

Meeting of the Full Council - 17 October 2019

Report of the Internal Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 12 July 2019, 19 September 2019 and 27 September 2019

Chair: County Councillor David O'Toole

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Internal Scrutiny Committee

12 July 2019

Impact of the Reduction of Winter Maintenance Trigger Levels from 1.0 to 0.5 Degree Celsius for the 18/19 Season

The report provided the committee with the results of the Cabinet approval last year to reduce the road surface temperature at which gritting was instructed on the highway network in Lancashire. The overview, impact and results of the change were also presented along with the end of season report from Lancashire County Council's forecast provider.

Resolved: That;

- i. The report and recommendation to continue winter service provision with an intervention level of +0.5 be noted.
- ii. The treatment of secondary routes be monitored going forward.

Statement of Priorities for 16-19 Education and Skills Report

The report provided the committee with the Lancashire Statement of Priorities for 16 – 19 Education and Skills for consideration. The document provided a strategic overview of the education and training provision being accessed by Lancashire residents aged 16 – 19 and those aged 19 – 24 who had an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and were accessing provision at college, SSF, academy or apprenticeship provider.

Resolved: That;

- i. The report presented be noted.
- ii. Suggested improvements and amendments for the next version of the Lancashire Statement of Priorities for 16 – 19 Education and Skills be considered.

Report of the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel

The report provided an overview of matters presented and considered by the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel at its meeting held on 11 April 2019.

Resolved: The Internal Scrutiny Committee receive and note the report of its Budget Scrutiny Review Panel.

19 September 2019

Call In Request: Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Chorley, Fylde, Lancaster, Preston, Ribble Valley, South Ribble and West Lancs) (Revocations and Various Parking Restrictions November 2018 (No 1)) Order 201*

Following requests from five County Councillors in accordance with the Call In procedures, the Committee considered a report outlining the decisions of the Cabinet on 5 September 2019 in relation to the Cabinet report entitled Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Chorley, Fylde, Lancaster, Preston, Ribble Valley, South Ribble and West Lancs) (Revocations and Various Parking Restrictions November 2018 (No1)) Order 201*.

Resolved: That the Cabinet decision on 5 September 2019 in relation to 'Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Chorley, Fylde, Lancaster, Preston, Ribble Valley, South Ribble and West Lancs) (Revocations and Various Parking Restrictions November 2018 (No1)) Order 201*' should not be called in.

27 September 2019

Reducing Single Plastics in Lancashire – Update Report

The report presented stated that in January 2019, the Internal Scrutiny Committee published a task and finish group report on reducing single use plastics (SUP) in Lancashire following a Notice of Motion at Full Council. In May 2019 the committee received a response to the recommendations made by the task group by the relevant cabinet members.

The report detailed an update on progress by the various services involved in the delivery of this work and the development of a strategy for Lancashire County Council to become a SUP free authority, where possible and feasible.

Resolved: That;

- i. The update presented be noted.
- ii. The relevant officers come back to the Internal Scrutiny Committee to present a further update and the draft strategy on reducing Single Use Plastics in Lancashire.

Highway Adoption and the Process Involved

The report presented aimed to describe the process of the local highway authority in considering and adopting a road, having regard to typical issues and other influences that often occur, delaying adoption and who is responsible for un-adopted roads.

Resolved: That in relation to Recommendation 1 of the report that this be reworded in light of the discussion and circulated to members and in relation to Recommendations 2 to 5 that these be approved:

2. Officers inform relevant Councillors at the time of a road being adopted.
3. Officers work more closely with Councillors (residents) in locations where house builders are slow in progressing the adoption process (where there are no issues that cannot be resolved).
4. Officers look at opportunities to strengthen the partnership approach between house builders, utilities (drainage), LPA and the highway authority in strategic development locations to assist where possible to unlock issues and speed up the adoption process.
5. Officers inform the relevant Councillor if a road is NOT suitable for adoption and reasons why.

County Councillor David O'Toole
Chair