

# **Lancashire County Council**

## **Cabinet**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 3rd October, 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 Albert Atkinson

County Councillor Peter Buckley

County Councillor Graham Gooch

County Councillor Michael Green

County Councillor Keith Iddon

County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

County Councillor Azhar Ali and John Fillis were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. C14(2).

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

None.

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

County Councillor Michael Green declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 13 – City Deal Review, as a member of South Ribble Borough Council. Owing to the nature of the item, Councillor Green advised that he would withdraw from the meeting for that item.

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 September 2019**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2019 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **4. 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 Crisis Service in North Lancashire
- ii. Operated and non-operated vehicles and plant hire - Dynamic Purchasing System.

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

- i. Provision of a Crisis Service in North Lancashire
- ii. Operated and non-operated vehicles and plant hire - Dynamic Purchasing System.

## **5. Local Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund and Local Pinch Point Fund**

Cabinet considered a report requesting approval of the proposed bid and expression of interest to the Department for Transport's Local Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund Local Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund. The report also set out the local contributions that would be required should the submissions be successful, as well as details about the Department for Transport's Local Pinch Point Fund.

**Resolved:** That

- i. a bid be submitted to the Local Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund totalling £3.96m for the repair of retaining walls.
- ii. an Expression of Interest be submitted to the Local Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund totalling £9.245m.
- iii. proposals relating to the Local Pinch Point Fund be presented to Cabinet for approval in due course.

And that, subject to the success of (i) and (ii) above, that:

- iv. a local contribution totalling £0.792m be funded by additional prudential borrowing for the retaining wall programme of works.
- v. a local contribution totalling £1.850m be funded by additional prudential borrowing for the A601(M) proposals detailed in the report.

## **6. Digital First Strategy**

Cabinet received a report presenting a Digital First Strategy for Lancashire County Council, developed to enable the organisation to deliver its digital first vision and ambitions. In considering the report, it was emphasised that whilst the county council is committed to ensuring that digital is the preferred method of engagement, more traditional methods such as telephone, email and face to face will remain for those who are unable to engage digitally

**Resolved:** That the Digital First Strategy as set out in the report be approved.

## **7. Cross-Border Placements - Implementation of the Care Act 2014 (Approval of Revised Adult Social Care Policies and Procedures)**

Cabinet received a report presenting a proposed new Cross-Border Placements policy, as part of the ongoing review of all adult social care policies, practice and guidance to ensure compliance following the introduction of the Care Act 2014.

**Resolved:** That the Cross-Border Placements policy as set out in the report be approved

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

There were no urgent decisions taken.

## **9. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 7 November at 2pm at County Hall, Preston.

## **11. 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.

## **12. 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.

## **13. City Deal Review**

(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 the review of the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal.

In addition to the recommendations set out in the report, it was also agreed that a further update report would come back to Cabinet in due course.

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

Angie Ridgwell  
Chief Executive and  
Director of Resources

County Hall  
Preston