

# Lancashire County Council

## Cabinet

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 14th June, 2018 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 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**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Graham Gooch. County Councillor Charles Edwards attended in accordance with Standing Order C14(1).

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

County Councillor Peter Buckley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 15 – Proposals Relating to Libraries (Lytham), on the basis that his wife was the Deputy Leader and Chair of the Finance and Democracy Committee at Fylde Borough Council. He confirmed he would not take part in the item, and it would be presented by County Councillor Aidy Riggott, in accordance with Standing Order C14(1).

Cabinet agreed to move Item 15 – Proposals Relating to Libraries (Lytham) – to the beginning of the agenda.

#### 3.        **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 May 2018**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2018 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 15.      **Proposals Relating to Libraries (Lytham)**

Cabinet considered a report outlining proposals in relation to the provision of library facilities in Lytham, Fylde. A number of options were presented and issues considered.

In considering the report, Cabinet expressed gratitude and appreciation for the work and contributions of both the Lytham Town Trust and the Friends of Lytham Library and Institute in helping develop the options presented for the reopening of the library in Lytham.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. a full library service be established at Lytham Assembly Rooms
- ii. An allocation to fund capital works as set out in the report to establish a library service in Lytham to be funded from the Libraries Re-instatement Capital Allocation of £1.571m
- iii. an Agreement for the establishment of the library in the Lytham Assembly Rooms be entered into
- iv. the county council's interest in the Lytham Institute be surrendered.

#### **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. Fuel cards
- ii. Supply and distribution of rock salt

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

- i. Fuel cards
- ii. Supply and distribution of rock salt

#### **5. Terms and Conditions Budget Saving - Consultation Outcome**

Cabinet considered a report presenting the outcome of a formal consultation with the recognised trade unions to seek a collective agreement on how to achieve a saving of at least £5m through a review of terms and conditions.

Through the formal consultation process, it was agreed that, rather than a full review of terms and conditions, the focus would instead be on reducing costs in three areas:

- Reduce agency spend
- Reduce the level of sickness absence
- Actively encourage the voluntary take up of unpaid leave

**Resolved:** That the outcome of the consultation be noted and the approach, contained within the report to target delivery of the £5m savings, which does not require any changes to employment terms and conditions, be agreed.

#### **6. The County Council's Financial Position - 2017/18 Outturn**

Cabinet considered a report presenting the county council's 2017/18 revenue and capital outturn position. It was reported that the 2017/18 revenue position at the end of the year was net expenditure of £703.924m, which represented an in year underspend of £20.896m, being 2.88% of the revenue budget. The capital programme for 2017/18

totalled £171.908m with the programme delivering an outturn position of £121.434m, which therefore resulted in a variance to budget of £50.474m.

Cabinet welcomed the positive steps being taken, but noted the significant challenges still facing the council

**Resolved:** That

- i. the council's final revenue and capital outturn position for 2017/18 be noted
- ii. the transfer of the 2017/18 underspend to the transitional reserve be approved.

## **7. Review of Registration Ceremony Fees**

Cabinet received a report setting out the outcome of a review of civil registration ceremony fees set by the county council. It was noted that, whilst fees were generally proposed to increase, fees had not been reviewed for four years.

**Resolved:** That the ceremony fees as set out in the report be agreed and implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

## **8. A674 Chorley Rd, Withnell/Blackburn New Rd, Wheelton/Millennium Way, Chorley – (50 mph speed limit and restricted road (30 mph speed limit))**

Cabinet received a report setting out proposals in relation to speed limits and associated revocations at (A674) Chorley Road, Blackburn New Road and Millennium Way, Chorley.

**Resolved:** That the making of a Speed Limit Order which introduces 50mph speed limit and 30mph restricted road status on (A674) Chorley Road, Blackburn New Road and Millennium Way, Chorley (and associated revocations) as set out in the report be approved.

## **9. Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Preston, Ribble Valley, Rossendale, West Lancashire) (Revocations and 20mph, 30mph, 40mph, 50mph Speed Limits) Order 201\***

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for a speed limit order to introduce a number of speed restrictions on various roads within Lancashire, to clarify and simplify a number of speed limit orders to improve the safety and operation of the public highway network and to allow for effective enforcement by Lancashire Constabulary.

**Resolved:** That the proposals for speed restrictions on various lengths of road within the Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Preston, Ribble Valley, Rossendale and West Lancashire Districts as set out in the report be approved.

## **10. Proposed Changes to the Highways and Transport Capital Programmes**

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 and Transport Capital Programmes be approved.

**11. Awarding of Small Grants to Third Sector Groups which are Registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, including Grants to Individual Young People**

Cabinet received a report outlining the work of the District Youth Councils in their role in recommending grant monies to third sector organisations which are registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the recommendations of the District Youth Councils on the applications for grants from third sector groups which are registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, as set out in the report, be approved.
- ii. the narrative below is included in all future Small Grant Application Forms.

"Monitoring and Reporting:

The organisation will be required to produce a performance report at the end of the project which demonstrates the impact of the project and should include details of how many children/young people have accessed the project; how the funding was spent; what outcomes have been achieved."

**12. Corporate Parenting Board - Revised Terms of Reference**

Cabinet received a report setting out proposed new Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Board.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the Corporate Parenting Board's revised Terms of Reference, as set out at in the report be approved.
- ii. that the revised Corporate Parenting Strategy and Pledge be presented to Cabinet for approval in September 2018.

**13. Budget Option Consultation: Lower-level Advocacy Services**

Cabinet considered a report providing details of a further consultation on proposals in connection with the county council's provision of "lower-level advocacy", as agreed by Full Council in February 2018.

**Resolved:** That the implementation of a 50% reduction in the budget for lower-level advocacy for the remainder of the current contract be approved.

**14. Implementation of the Care Act 2014 - Approval of Revised Adult Social Care Policies and Procedures**

The Cabinet considered new policies on

- Care and Support Planning
- Continuity of Care

as part of the ongoing review of all adult social care policies following the introduction of the Care Act 2014.

**Resolved:** That the following policies, as set out in the report, be approved:

- Care and Support Planning
- Continuity of Care

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

The urgent decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Members were noted.

**17. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 12 July at 2pm at County Hall, Preston.

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