

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber - County Hall, on
Thursday, 28 February, 2013

Present:

County Councillor John Shedwick (Chairman)

County Councillors

M Devaney	P Evans	M Parkinson
T Aldridge	S Fishwick	N Penney
T Ashton	M France	M Perks
G Askew	M Green	T Pimblett
A Atkinson	C Grunshaw	M Pritchard
K Bailey	Mrs J Hanson	S Riches
R Bailey	Dr Hassan	P Rigby
Mrs R Blow	P Hayhurst	G Roper
C Briggs	H Henshaw	T Sharratt
P Britcliffe	C Holtom	M Skilling
K Brown	K Iddon	D M Smith
T Brown	M Iqbal	D T Smith
M Calvert	J Jackson	P Steen
Mrs P Case	M Jewell	J Sumner
S Chapman	A Jones	V Taylor
Mrs S Charles	A Kay	A Thornton
C Coates	J Lawrenson	C Wells
Mrs F Craig-Wilson	S Leadbetter	G Wilkins
W Cropper	P Malpas	Mrs V Wilson
F De Molfetta	J Mein	T Winder
Mrs S Derwent	P Mullineaux	B Winlow
G Driver	D O'Toole	K Young
K Ellard	Mrs L Oades	M Younis
C Evans	M Otter	

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of County Councillors G Adam, M Barron, M Brindle, C Crompton, J Eaton, G Jones, A Knox, Y Motala, M Welsh, D Westley and S Wilkinson.

Announcements

Award in the New Year Honours List

The Chairman was proud to announce that Mrs Eileen Bleasdale, Headteacher, Laneshawbridge Primary School, Colne, had been awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours List for her services to education.

The Chairman asked that the congratulations of all councillors to Mrs Bleasdale for her achievements be placed on record.

County Council Elections 2013

The Chairman acknowledged that this was the last meeting of the Full Council in this municipal year and the last meeting before the County Council elections in May. There were a number of Members who would not be standing for re-election and the Chairman took this opportunity to record the County Council's appreciation for the many years of service provided by those Members.

Mr Richard Jones, Executive Director for Adult and Community Services

The Chairman congratulated Richard Jones, Executive Director for Adult and Community Services on his recent appointment as Director of the Lancashire Area Team of the NHS Commissioning Board. He thanked Mr Jones for his hard work within the County Council and, on behalf of the Council, wished him well in his new role.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None disclosed

3. Confirmation of Minutes from meeting held 13 December 2012

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on the 13 December 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. Lancashire County Council Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2013/14

The report outlined the proposed Treasury Management Policy Framework for 2013/14 as required by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Treasury Management Code of Practice (2011). It included the County Council's borrowing and investment strategies, together with the treasury management prudential indicators which sought to ensure that the Council's borrowing levels remained both sustainable and affordable.

The Leader of the County Council had considered the Treasury Management Policy Framework for 2013/14 set out at Appendices A and B to the report now presented and recommended it to the Full Council for approval.

Resolved: That the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2013/14 as set out in Appendices A and B to the report now presented, be approved.

5. Financial Threshold for Key Decisions

The report explained that the Council was required, each year, to specify the financial threshold above which “domestic” decisions (affecting the internal workings of the Authority) should be treated as Key Decisions as defined in Standing Order 25(1)(b).

It was recommended that the financial threshold for Key Decisions should remain unchanged at £1.4m for 2013/14.

Resolved: That the financial threshold for Key Decisions, for the purposes of Standing Order 25(1)(b), remain at £1.4m for 2013/14.

6. Members' Allowance Scheme 2013/14

The report set out the proposed Members' Allowance Scheme for 2013/14. In moving the report the Leader recommended that members' allowances within the Scheme should not be increased for 2013/14. His proposal was seconded by County Councillor Albert Atkinson. On being put to the vote it was:

Resolved: That the 2013/14 Members' Allowance Scheme would remain unchanged from the 2012/13 Scheme.

7. Pay Policy Statement 2013/14

The report set out at Appendix A the proposed 2013/14 Pay Policy statement as required by the Localism Act 2011.

Resolved: That the 2013/14 Pay Policy Statement, as set out at Appendix A to the report now presented, be approved.

8. Local Transport Body for Lancashire

The report explained that the Department for Transport (DfT) had confirmed its intention to devolve funding for local major transport schemes to newly established Local Transport Bodies (LTBs) from 2015/16.

To comply with Government guidance, the County Council, Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council (BwD), as Lancashire's three local highway authorities, in conjunction with the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP), had to agree how best to discharge their shared responsibilities with regard to creating a LTB and managing a local major transport scheme programme.

To this end, Blackpool and BwD Councils had formally agreed to the formation of a specially constituted Committee of the LEP Board to perform the functions of the LTB, and with responsibility for prioritising and agreeing Lancashire's local major transport scheme programme.

Subject to formal approval of the County Council, it had been agreed by Blackpool and BwD Councils and the LEP Board that the Leader of the County Council, or his nominee, would be the Chair of the LTB, which would be known as 'Transport for Lancashire'. Following formal approval by the County Council the Articles of the LEP would be amended to ensure that this Committee had full delegated power to act.

Once 'Transport for Lancashire' had been established, local major transport funding estimated to be worth around £35m over a 4-year period would be made available by Government. With 'Transport for Lancashire' arrangements in place, strategic economic development and transport priorities/schemes could be clearly defined and agreed, which was critical to achieving Lancashire's economic and housing growth ambitions.

Resolved: That

- i. The formation of a specially constituted Committee of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board (with a local authority majority) to perform the functions of the Local Transport Body, and with responsibility for prioritising and agreeing Lancashire's local major transport scheme programme, as set out in section 1 of the report now presented, be agreed.
- ii. It be noted that the Leader of the County Council (or his nominee) would be the Chair of 'Transport for Lancashire'.

9. Employment Committee - Revised Terms of Reference

The report set out recommendations of the Employment Committee in respect of changes to the Committee's terms of reference.

Resolved: It be agreed that:

- i. The Employment Committee would retain decisions in relation to:
 - Named and Senior Officers (as set out in Appendix A to the report now presented).
 - The Council's pay and grading structure.
 - Collective disputes.
 - The determination of policy relating to employer discretions and/or consent of the LGPS and TPS.
 - Recommending approval of an annual Pay Policy Statement to Full Council.
 - The payment of fees and allowances into Employment Committee decisions on the Council's pay and grading structure.
 - Monitoring the operation of the Statement of Ethical Standards for Employees and the Register of Interests for Employees
- ii. Decisions in relation to employment policies, procedures and practices, including recruitment and selection, be delegated to the Director of Human Resource and Payroll.
- iii. In relation to 2 above, any collective agreements relating to the review and amendment of employment policies, procedures and practices should also be delegated to the Director of Human Resource and Payroll.
- iv. Decisions relating to the trade union facilities agreement be delegated to the Director of Human Resource and Payroll.
- v. Subject to the minor amendment to paragraph 1.1 referred to in the report now presented, the revised terms of reference of the Employment Committee as set out at Appendix A to the report now presented be agreed.

10. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

The Leader of the Council moved Part B of the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on the on the 6 December 2012, 3 January 2013 and 7 February 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on the 6 December 2012, 3 January 2013 and 7 February 2013, be noted.

11. Amendments to the Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers

Resolved: That the report of amendments to the Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers, as now presented, be noted.

12. Urgent Key Decisions

Resolved: That the report of urgent key decisions taken by the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Children and Schools and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport during the preceding three months, as now presented, be noted.

13. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

County Councillor John Shedwick presented the reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees from their meetings as follows:

Committee	Date of Meeting
Scrutiny Committee	07 December 2012 18 January 2013
Health Scrutiny Committee	17 January 2012
Education Scrutiny Committee	25 January 2013

Resolved: That the reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, as now presented, be received.

14. Report of Audit and Governance Committee

County Councillor Sam Chapman presented the report of the Audit and Governance Committee from its meeting on the 14 January 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Audit Committee, as now presented, be received

15. Report of the Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor John Shedwick presented the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meetings on the 10 December 2012, 14 January 2013 and 11 February 2013.

Resolved: That the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, as now presented, be received.

16. Notices of Motion

The following **Notices of Motion** had been submitted under Procedural Standing Order 14.2.1(a).

1. It was moved by County Councillor Peter Britcliffe and seconded by County Councillor Michael Green that:

"This County welcomes the opportunity given to us by David Cameron of an IN or OUT referendum on the issue of our membership of the European Union."

Following a period of debate the Motion was put to the vote. Six County Councillors requested a recorded vote in accordance with procedural Standing Order 15.2 (9.4). The names of county councillors who voted for or against the Motion and those who abstained are set out below:

For (48)

T Ashton	G Driver	M Otter
GW Askew	C Evans	M Perks
A Atkinson	P Evans	ME Pritchard
K Bailey	SMD Fishwick	P Rigby
RM Bailey	MP France	GW Roper
RN Blow	MA Green	JSC Shedwick
P Britcliffe	CJ Holtom	DM Smith
K Brown	K Iddon	DT Smith
M Calvert	JP Jackson	P Steen
PM Case	AP Jones	V Taylor
SA Chapman	AD Kay	AH Thornton
SMG Charles	RJC Lawrenson	GA Wilkins
F Craig-Wilson	S Leadbetter	VM Wilson
WJ Cropper	P Malpas	T Winder
SR Derwent	P Mullineaux	KA Young
M Devaney	DM O'Toole	M Younis

Against (8)

CE Briggs	TE Sharratt
H Henshaw	M Skilling
MG Jewell	J Sumner
AE Pimblett	B Winlow

Abstained (15)

T Aldridge	M Iqbal
T Brown	J Mein
CB Coates	EA Oades
F De Molfetta	M Parkinson
KR Ellard	N Penney
C Grunshaw	S Riches
J Hanson	CA Wells
M Hassan	

The Motion was carried and it was:

Resolved: That, this County welcomes the opportunity given to us by David Cameron of an IN or OUT referendum on the issue of our membership of the European Union.

2. It was moved by County Councillor Dr Misfar Hassan and seconded by County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal that:

"This Council resolves to review the decision to amalgamate ACERS provisions.

The amalgamation of the ACERS (Alternative and Complementary Education and Residential Service) provision for children and young people with emotional behaviour difficulties and mental and physical health problems has been detrimental to the health of young people in Lancashire. Children with mental health issues are now in a more vulnerable position which is causing them further distress."

Following a period of debate the Motion was put to the vote and was lost.

Resolved: That the Notice of Motion be not carried.

Phil Halsall
Chief Executive

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