

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 9th August, 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 Graham Gooch
County Councillor Shaun Turner

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

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

County Councillor Peter Buckley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 24 – Proposed M55 to St Annes Link Road, due to his wife's membership of Fylde Borough Council.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 July 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Update on Preston Youth Zone Operator

Cabinet received a report outlining the options for consideration for the next steps for the delivery of a Preston Youth Zone. The options presented within the report were to undertake a further procurement exercise on the same terms and conditions; re-procure on different terms and conditions; approach interested organisations directly; or withdraw from the project.

Cabinet were reminded of the various legal and cost implications, as set out in the report, particularly in relation to State Aid, the Public Contract Regulations 2015, and the requirements in relation to disposals. The Cabinet also noted that the offer of a 25-year lease was due to the site being tied in with the Preston Bus Station project, which was based on a 25-year period.

After a short adjournment, it was

Resolved: That:

- i. the council withdraw from the delivery of a Preston Youth Zone on the Preston Bus Station site and extend the public realm treatment associated with the Bus Station redevelopment across the whole western apron.
- ii. the additional public realm works estimated at £1.25m be funded from the £5.925m currently allocated to the Preston Youth Zone.
- iii. the £3.431m capital funding remaining following reductions of £1.244m abortive costs and £1.25m additional Public Realm costs be repurposed..
- iv. the £150,000 revenue allocation previously committed to the operation of the Preston Youth Zone be released.
- v. officers explore with stakeholders alternative options that might work in the current environment.

5. 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. The collection, transportation and treatment of wood waste; and
- ii. The provision of Extra Care Services, Greenbrook House and Brookside.

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

- i. The collection, transportation and treatment of wood waste; and
- ii. The provision of Extra Care Services, Greenbrook House and Brookside.

6. Provision of Mobile Phones to Councillors

Cabinet considered a report presenting a proposal for a revised mobile phone offer for councillors, to provide four options enabling individual members to choose the device or arrangement to best suit their requirements.

Resolved: That the proposals set out in the report for the future provision of mobile phones to councillors be approved

7. Discretionary Concessionary Travel - Results of Public Consultation

Cabinet considered a report presenting the outcome of a consultation on the approval, subject to consultation and final approval by Cabinet, by Full Council of an increase in the charge made to disabled NoWcard holders for travel before 0930 Monday to Friday from 50p to £1. Cabinet considered the consultation findings and the equality analysis.

Resolved: That

- i. an increase to the charge made to disabled NoWcard holders for travel before 9.30a.m. Monday to Friday from 50p to £1 be approved
- ii. officers be authorised to amend the Joint Concessionary Travel Scheme and liaise with bus operators to ensure that they make the necessary arrangements for collection of the fare.

8. Transport Information Centres - Results of Public Consultation

Cabinet received a report on the decision of Full Council to approve the closing of transport information centres at Preston Bus Station, Nelson and Clitheroe Interchanges and Carnforth Railway Station, subject to consultation, with the outcome to the consultation to be presented to Cabinet for final approval.

Cabinet noted that, during the consultation, a number of expressions of interest were received from interested parties to take over the management of some or all of the transport information centres. It was therefore proposed to hold an exploratory period to investigate these expressions of interest, during which time the transport information centres would be kept operational. The outcome of these investigations would be presented to Cabinet in due course.

Resolved: That

- i. officers be authorised to investigate the expressions of interest received from interested parties who may wish to take over the management of some or all of the transport information centres.
- ii. the service be maintained whilst the expressions of interest are investigated.

9. Lancashire Cycling and Walking Strategy

Cabinet received a report setting out a proposed Lancashire Cycling and Walking Strategy: Actively Moving Forward, in line with the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy with the aim of delivering a transformation in cycling and walking infrastructure and participation rates. It was noted that the strategy, and in due course the preparation of Local Cycling and Walking Investment Plans, would position the three Lancashire Local Transport Authorities and the twelve district authorities favourably for future government and local investment opportunities.

Resolved: That

- i. the Lancashire Cycling and Walking Strategy document, as presented, be approved for publication subject to Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Councils also approving the document for publication.
- ii. Responsibility to approve any further changes to the strategy be delegated to the Executive Director for Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
- iii. draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans for the five Highway and Transport Masterplan areas of Central Lancashire, Lancaster, West Lancashire, Fylde Coast and East Lancashire, be submitted to Cabinet in due course, for the purposes of wider consultation.

10. A6 Corridor Works, Broughton, Additional Measures

Cabinet received a report on additional measures in line with the renewal of planning consent granted for Broughton Bypass, which included a condition that proposals be developed for cycling, walking and environmental enhancements along the existing A6 Garstang Road, Broughton.

Resolved: That the following additional measures along the existing A6 Garstang Road, Broughton, be approved:

- i. A road narrowing with priority to eastbound traffic and associated relocation of a bus stop, Whittingham Lane, Broughton, as set out in the report
- ii. An additional length of footway and a cycle track with right of way on foot, Garstang Road, Broughton, as set out in the report.

11. Proposed Amendments 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. The report included the addition of a £7.942 million award from the Department for Transport to address five local roads in Lancashire where the risk of fatal accidents and serious collisions was highest.

Resolved: That the proposed amendments to the Highways and Transport Capital Programmes be approved.

12. Winter Service Plan & Proposal to Lower Treatment Intervention Level

Cabinet considered a report setting out a proposal to lower the road surface temperature at which gritting is commenced on the highway network in Lancashire. The report also included the recommendations of the Internal Scrutiny Committee's Task and Finish Group on this matter.

Resolved: That

- i. The recommendations of the Internal Scrutiny Committee's Task and Finish Group on the proposed lowering of the treatment intervention level as set out in the report be noted
- ii. The proposed amendment to the Winter Service Plan, as set out in the report, be approved

13. Lancashire County Council (Liverpool Road South, Lordsgate Drive, Unnamed Road Opposite Lordsgate Drive, Burscough, West Lancashire Borough)(Prohibition of waiting) Order 201*

Cabinet received a report setting out a proposal to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order for a Prohibition of Waiting which is required for the safe and effective operations of traffic signals on Liverpool Road South, Burscough, West Lancashire.

Resolved: That the proposals as advertised and as shown on the plans in the report be approved.

14. S278 Olive School, Adelaide Street, Preston Addition of Proposed Changes to Highway Layout at Adelaide Street and Miller Street, Preston, Associated with the Olive School Development, (Section 278 funded) to the Highways Block of the 2018/19 Capital Programme

Cabinet received a report in relation to a planning condition requiring the introduction of off-site highways improvements on roads around the Olive School, Preston, following the granting of planning permission for the new school.

It was noted that the improvements were in the form of traffic calming works, and would be fully funded by the developer pursuant to a Section 278 Agreement under the Highways Act 1980.

Resolved: That the addition of £38,560 to the Highways block of the 2018/19 Capital Programme be approved, as set out in the report

15. Capital Redevelopment of the Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library

A report was presented on the Re-Imagining the Harris project, a partnership between Lancashire County Council and Preston City Council established in 2015 with the aim of transforming the Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library. The report outlined a proposal aimed at securing major investment to redevelop and improve the services offered at the Harris

Resolved: That

- i. capital expenditure of £1m be allocated as a contribution to the Redevelopment of the Harris.
- ii. the submission of a bid for approximately £4.5 million to the Heritage Lottery Fund be approved as part of a redevelopment project estimated to cost £10.5 million.

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

The Urgent Decisions taken by the Leader and Cabinet Members were noted.

17. Urgent Business

None.

18. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held on Thursday 13 September 2018 at 2.00 p.m. at County Hall, Preston.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. Works to Operational Premises

(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 setting out required works to operational premises.

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

22. Waste Transport Services

(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 setting out proposed revised arrangements for the delivery of the contract for the transportation of waste around the council's network of waste transfer, processing and disposal facilities.

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

23. Pennine Reach: Making and advertising of the Lancashire County Council (Church Gateway - Junction Improvement at Market Street and Blackburn Road, Church, Accrington) Compulsory Purchase Order 2018

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

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

24. Proposed M55 to St Annes Link Road

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Cabinet considered a report setting out an update on progress in relation to the proposed M55 to Heyhouses link road.

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

25. Cuerden Strategic Site - Lancashire Central

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Cabinet considered a report on the Cuerden Strategic Site – Lancashire Central.

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

26. Community Asset Transfer - Bamber Bridge Library and Brunshaw Young People's Centre

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Cabinet considered a report setting out the current position in relation to Bamber Bridge Library and Brunshaw Young People's Centre.

Resolved: That recommendations (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) as set out in the report be approved, but that recommendation (i) be not approved

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