

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 15th June, 2017 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 Michael Green
County Councillor Keith Iddon
County Councillor Peter Buckley
County Councillor Vivien Taylor
County Councillor Graham Gooch

County Councillors Azhar Ali and John Fillis were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. 19(4).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Susie Charles. County Councillor Phillippa Williamson was in attendance in her place.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 January 2017

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 19 January 2017 be agreed as a correct record

4. Annual Reports of the County Council's Former Champions 2016/17

Cabinet received a report outlining the activities of the six County Council Champions undertaken between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017.

Resolved: That the annual reports of the former County Council's six Champions for 2016/17 be noted

5. Procurement Report - Request Approval to Commence Procurement Exercises

Cabinet received a report in line with the County Council's procurement rules, setting out recommendations to approve the commencement of two procurement exercises for:

- (i) Apprenticeship Levy Training and Assessment Providers and;
- (ii) The Supply of Liquid Fuels

Resolved: The commencement of the procurement exercises as set out for the Apprenticeship Levy training and assessment providers and the supply of liquid fuels be approved

6. Report on the Outcome of the Office of Surveillance Commissioner's Triennial Inspection

Cabinet received a report on the outcome of the triennial inspection of the Council's use of covert surveillance in accordance with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners (OSC) on 28 February 2017. It was noted that the report was largely positive.

Resolved: That

- i. the OSC Inspection Report be noted
- ii. the amended corporate policies on RIPA and Shadow RIPA be approved
- iii. a policy for the use of social media in connection with investigations be developed for appropriate services and presented to Cabinet for approval.

7. Appointments to Outside Bodies 2017/18

The Cabinet received the annual report on the appointment of County Council representatives to various outside bodies.

Resolved: That

- i. the representation and appointments listed in Appendix 'A' for outside bodies for 2017/18 be approved
- ii. Political Group Secretaries be requested to co-ordinate the nomination of members to fill any vacancies and any in-year changes; and in consultation with Democratic Services and the Deputy Leader of the Council notify the Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services.

8. Residential Strategy

Cabinet received a report proposing a revised Children Looked After (CLA) Residential Strategy, building on the actions relating to residential care identified in Lancashire's CLA Sufficiency and Commissioning Effective Placements Strategy (2014-2017). The report identified that, whilst there were some additional set up costs, the changes would overall result in net savings to the authority of £2.7m, as well as better outcomes for children and young people.

Resolved: That the strategy as set out be approved

9. Department for Transport (DfT) 2017/18 Highway Incentive Fund

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for allocating the Highway Maintenance Incentive Element funding in 2017/18 of £1.973m awarded by the Department for Transport (DfT).

It was noted that the incentive payments received by the County Council were based on the council being assessed as achieving "Band 3", the highest possible band, securing the maximum incentive funding.

Resolved: That the schemes set out for funding from the Highway Maintenance Incentive Element funding in 2017/18 totalling £1.973m be approved.

10. Accrington Townscape Heritage Initiative – Proposed Public Realm Improvements to the Town Square, Blackburn Road and Peel Street

A report was presented on the Accrington Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI), promoted by Hyndburn Borough Council (HBC), a public realm improvement scheme proposed for the town square and adjacent sections of Blackburn Road and Peel Street. The THI also makes provisions for the regeneration of some of Accrington's key historic buildings and the non-highway area adjacent to the Town Hall to provide a defined town square dedicated to the memorial and celebration of the Accrington Pals regiment. Planning permission for the THI was granted in February 2017.

Resolved: That

- i. the award of the tender to the winning contractor be approved subject to the S278 agreement being in place and the County Council having received and added the necessary resources from Hyndburn Borough Council to the 2015/16 Highways block of the capital programme;
- ii. the County Council will accept staged payments totalling £1,704,751 from Hyndburn Borough Council together with any other additional financial resources for the project that may be agreed, on the condition that payments are received and added to the Highways block of the 2015/16 capital programme in advance of any application for payment from the appointed contractor.
- iii. the expenditure be phased across the financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19 in line with the receipt of income.

11. 40mph Speed Limit Revocation Order Branch Road, Mellor Brook, Mellor

Cabinet received a report setting out a proposal to revoke a 40mph Speed Limit Order (SLO) along the entire length of Branch Road, Mellor Brook, Mellor.

Resolved: That the making of a 40mph Revocation Order which revokes the existing 40mph Speed Limit Order along the whole length of Branch Road, Mellor Brook be approved

12. Upgrade of Existing Zebra Crossing to Puffin Crossing - Broadway, Haslingden

Cabinet considered a report setting out a scheme to upgrade the existing Zebra Crossing on Broadway, Haslingden, to a Puffin crossing. The proposal had an approved capital allocation of £58,000 in the 2015/16 Road Safety Programme.

Resolved : That existing Zebra Crossing be removed and that construction of a new Puffin crossing and associated road markings on Broadway Haslingden, from a point 5.5m east of the centreline of Devon Crescent for a length of 41 metres eastwards be approved.

13. Burnley Road and Goodshawfold Road, Loveclough - Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting

Cabinet received a report setting out a proposal to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order to Prohibit Waiting at Burnley Road and Goodshawfold Road, Loveclough and to Restrict Waiting at Burnley Road, Loveclough.

Resolved: That the making of a Traffic Regulation Order which prohibits waiting and restricts waiting as set out be approved

14. Report of Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council, the Deputy Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Members

Resolved: That the report of the key Decisions taken by the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members be noted

15. Report of the Waiver of Procurement Rules by the Deputy Leader of the County Council

Resolved: That the report of the waiver of procurement rules by the Deputy Leader be noted.

16. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

17. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would take place on Thursday 13 July at County Hall, Preston.

18. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

The Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private was noted, no representations having been received.

19. 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.

20. Acquisition of Household Waste Recycling Centre Infrastructure

(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.)

A report was considered on the acquisition of the Household Waste Recycling Centre Infrastructure.

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

21. National productivity Investment Fund - Approval to Submit a Funding Bid

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A report was considered on the approval of the submission of a funding bid to the National Productivity Investment Fund

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

22. Fleetwood to Knott End Ferry Service

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A report was considered on the Fleetwood to Knott End Ferry Service

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

23. Relocation of Youth Offending Team (Preston and South)

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A report was considered on the relocation of the Youth Offending Team (Preston and South)

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

Jo Turton
Chief Executive

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