

# Lancashire County Council

## Cabinet

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5th September, 2019 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet 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 Keith Iddon  
County Councillor Albert Atkinson  
County Councillor Phillippa Williamson  
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. C14(2).

#### 1.        **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Michael Green.

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

There were no interests declared.

#### 5.        **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 August 2019**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2019 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

It was agreed to take Item 7 – The Outcomes of the Consultation on County Council Owned Traveller Sites as the next agenda item.

#### 4.        **The Outcomes of the Consultation on County Council Owned Traveller Sites**

Cabinet received a report on the outcome of a consultation on proposals to declare the county council's three traveller sites surplus to the County Council's needs.

In considering the report, Cabinet noted the results of the public consultation, and the equality analysis. It was stressed that, in taking the proposal forward, Cabinet would seek to engage fully with existing residents and the relevant local authorities. It was also

emphasised that the level of capital receipt from the sales of the sites would not be the deciding factor in future decisions.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the findings from the public consultation and the findings and analysis contained in the Equality Impact Assessment be noted
- ii. the Traveller sites be declared surplus to the County Council's needs.
- iii. Existing residents and the relevant local authorities would be fully engaged in the process of disposal.

**5. Money Matters 2019/20 Position - Quarter 1**

Cabinet received an update on the county council's 2019/20 revenue and capital financial position as at the end of June 2019 and an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) covering the period 2020/21 to 2022/23. It was noted that the government's Spending Review had been announced since the publication of the report, the outcomes of which were currently being considered and would be reflected in future reports as necessary.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the current forecast underspend of £0.506m on the revenue budget in 2019/20 be noted.
- ii. the increased funding gap of £64.755m covering the period 2020/21 to 2022/23 as set out in the revised financial outlook forecast for the Council be noted.
- iii. the budget adjustments for 2020/21, and following years' changes, included in the revised MTFS, be approved.
- iv. the contents of the county council's reserves position be noted.
- v. a reprofiled 2019/20 capital delivery programme of £143.090m as presented be approved.

**6. Procurement Report - Request Approval to Commence Procurement Exercises**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to commence the following procurement exercises in accordance with the county council's procurement rules:

- i. Provision of a Framework Agreement for the lease of a Waste Transport Fleet for Lancashire Renewables Limited and
- ii. Surface carriageway road planing – Framework Agreement.

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

- i. Provision of a Framework Agreement for the lease of a Waste Transport Fleet for Lancashire Renewables Limited and
- ii. Surface carriageway road planing – Framework Agreement.

**7. Organisational Development – Request to Commence Procurement Exercise**

Cabinet received a report setting out a proposal in line with the county council's procurement rules to commence a procurement exercise to appoint a partner to work with

the council on organisational development with a focus on redesigning services around best practice and building/maintaining support for the most vulnerable in Lancashire's communities.

**Resolved:** That the commencement of a procurement exercise to appoint a partner to work in partnership with the council to achieve the necessary and effective change within the organisation in a way that will be sustainable moving forward be approved.

## **8. Works to Operational Premises**

Cabinet received a report outlining the capital works required at three operational premises, in order to deliver remedial and repair works to address condition, and alteration works to address suitability. The report also set out a proposal to declare the former Rosegrove Library, Burnley surplus to the county council's requirements.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. Capital expenditure to meet the county council's negotiated share of the costs to replace the boiler in Lancaster Central Library Market Square, Lancaster, LA1 1HY, be approved
- ii. Capital expenditure to replace the auto transfer switch for the data suite in County Hall, Preston be approved
- iii. Capital expenditure to address health and safety and condition issues at Cuerden Mill Highways Depot, Holme Road, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6BS be approved
- iv. the funding be allocated from the unallocated balance of the building condition programme within the corporate block
- v. the former Rosegrove Library, Lowerhouse Lane, Burnley, BB12 6HU be declared surplus to the county council's requirements.

## **9. Lancashire County Council (Akeman Close, Ermine Place, Foss Court, Hadrian Road, 'McDonalds' access road, Pilgrims Way, Ryknild Way and Watling Close, Morecambe, Lancaster City) (Prohibition of Right Turn, Prohibition of Driving and No Entry) Order 201\***

Cabinet received a report setting out proposals to introduce Prohibition of Driving Except for access & No Right Turn, No Entry on the 'McDonalds' access road in Morecambe, as agreed by the Bay Gateway project team during their consultations and following local representations by the Divisional County Councillor.

It was confirmed that further work will be undertaken in relation to parking by HGVs in the area.

**Resolved:** That the proposals for Prohibition of Right Turn, Prohibition of Driving and No Entry on the 'McDonalds' access road in Morecambe as detailed within the report be approved.

**10. Lancashire County Council (Parliament Street, Greyhound Bridge Road and Morecambe Road, Lancaster, Lancaster City) (Bus Lane) Experimental Order 2018**

Cabinet received a report proposing that an experimental traffic regulation order to provide a bus priority measure on Greyhound Bridge Road be made permanent, subject to minor alterations.

**Resolved:** That the proposals for a bus priority measure on Greyhound Bridge, Lancaster, as set out in the report, be approved.

**11. Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Chorley, Fylde, Lancaster, Preston, Ribble Valley, South Ribble and West Lancs) (Revocations and Various Parking Restrictions November 2018 (No1)) Order 201\***

Cabinet received a report setting out a proposal to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to address anomalies in parking restrictions and to clarify, simplify and tidy up a number of discrepancies that have been identified in the Preston and Ribble Valley districts, as well as to introduce new restrictions in the districts of Chorley, Fylde, Lancaster, Preston, South Ribble and West Lancashire to improve safety on the highway for all users and also provide some amenity parking

**Resolved:** That the making of a Traffic Regulation Order introducing the parking restrictions on the various lengths of road within the Chorley, Fylde, Lancaster, Preston, Ribble Valley, South Ribble and West Lancashire Districts as detailed within the report, be approved

**12. Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, The Whole of Lancashire) (Permit Parking Order Amendment No 1) Order 201\***

Cabinet received a report proposing the standardisation of the prices and types of parking permits across the county, following the centralisation of the Residential Permit Scheme administration into the highways service,

**Resolved:** That the proposals in relation to parking permits as detailed within the report be approved

**13. Future Viability of Thomas Whitham Sixth Form**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to undertake a formal consultation on the future viability of Thomas Whitham Sixth Form, Burnley.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the information in the report be noted.
- ii. the proposal that a stage 1 consultation be undertaken, starting in September 2019, to inform the viability review of Thomas Whitham Sixth Form, Burnley, be approved.

#### **14. Mobile Library Service - Evaluation of Consultation Results**

Cabinet received a report on the results of the consultation over the future of the mobile library service and proposing ten criteria to be applied when planning the future delivery of the service.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the use of the ten criteria detailed in the report when planning the future of the mobile library service be approved.
- ii. a further report be presented to Cabinet once public consultation has been conducted on the replanned routes based on the ten criteria

#### **15. Strategy for Libraries, Museums, Culture and Archives 2019 - 2024**

Cabinet considered a report presenting the new strategy for Libraries, Museums, Culture and Archives for 2019 – 2024.

**Resolved:** That Full Council be recommended to approve the strategy for Libraries, Museums, Culture and Archives 2019 - 2024.

#### **16. Market Position Statement for Lancashire Consultation Document**

Cabinet considered a report presenting a draft Market Position Statement for consultation, setting out the county council's intended ambition to work with providers and those who play a key role in providing care to Lancashire's adult population to shape and develop services that meet people's needs and wants, now and for the future.

In considering the document, an amendment to the text on page 14 was proposed. In relation to the figures on variation in life expectancy, it was agreed that the original text be replaced with "Range in years of life expectancy across the most to least deprived areas of Lancashire"

**Resolved:** That the Market Position Statement for Lancashire, as set out in the report and with the amendment set out above, be approved for consultation.

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

There were no urgent decisions taken.

#### **18. Urgent Business**

It was reported that there was an Item of Urgent Business on Veterans Mental Health funding - Wyre

##### **18(a) Veterans Mental Health Funding - Wyre**

It was agreed that this item be taken under urgent business as the funding was needed as a matter of urgency to ensure that the local veterans group to continue its ongoing activities.

Cabinet received a report is proposing that £5,000 is added to the Champion for Armed Forces Veterans budget as a one off funding, with the intention of providing support to a local armed forces veterans group in Wyre to support activity to improve veterans' health and wellbeing.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the proposal to increase the budget of the Champion for Armed Forces Veterans by a one-off addition of £5,000 with the intention of providing support to the local armed forces veteran's group in Wyre be approved
- ii. the Champion for Armed Forces Veterans provide a report on the activities and outcomes achieved by utilisation of this funding as part of his annual report to Cabinet in July 2020.

## **19. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 3 October at 2pm at County Hall, Preston.

## **20. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private**

Cabinet noted the Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private and that no representations had been received.

## **21. Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Resolved:** That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public 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.

## **23. Council Chamber Webcasting/Audio-Visual/Microphone Upgrade**

(Not for Publication - Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information)

Cabinet considered a report on an upgrade to webcasting, audio-visual and microphone equipment in the council chamber.

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

## **24. Samlesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone - Procurement Strategy**

(Not for Publication - Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information)

Cabinet considered a report on a proposed procurement strategy in connection with the Samlesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone.

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

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