

# Lancashire County Council

## Cabinet

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 7th November, 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 Michael Green  
County Councillor Philippa Williamson  
County Councillor Peter Buckley  
County Councillor Graham Gooch  
County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillor John Fillis was also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. C14(2).

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

Apologies were received from County Councillor Azhar Ali.

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

There were no interests disclosed.

#### 3.        **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 October 2019**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2019 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 4.        **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. Gully emptying service
- ii. Spray injection patching
- iii. Reactive and planned improvement works
- iv. Security and alarm service and maintenance
- v. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning service and maintenance
- vi. Provision of community transport services

- vii. Provision of a Minor Aids and Adaptations Service in Lancashire.

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

- i. Gully emptying service
- ii. Spray injection patching
- iii. Reactive and planned improvement works
- iv. Security and alarm service and maintenance
- v. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning service and maintenance
- vi. Provision of community transport services
- vii. Provision of a Minor Aids and Adaptations Service in Lancashire.

## **5. Penwortham Slip Road Closure**

Cabinet considered a report setting out a proposal for the closure of the slip road from the A59 Liverpool Road to A59 Golden Way in Penwortham for all vehicular traffic, whilst keeping it open for pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists. Cabinet were advised that this proposal was brought in order to comply with planning condition 10 of the Penwortham Bypass (the Bypass) planning permission, which sought to discourage through vehicular traffic on the A59.

Cabinet noted the extensive traffic modelling that had been carried out, and considered the objections made and responses from officers. In considering the report, Cabinet noted additional environmental and air quality benefits, and opportunities to improve the public space in the town centre.

**Resolved:** That approval be given to the closure of the slip road between the A59 Liverpool Road and A59 Golden Way to all public vehicular traffic whilst keeping it open for pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists by the making of a Traffic Regulation Order.

## **6. A582/B5253 South Ribble Western Distributor and Realignment of Footpath Network - Approval for Use of Powers and Preparation of Various Orders and Schemes including Compulsory Purchase Order**

Cabinet received a report on progress on the dualling of the A582 and B5253 South Ribble Western Distributor. It was reported that negotiations were ongoing with the landowners to acquire the necessary land. Cabinet were requested to consider approving the use of Compulsory Purchase powers available to the county council, in particular under the Highways Act 1980, to acquire the land, should it not be possible to reach agreement with the landowners.

Cabinet were also asked to consider a Side Roads Order under the Highways Act 1980 to enable alterations to be made to the existing highways and private means of access.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the use of the county council's powers of Compulsory Purchase contained in the Highways Act 1980, and all other enabling legislation, be approved to acquire all the necessary land and rights for the construction/improvement and future maintenance and drainage of the dualled A582 and B5253 South Ribble

- Western Distributor and the realigned vehicular and public rights of way network together with landscaping and ecological mitigation;
- ii. the preparation of Compulsory Purchase and Side Road Orders for the scheme and other appropriate Notices, Orders and Schemes under the Highways Act 1980 and the taking of all other procedural steps in connection with the making of the Orders, prior to approval and sealing and making of the formal Orders and Schemes be approved
  - iii. the acquisition by agreement in advance of Compulsory Purchase powers of all rights, interests, enabling arrangements to facilitate the scheme be approved.
  - iv. the taking of procedural steps to facilitate the delivery of the scheme at the location of the two rail bridges referred to in the report be approved.

## **7. Preston City Transport Plan and the Preston City Region Submission to the Transforming Cities Fund**

Cabinet considered a report noting the progress in the development of a proposed Preston City Transport Plan. Cabinet noted that, at its meeting on 14 October 2019, the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Executive received the Plan and agreed to its publication as evidence to inform current and future transport-related planning and investment programming.

Cabinet also considered preparation for a bid for Preston City Region under the government's Transforming Cities Fund, noting Preston was one of just 12 shortlisted Transforming Cities Fund city regions nationwide with the prospect of receiving a share of £1.2 billion, to be spent by March 2023, aimed at driving up productivity through improved public and sustainable transport connectivity.

### **Resolved:** That

- i. the advice received by consultants and presented in the Preston City Transport Plan document be noted, and approval be given to its use as evidence to inform current and ongoing transport-related planning and investment programming.
- ii. the submission of a strategic outline business case in support of a funding bid to the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund be approved, and the Director of Growth, Environment and Planning and s151 Officer, or nominated representative, in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, be authorised to finalise the details of the proposition.

## **8. Use of Resources for County Councillors - Revised Protocol**

Cabinet considered a revised Use of Resources Protocol, including a Disability Statement and Parental Support Policy for County Councillors, which provided guidance and support for Councillors in understanding what was acceptable in the use of County Council resources.

**Resolved:** That the revised County Councillor Use of Resources Protocol as set out in the report be approved.

## **9. Extra Care Service Model and Core Charge**

Cabinet received a report on the proposed care and support model for new Extra Care schemes being developed in Lancashire, based on the model agreed by Cabinet in relation to the Chorley Extra Care Scheme (Primrose Gardens) in September 2018.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. the preferred model as set out within the report, including a core weekly charge of £17.50 per apartment, be approved.
- ii. the Executive Director of Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing and the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Services, be authorised:
  - a. To agree core charges within new schemes.
  - b. To agree any changes to the core charge in existing schemes.
  - c. To agree the allocations policy where the policy is in line with the principles outlined in this report.
  - d. To undertake a review once the schemes have been operational for at least a year, and make any minor amendments to the "core and add on" service model.

## **10. Maximising Occupancy in Supported Housing Consultation Document**

Cabinet considered a report on a Maximising Occupancy in Supported Housing Consultation Document, which set out the council's proposals to review supported housing vacancies, and the procedure that would guide decisions about non-viable supported households.

**Resolved:** That a public consultation be carried out on the Maximising Occupancy in Supported Housing Consultation Document, as set out in the report.

## **11. Urgent Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council**

The urgent decision taken by the Leader of the County Council was noted.

## **12. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 5 December at 2pm at County Hall, Preston.

## **14. 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.

## **15. 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

**16. The Future of Queen Street Mill Museum and Helmshore Textile Mills Museum**

(Not for Publication - Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 and 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 received a report on the future of the Queen Street Mill Museum and Helmshore Textile Mills Museum.

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

Angie Ridgwell  
Chief Executive and  
Director of Resources

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