

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 9th November, 2017 at 2.00 pm in Committee 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 Mrs Susie Charles
County Councillor Keith Iddon
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. 19(4).

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

County Councillor Peter Buckley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 16 – Proposals Relating to Libraries, on the basis of his wife's membership of Fylde Borough Council.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 October 2017

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

4. Money Matters - 2017/18 Financial Position and Medium Term Financial Strategy

Cabinet considered a report providing an update of the forecast outturn Financial Position for 2017/18 on revenue as at 30 September 2017, and the County Council's updated Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period 2018/19 to 2021/22.

The report also set out budget proposals for Cabinet to consider. It was confirmed that the proposal included in the report relating to the Foundation Living Wage would not be taken forward.

Resolved: That:

- i. the forecast underspend of £7.498m on the 2017/18 revenue budget be noted.
- ii. the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and funding gap of £161.218m covering the period 2018/19 to 2021/22 be noted.
- iii. the position in respect of the Council's reserves and to agree the transfers outlined in the report be noted.
- iv. the budget proposals CORP 001 – Vacancy factor and CORP 003 – Terms and Conditions as set out at Appendix D be approved for the purposes of consultation, where necessary, with the recognised Trade Unions, the outcome of the consultation to be reported back to Cabinet at a future meeting

5. Procurement Report - Request Approval to Commence Procurement Exercises

In line with the County Council's procurement rules, this report sets out a recommendation to approve the commencement of the following procurement exercises:

- i. Consultancy Services for the Assessment and Proposed Improvements to Delayed Transfers of Care (DTCOC).
- ii. Early Support Emotional Health & Wellbeing Framework.
- iii. Supply and Delivery of Civil Engineering Materials.
- iv. Provision of Keyholding, Security Patrol and Incident Response Services.
- v. Legionella Control Measures.

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

- i. Consultancy Services for the Assessment and Proposed Improvements to Delayed Transfers of Care (DTCOC).
- ii. Early Support Emotional Health & Wellbeing Framework.
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6. Local Initiative Fund 2017/18

Cabinet received a report detailing applications for funding submitted to the Local Initiative Fund (LIF) Scheme for the financial year 2017/18 and the recommendations for funding in relation to each of the 12 districts.

Resolved: That

- i. A total of £152,829.34 of grant funding for 47 projects be approved across the districts in Lancashire from the 2017/18 LIF Scheme, having regard to the recommendations detailed in this report.
- ii. In the districts where an underspend of over £5,000 (Chorley and Rossendale) remains, a second round be opened later in the year, totalling £19,227.83.
- iii. The remaining underspend of £5,488.58 across the remaining districts be carried forward into the next financial year 2018/19 and added to the relevant district's budget for LIF, subject to budget approvals for a future round.

7. (Bay Gateway, Caton Road, Folly Lane, Green Lane, Hadrian Road, Halton Road, Lancaster Road and Powder House Lane, Lancaster, Lancaster District) (Revocation, De-Restricted Road, 20mph, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limit) Order 201* Reference: LSG4\894

Cabinet received a report setting out proposals to make permanent a number of speed limits on the newly constructed A683 Bay Gateway and surrounding affected side roads.

Resolved: That The Cabinet is asked to approve the making of a Speed Limit Order as set out in the report on the newly constructed A683 Bay Gateway generally east of A589 Morecambe Road and west of A589 Caton Road, of 30 miles per hour, 40 miles per hour, 50 miles per hour and De-Restricted (National Speed Limit) and associated revocations on the affected side roads comprising; Caton Road, Folly Lane, Green Lane, Hadrian Road, Halton Road, Lancaster Road and Powder House Lane as shown in the report.

8. Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Burnley, Worthsthorne-with-Hurstwood and Padiham, Burnley Borough)(Revocations and Various Parking Restrictions, May (No.1)) Order 201*

Cabinet considered a proposal to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order to address anomalies in restrictions and to clarify, simplify and tidy up a selection of traffic orders within the Burnley District.

Resolved: That the proposals for parking restrictions on various lengths of road within the Burnley District as detailed in the report be approved

9. Additional Highway Maintenance Funding - Proposed Highway Projects and Resources (Planned Works) Programme

Cabinet received a report requesting approval of a proposed programme of work to be funded from the Highways Projects and Resources (Planned Works) allocation of £3million approved by Cabinet on 20 July 2017.

Resolved: That the proposed process, as outlined in the report be approved, for developing a programme of works to be funded from the Highways Projects and Resources (Planned Works) allocation of £3million approved by Cabinet on 20 July 2017.

10. Prohibition of Waiting Traffic Regulation Order Liverpool Old Road and Smithy Lane, Much Hoole, South Ribble Borough

Cabinet received a report recommending the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit waiting on a length of Liverpool Old Road west of its junction with Smithy Lane. The proposals were put forward to provide suitable visibility for vehicles exiting the new development.

Resolved: That the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions on Liverpool Old Road and Smithy Lane as detailed within the report be approved.

11. Highways and Transport Capital Programmes - Proposed Amendments

Cabinet considered a report presenting amendments to the approved Highways and Transport Capital Programmes in order to meet emerging priorities and to respond to some unanticipated service demands.

Resolved: That the proposed amendments to the Highways Capital Programme as outlined in the report be approved

12. Proposed Road Humps, Cottage Lane, Ormskirk

Cabinet received a report proposing the construction of eleven round-topped road humps along Cottage Lane and Asmall Lane, Ormskirk as part of a local safety improvement scheme to reduce the speed of traffic through the existing 20mph zone.

Resolved: That the installation of the road humps along Cottage Lane and Asmall Lane, Ormskirk, as set out in the report, be approved.

13. Vehicle Crossing Code of Practice

Cabinet considered a proposed Code of Practice (CoP) outlining procedures for residents to follow and factors to consider when applying for the installation of an approved crossing where occupiers of residential properties needed to cross a kerb, verge or footway to garage or park their vehicles off the road. The CoP would also provide guidance to Highway Services about how to stop the use of unauthorised crossings and either achieve an approved one or, in unacceptable locations to take enforcement action.

Resolved: That the Vehicle Crossing Code of Practice be approved as presented.

14. Awarding of Small Grants to Third Sector Groups which are Registered with the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service, including Grants to individual young people

Cabinet considered a report outlining the work of the District Youth Councils in their role in recommending grant monies to third sector organisations registered with the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service.

Resolved: That the recommendations of the District Youth Councils on the applications for grants from third sector groups which are registered with the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service be approved as set out in the report.

15. Revised Planning Obligations in Lancashire Policy Paper

Cabinet considered a report setting out a revised Planning Obligations in Lancashire policy setting out how developer contributions will be applied in the administrative county area. The proposed policy reflected recent changes to the legislation around the use of planning obligations and the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Resolved: That

- i. the existing Planning Obligations in Lancashire Policy be revoked

- ii. the Infrastructure and Planning Policy as set out in the report be approved

16. Proposals Relating to Libraries

Cabinet considered a report outlining proposals in relation to the provision of library facilities, specifically in Rishton and Lytham. It was noted that further information relating to Rishton Library had been included in the Part II (exempt) papers for the meeting.

Resolved: That

- i. the development of a detailed options appraisal for the provision of a library service in Lytham be approved.
- ii. in relation to Rishton Library, the community interest in the site be dismissed and the decision to declare the property surplus be rescinded.

17. Re-imagining the Harris

Cabinet received a report on the "Re-Imagining the Harris" project, a partnership between Lancashire County Council and Preston City Council started in 2015 with the aim of repositioning the Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library, and securing major investment to redevelop the building and the services it offers.

Resolved: That

- i. support be given to a further funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund in November 2018.
- ii. the County Council makes a contribution of £45,000 to the cost of preparing the further funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund
- iii. the revenue costs for the Re-Imagining the Harris project, currently committed until August 2018, be extended until June 2019 and the position be reviewed in light of the application outcome.

18. Approval of consultation on the county council's revised non-residential care charging policy

Cabinet received a report setting out a proposed updated and revised Non-Residential Care Charging Policy, in compliance with the provisions of the Care Act 2014 and its associated statutory instruments & guidance, for consultation.

Resolved: That an 8-week public consultation on the revised policy be undertaken with key Stakeholders, after which the policy will be considered for final approval by Cabinet, taking into account the outcome of the consultation and any proposed changes.

19. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business

20. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would take place on Thursday 7 December at 2pm at County Hall, Preston.

Cabinet received information relating to Item 27 – Lomeshaye Industrial Estate and Item 28 – Information Technology Upgrade for Children's Social Care. It was noted that, whilst these items were included in the Part II section of the agenda, in the interests of transparency, information relating to these issues that was not confidential was presented at this point in the meeting.

Cabinet noted the information presented in relation to the items.

21. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

The Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private was noted.

22. 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.

23. Facilities Management Restructure Proposal

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet considered a report on a proposed restructure of the Facilities Management team.

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

24. Community Asset Transfers

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet considered a report outlining proposals in relation to premises subject to Community Asset Transfer requests.

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

25. Sale of Former Padiham Primary School, Padiham, Burnley

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet considered a report on the site of the former Padiham Primary School.

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

26. Pennine Reach, Church Gateway - Preparation of a Compulsory Purchase Order

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet considered a report on the preparation of a Compulsory Purchase Order in connection with the Pennine Reach scheme.

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

27. Lomeshaye Industrial Estate

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet considered a report on the Lomeshaye Industrial Estate.

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

28. Information Technology Upgrade for Children's Social Care

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information.)

Cabinet considered a report on an Information Technology upgrade for Children's Social Care.

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

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