

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 8th March, 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).

The Leader proposed that permission to speak at the meeting be not granted to any Councillor not a member of the Cabinet, other than the Leader and Deputy Leader of the main opposition party in accordance with Standing Order 19(1).

Resolved: That permission to speak at the meeting be not granted to any Councillor not a member of the Cabinet, other than the Leader and Deputy Leader of the main opposition party in accordance with Standing Order 19(1).

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 1 February 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2018 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Premises Use Policy

The Cabinet received an updated Premises Use Policy and associated procedures to be followed when considering the use of County Council premises by external organisations, setting out how premises can accommodate use by different types of community organisations to complement County Council service delivery and support the strategic objectives of the authority.

Resolved: That:

- i. The updated Premises Use Policy and associated procedures, including increases to charges for sessional hire of space in County Council buildings, be approved with implementation to take effect from 2 April 2018.
- ii. a review is undertaken of the existing relationships with community associations.

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. Supply of aggregates and fill materials
- ii. Supply of ready mixed concrete
- iii. Supply of LED lanterns and retrofit gear trays
- iv. Supply of hot screed applied surface treatment/anti –skid surface/superimposed roadmarkings and roadstuds

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

- i. Supply of aggregates and fill materials
- ii. Supply of ready mixed concrete
- iii. Supply of LED lanterns and retrofit gear trays
- iv. Supply of hot screed applied surface treatment/anti –skid surface/superimposed roadmarkings and roadstuds

6. Proposed Changes to the Highways and Transport Capital Programmes

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.

Resolved: That the proposed amendments to the Highways and Transport Capital Programmes be approved.

7. Conversion of Footway to shared use Footway/Cycle Track and Adoption of Land - Westgate/Railway Road, Skelmersdale

Cabinet considered a scheme to improve cycling provision in the Westgate / Railway Road area of Skelmersdale, as included in the 2016-17 Road Safety Programme.

Resolved: That

- i. the removal of a footway and construction of a cycle track over which the public have a right of way on foot, on the south side of Railway Road over a length of 85 metres eastwards from its crossing point of Railway Road to Gladden Place, as set out in the report, be approved
- ii. the construction of new cycle track over which the public have a right of way on foot, on the verge area of the highway from the crossing point of Railway Road northwards to Waldron, as set out in the report, be approved

8. Lancashire County Council (Sir Frederick Page Way, Samlesbury, Ribble Valley and South Ribble Boroughs) (Prohibition of Stopping) and (30MPH Speed Limit) Orders 201*

Cabinet received a report proposing the introduction of a Clearway Order and a 30MPH Speed Limit Order as part of the Samlesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone scheme.

Resolved: That the proposals for the introduction of a 30mph Speed limit and Clearway as set out in the report be approved.

9. Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Rossendale Borough Area) (Revocation and Introduction of Parking Places) Order 201* and Lancashire County Council (Parramatta Street and Queen Street, Rossendale Borough Area) (Amendment to Parking Provisions) Order 201*

Cabinet considered a report proposing the introduction of permit holder only access and parking restrictions on sections of both Queen Street and Parramatta Street, Rawtenstall.

Resolved: That the proposals for the Permit Holder Only restrictions to sections of Queen Street and Parramatta Street, Rawtenstall, and the amendment of the Order as set out in the report be approved.

10. Department for Transport Consultation: Proposals for the Creation of a Major Road Network

Cabinet received a report summarising the Government's proposals for the creation of a Major Road Network (MRN) and presenting a draft response for consideration, as well as identifying locations on the indicative MRN in Lancashire that could benefit from this initiative.

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

11. Proposed 2018/19 Highway Maintenance and Road Safety, Cycling Safety and Public Rights of Way New Starts Capital Programmes

Cabinet received a report seeking approval for:

- a number of detailed 2018/19 Highway Maintenance and Transport New Start Capital Programmes.
- adding an additional £1.194 million awarded by the DfT from the Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Pothole Action Fund) to the 2017/18 Highways block of the capital programme

- the proposed criteria for allocating this funding in 2018/19 in line with DfT expectations.
- the additional £5 million of funding awarded by Full Council on 8 February 2018 for highway maintenance to be spent on repairing potholes to address the deterioration of the road network over the winter months.

In presenting the report, it was noted that the report included a number of minor errors in the numbers of certain roads and the electoral divisions. The necessary corrections and clarifications are appended to these minutes.

Resolved: That:

- i. the proposed 2018/19 New Start Highway Maintenance, Road Safety, Cycling Safety and Public Rights of Way programmes as set out in the report and the appended correction sheet be approved, subject to grant funding being confirmed.
- ii. the additional £1.194 million awarded by the DfT from the Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Pothole Action Fund) be added to the 2017/18 Highways block of the capital programme.
- iii. the proposed criteria as set out in the report for allocating the additional £1.194 million awarded by the DfT from the Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Pothole Action Fund) be approved.
- iv. the proposed allocation of the additional £5 million awarded by Full Council on 8 February 2018 for pothole repair as detailed in the report be approved.
- v. the proposed programme to address specific deterioration on residential roads as set out in the report be approved
- vi. a further report on the proposed 2018/19 New Start Moss Roads programme be brought forward for consideration in due course.

12. A682 Gisburn Road, Blacko contained within 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 No 1) Speed Limits) Order 201*

Cabinet considered a proposal to consolidate the existing signed national speed limit along the length of the A682 Gisburn Road, Blacko to improve safety and operation of the public highway network and to allow for effective enforcement of the speed limit by Lancashire Constabulary.

Resolved: That the proposal for a speed restriction on the A682 Gisburn Road, Blacko as detailed within the report be approved.

13. Street Lighting - LED Lantern Replacement Scheme

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for a further 38,000 street lighting lanterns to be replaced with LED equivalents to be funded by an interest free loan from Salix Finance Ltd, a government funded body providing interest-free funding to the public sector to improve energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions and lower energy bills, and which would enable a further £1.843m to be saved recurrently from the street lighting energy revenue budget per year when complete.

Resolved: That:

- i. the application for Salix funding as set out in the report be approved;
- ii. the proposal as set out in the report be included within the Capital Programme 2018-2021.

14. Proposed Expansion of Barrow Primary School, Clitheroe

Cabinet received a report setting out proposals relating to the expansion of Barrow Primary School in Ribble Valley from September 2019, following a six week formal consultation.

Resolved: That

- i. the proposal to make a prescribed alteration to Barrow Primary School by permanently expanding the number of places available from 20 to 30 pupils for reception year in September 2019 and in subsequent reception years be conditionally approved, subject to the granting of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; and
- ii. an appropriate statutory decision letter be sent out as specified under legal requirements to give the reasons for the decision to those who are to be informed of them.

15. The Future of Baines School's Post 16 Provision

Cabinet considered a proposal from the governing body of Baines School to discontinue its post 16 sixth form provision, following a statutory consultation period.

Resolved: That

- i. the information in the report be noted.
- ii. the proposal of the governing body of Baines School, as detailed in the statutory notice, to discontinue its post 16 sixth form provision by permanently lowering its age range from 11-18 years to 11-16 years, with effect from 31 August 2019 be approved. The proposal is based on concerns about the long term financial viability of the whole school and is linked to the reducing number of students in the sixth form.
- iii. an appropriate statutory decision letter be sent out, as specified under legal requirements, to give the reasons for the decision to those who are to be informed of them.

16. The Future of Carr Hill High School and Sixth Form Centre's Post 16 Provision

Cabinet considered a proposal on the future of the post 16 provision currently delivered by Carr Hill High School and Sixth Form Centre, following a statutory consultation period.

Resolved: That

- i. the information in the report be noted.
- ii. the proposal as detailed in the statutory notice to discontinue the post 16 sixth form provision at Carr Hill High School and Sixth Form Centre by permanently lowering its age range from 11-18 years to 11-16 years, with effect from 31 August 2019 be approved.

- iii. an appropriate statutory decision letter be sent out, as specified under legal requirements, to give the reasons for the decision to those who are to be informed of them.

17. 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 received 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 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, as set out in the report, be approved.

18. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) School Placement Sufficiency and Suitability Plan 2018-21

Cabinet received a report setting out the County Council's proposed short plan of recommendations for the conditional funding allocation of £2,049,599 from the Department for Education Special Provision Capital Fund, established to help local authorities create new school places and improve existing facilities for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), with Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans.

Resolved: That

- i. the short plan of recommendations on how to spend the Special Provision Capital Fund (SPCF) to be published on the Local Offer by March 14th 2018 be approved.
- ii. 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. The reason for this was that the local authorities SEND capital intentions must be published by 14th March 2018 in order to release the funding.

19. Library Opening Hours Review 2018

Cabinet considered a report proposing a model of banding for libraries be adopted based upon a pattern of opening hours within each library that should be implemented across all county council libraries following a countywide public consultation exercise.

In moving the report, an amendment to the opening hours set out in the report for Whitworth Library was proposed, as follows:

- Monday 1pm to 7pm
- Friday 9am to 5pm.
- The other days and the total number of hours would remain the same.

Resolved: That the proposed banding model for library opening hours set out in the report, with the amendment to the hours for Whitworth, be adopted and implemented as early as practically possible, following a consultation period with the Trade Unions and employees.

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

The urgent decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Members were noted.

21. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

22. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 12 April 2018 at 2pm at County Hall, Preston.

23. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

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

24. 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.

25. 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 on capital works required at two operational premises.

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

26. Community Asset Transfers - Approval for Transfer

(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 premises where Community Asset Transfer requests had been received and the provision of Independent Community Libraries.

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

27. Contract extension for the Health Visitors/School Nurses 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 received a report requesting approval to extend the contracts of health visitor and school nursing services.

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

28. Long Term Options for Service Provision at Walton-Le-Dale Park and Ride

(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 the options for service provision at the Walton-Le-Dale Park and Ride.

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

29. Billington & Langho St. Leonards CE School Expansion to 1.5 Form Entry Project - Further Additional Funding Requirement

(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 the budget for the project to expand Billington and Langho St Leonards CE School to 1.5 Form entry.

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

30. Children Looked After (CLA) Residential Strategy - Capital Schemes

(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 for capital schemes to support the Children Looked After residential strategy.

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

32. Cuerden Strategic Site - Land Sale Proposals

(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 relating to the Cuerden Strategic Site.

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

33. Transfer of Fleetwood Maritime Museum

(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 outlining proposals on the transfer for Fleetwood Maritime Museum.

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

34. Proposals Relating to Libraries - Earby

(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 outlining proposals in relation to the provision of library facilities in Earby, Pendle.

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

Angie Ridgwell
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Addendum – Item 11 – Proposed 2018/19 Highway Maintenance and Road Safety, Cycling Safety and Public Rights of Way New Starts Capital Programme.

Proposed Road Number and /or Divisional Amendments to 2018/19 Maintenance of Highway Assets Programmes

Appendix B: A, B & C Roads 2018/19 Programme

Resurfacing/Inlay Programme

Project Name	Road No	Division
Liverpool Old Road	C243	South Ribble West
Rochdale Road	A671	Rossendale East/ Whitworth and Bacup
Hyndburn Road	A679	Accrington North/ Accrington West and Oswaldtwistle Central
Church Road	C281	St Annes South/ Fylde West/Lytham

Surface Dressing Programme

Project Name	Road No	Division
Higher Lane/Beacon Lane	C161	West Lancashire East/Skelmersdale West
Bannister Lane	C174	West Lancashire East/Skelmersdale East
Burnley Road	A671	Padiham and Burnley West/Burnley South West/Burnley Central West
Haslingden Road	A681	Rossendale South
Wigan Road	A49	Clayton with Whittle/Leyland South
New Line	A6066	Whitworth and Bacup/Rossendale East
Lancaster Road	C308	Thornton and Hambleton/ Wyre Rural Central
Whalley Clitheroe Bypass	A59	Ribble Valley North East
Barrowford Road	A6068	Padiham and Burnley West/Burnley Central West
Gisburn Road	A682	Pendle Rural/Pendle Hill
Windgate	A59	Chorley Rural West/ West Lancashire North

Appendix C: Unclassified Programme

Rural Unclassified

Project Name	Road No	Division
Midge Hall Lane	U292	Burscough and Rufford

Urban Unclassified

Project Name	Road No	Division
Beckdean Lindsay and Stafford Avenues	U16332	Poulton-le-Fylde

Appendix D: Footways 2018/19 Programme

Project Name	Road No	Division
Hazeldene Road	U22220	Fleetwood West and Cleveleys West
Glendale Drive	U4876	Ribble Valley South West
Highfield Drive	U1302	South Ribble West
South Road	U18589	Morecambe South and Morecambe North
Pennine Road	U7904	Rosendale East
Haverholt Close	U20741	Pendle Central
Gordon Road	U19914	Brierfield and Nelson West
Venables Avenue	U20894	Pendle Rural
Moorfield Avenue	U4883	Ribble Valley South West
Rogersfield	U5014	Ribble Valley South West
Somerford Close	U42623	Burnley Central West
Todmorden Road	C658	Burnley Rural
Lower Antley Street	C632	Accrington West and Oswaldtwistle Central

Appendix K: Proposed Programme to address Specific Deterioration on Residential Roads

Project Name	Road No	Division
Irwell	U590	Skelmersdale Central