

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 1st October, 2020 at 2.00 pm in Skype Virtual Meeting - Skype

Present:

County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE

Leader of the Council
(in the Chair)

Cabinet Members

County Councillor Keith Iddon
County Councillor Albert Atkinson
County Councillor Michael Green
County Councillor Phillippa Williamson
County Councillor Peter Buckley
County Councillor Graham Gooch
County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillor Azhar Ali and County Councillor 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

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 September 2020

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Procurement Report

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to commence the following procurement exercises in accordance with the county council's procurement rules:

- i. Supply of groceries, drinks and frozen food products
- ii. Grounds maintenance services
- iii. Waste concessions contract

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

- i. Supply of groceries, drinks and frozen food products
- ii. Grounds maintenance services
- iii. Waste concessions contract

5. Changes to Winter Service Plan

Cabinet considered a proposal to amend Winter Service Policy 9 to adopt the spread rates contained in the national guidance, as set out in Appendix 'A' of the report.

Resolved: That;

- i. The changes to Winter Service Policy 9, as detailed in Appendix 'A' be approved; and
- ii. The Director of Strategy and Performance be authorised to agree the changes to the Winter Service Plan in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

6. Lancashire Street Charter Pilot

Cabinet received a report to approve the Street Charter, as set out in Appendix 'A' of the report, as an advice document to inform public realm work in the Preston City area as a pilot scheme and to engage with the remaining 11 district councils in Lancashire with a view to agreeing similar approval of the Street Charter.

In presenting the report, it was noted that a revised version of Appendix 'B' of the report had been provided to members. The revised version had replaced the existing version on the published agenda on the council's website.

Resolved: That, the Lancashire Street Charter is used as an advice document to inform public realm work in Preston City as a pilot scheme and to engage with the other District Councils and seek to agree similar approval of the Street Charter, be approved.

7. Developing the Approach and Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Cabinet considered a report setting out the initial work completed to progress specific projects that are part of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy, which was approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 16 January 2020.

These projects related to the development of special educational needs units attached to mainstream schools, and the development of more special school places through the relocation and expansion of Broadfield Specialist School and the expansion of Sir Tom Finney Community High School.

It was noted that the financial implications of the proposals are set out in Appendix 'D' of the report and was listed at item 17 in the "Part II" section of the agenda.

Resolved: That;

- i. The SEND Sufficiency Strategy, further to consideration of the responses that have been provided during the period of consultation be approved;
- ii. Subject to (i) above the results of informal non-statutory consultations and feasibility design work for the six capital projects identified in (iii) and (iv) below be considered.
- iii. Subject to (i) above, the publication of statutory proposals for four special educational needs units to be attached to mainstream primary schools and the implementation of a four week representation (formal consultation) period for each of these projects be approved;
- iv. Subject to (i) above, the publication of statutory proposals for the expansion and relocation of Broadfield Specialist School and the expansion of Sir Tom Finney Community High School, and the implementation of a four week representation (formal consultation) period for both of these proposals be approved;
- v. Subject to (i) above, another round of expressions of interest from mainstream schools, to develop more on-site special educational needs units for children and young people with social, emotional and mental health needs or autism spectrum disorders be approved;
- vi. The streamlined approach for seeking Cabinet approval for prescribed alterations to schools be approved; and
- vii. Subject to (vi) above, the Executive Director for Education and Children's Services be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, to approve an interim stage within the process of making a prescribed alteration to schools, noting that approval to initiate the process for making prescribed alterations and for making the final decision about whether the prescribed alteration is made would remain with Cabinet.

8. Alternative Provision Strategy

Cabinet received a report on the alternative provision for children and young people in Lancashire. The report provided and an overview of the alternative provision that is currently available across the county, how it is being used and the potential impact it may have on key outcomes for children and young people.

Resolved: That;

- i. The information set out in this report which provides an overview of the current situation in Lancashire with respect to alternative provision and key outcomes in comparison with England be considered;
- ii. Approaches and recommendations that have been set out in the report in relation to alternative provision be considered; and
- iii. The proposed Alternative Provision Strategy, as set out at Appendix 'A' that has been developed to align with existing strategies within Lancashire to support children and young people with additional needs be approved.

9. Revised Terms of Reference - Cabinet Working Group for Museums

Cabinet received a proposal to make changes to the Terms of Reference of the Cabinet Working Group for Museums following a decision by Full Council that secured further funding for Queen Street Mill Museum, Helmshore Textile Mills Museum and the Conservation Studio.

In presenting the report, it was noted that the Cabinet Working Group for Museums at its meeting on 30 September 2020, requested an amendment to the Terms of Reference of the committee. The amendment was to add the following to the Roles and Functions, listed in the Terms of Reference, "Consider the recruitment, training and re-training of technicians and apprentices for the technical jobs in the mills and also look to current and forthcoming government funded schemes in support of a sustainable future for all our museums."

Resolved: That, the revised Terms of Reference for the Cabinet Working Group for Museums as set out in Appendix 'A' of the report be approved subject to the addition of the following point in the Terms of Reference, "Consider the recruitment, training and re-training of technicians and apprentices for the technical jobs in the mills and also look to current and forthcoming government funded schemes in support of a sustainable future for all our museums."

10. Central Lancashire Integrated Care Partnership Governance Update

Cabinet received a report detailing the revised governance structure for the Central Lancashire Integrated Care Partnership.

Resolved: That;

- i. The revised governance structure for the Central Lancashire Integrated Care Partnership as set out at Appendix 'A', and for the update to be shared within the county council be approved; and
- ii. Support for the development of the Central Lancashire Integrated Care Partnership, through representation on relevant Boards and/or Committees, be continued.

11. Urgent Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council and the relevant Cabinet Member

Resolved: That the urgent decision taken by the Leader of the County Council and relevant Cabinet Members since the last meeting of Cabinet, be noted.

12. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business.

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 5 November 2020 as a virtual meeting.

14. 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.

15. 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 item 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.

16. Required Infrastructure Upgrades on the Platt's Lane Closed Landfill Site, Burscough and the Pimbo Closed Landfill Site, Skelmersdale

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. The report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). 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 received a report on the required infrastructure upgrades on the Platt's Lane closed landfill site and the Burscough and the Pimbo closed landfill site, Skelmersdale.

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

17. Appendix D of Item 7 - Developing the Approach and Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

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Resolved: That, Appendix D of Item 7 - Developing the Approach and Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, be noted.

18. Financial Resilience of the Care Home Sector

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. The report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). 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 received a report on the financial resilience of the Care Home sector.

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

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