongoing review of all adult social care policies following the introduction of the Care Act 2014. The policies under consideration were:

- i. Information & Advice
- ii. Prisons and Approved Premises.

Resolved: That the following Adult Social Care Policies be approved as presented:

- i. Information & Advice
- ii. Prisons and Approved Premises

23. Preliminary Review of the County Council Policy on Fire Suppression Measures in Schools ahead of Government Direction

Cabinet considered a report on a preliminary review of the County Council policy on fire suppression measures in schools, undertaken following the recent Grenfell Fire Tragedy and on an understanding that Central Government is reviewing national policies and guidance on such systems.

Resolved: That an amendment to the current policy on fire suppression measures in schools be approved to consider all future schools Capital building schemes on a case by case basis, pending further Government direction following its review of Building Regulations and recommendations for school building design.

17. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

18. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 8 March 2018 at 2pm at County Hall, Preston.

19. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

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

20. 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.

21. Asset Management

(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 Asset Management

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

22. Preston Western Distributor, East West Link Road and Cottam Link Road and Realignment of Footpath Network - Making (Signing and Sealing) and advertising of the Lancashire County Council (Preston Western Distributor, East West Link and Cottam Link Roads) Compulsory Purchase Order 2018 and the Lancashire County Council (Preston Western Distributor, East West Link and Cottam Link Classified Roads) (Side Roads) Order 2018 and the Lancashire County Council (Lea Viaduct) Scheme 2018 and the Lancashire County Council (Savick Brook Viaduct) Scheme 2018

(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 Preston Western Distributor, East West Link Road and Cottam Link Road.

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

24. Clitheroe Ribblesdale High School -Proposed Capital Project to Facilitate School Expansion

(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 expansion of Clitheroe Ribblesdale High School.

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

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