

## **Lancashire County Council**

### **Internal Scrutiny Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st August, 2018 at 1.00 pm in Committee Room 'C' (The Duke of Lancaster Room) - County Hall, Preston**

#### **Present:**

County Councillor David O'Toole (Chair)

#### **County Councillors**

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| J Rear    | P Rigby   |
| S Holgate | A Riggott |
| M Iqbal   | M Salter  |
| E Lewis   | D Whipp   |
| J Mein    | G Wilkins |
| E Nash    |           |

#### **1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

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

None were disclosed.

#### **3. Call In Request: Update on Preston Youth Zone Operator**

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Geoff Driver, Leader of the County Council; County Councillor Albert Atkinson; Deputy Leader of the County Council; Cabinet Members County Councillors Peter Buckley and Keith Iddon; Angie Ridgewell, Interim Chief Executive; Sue Procter, Director Programmes and Project Management; and Julia Johnson and Rob Cathey from Legal Services to the meeting.

Presenting the case for the Call-In were County Councillors Azhar Ali and Kevin Ellard along with Guy Topping, Chair of Preston Youth Zone and Managing Director of Barton Grange Group; and John Chesworth, Board Member of Preston Youth Zone.

The report presented stated that on 9 August 2018, Cabinet received a report on the update of the Preston Youth Zone Operator. Cabinet resolved that:

- i. The council withdrew from the delivery of a Preston Youth Zone on the Preston Bus Station site and extend the Public Realm treatment associated with the Bus Station redevelopment across the whole western apron.

- ii. The additional Public Realm works estimated at £1.25m be funded from the £5.925m currently allocated to the Preston Youth Zone.
- iii. The £3.431m capital funding remaining following reductions of £1.244m abortive costs and £1.25m additional Public Realm costs be repurposed.
- iv. The £150,000 revenue allocation previously committed to the operation of the Preston Youth Zone be released.
- v. Officers explored with stakeholders alternative options that might work in the current environment.

Following requests from nine County Councillors representing more than one political group, in accordance with the 'Call In' procedures, the Chair of the Internal Scrutiny Committee convened a meeting of the Committee to consider calling in the decision.

The Committee carefully considered all of the information presented as part of the case for Call-In as well as further representations on behalf of the Preston Youth Zone.

Following the debate, a proposal was put forward and seconded that Cabinet decision on 9 August 2018 in relation to update on the Preston Youth Zone Operator should be called in.

On being put to the vote, the motion was lost. Therefore the Committee:

**Resolved:** That the Cabinet decision on 9 August 2018 in relation to update on the Preston Youth Zone Operator should not be called in.

#### **4. Urgent Business**

There were no items of Urgent Business.

#### **5. Date of Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Internal Scrutiny Committee would take place on Friday 21 September 2018 at 10.00am in Cabinet Room B (The Diamond Jubilee Room) at the County Hall, Preston.

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Director of Corporate Services

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