

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5th November, 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 Philippa Williamson
County Councillor Peter Buckley
County Councillor Graham Gooch
County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillor John Fillis were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. C14(2).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Azhar Ali.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 2020

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Money Matters 2020/21 Position - Quarter 2

Cabinet considered the Money Matters report setting out an update on the county council's 2020/21 revenue and capital financial position, as at the end of September 2020, and an updated medium term financial strategy (MTFS) covering the period 2021/22 to 2023/24.

The report also referred to the unprecedented uncertainty in relation to future local government funding, the increasing financial pressures felt by Covid-19 and the impact these would have on the county council's budget.

In presenting the report, members passed on their thanks to all officers for their hard work and commitment in maintaining the council's finances, especially during the current pandemic.

Resolved: That;

- i. The current forecast underspend of £2.017m on the revenue budget in 2020/21, be noted;
- ii. The revised funding gap of £78.791m covering the period 2021/22 to 2023/24 as set out in the revised financial outlook forecast for the council, be noted;
- iii. The contents of the county council's reserves position, be noted; and
- iv. The revised 2019/20 capital delivery programme of £157.929m as presented within the body of the report and the forecast outturn of £128.475m, be noted.

5. Procurement Report

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

- i. Agency Staff Neutral Vendor Managed Service; and
- ii. Framework Agreement for Professional and Technical Services.

Additionally, Cabinet noted an amendment to the plant and vehicle hire report, originally approved by Cabinet on 3 October 2019, as detailed in the report.

Resolved: That;

- i. The commencement of procurement exercises for the following be approved:
 - a. Agency Staff Neutral Vendor Managed Service; and
 - b. Framework Agreement for Professional and Technical Services.
- ii. The amendment to the plant and vehicle hire report approved by Cabinet on 3 October 2019, be noted.

6. Request Approval to Extend Existing Contracts in Response to Covid 19

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to extend existing procurement contracts, where the re-procurement work would have commenced in the next 6 to 12 months but where the resources in the service areas continued to be focussed on Covid related activity.

Resolved: That;

- i. The extension of the contracts as set out in this report and detailed in Appendix 'A' be approved; and
- ii. Directors and Heads of Service be authorised to determine the length and number of extensions within the maximum scope permitted by this report.

7. Blackburn Cathedral Council - Appointment of a County Council Representative

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to add Blackburn Cathedral Council to the county council's list of outside bodies and to appoint a county council representative to the Blackburn Cathedral Council.

Resolved: That;

- i. The addition of Blackburn Cathedral Council to the list of outside bodies to which the county council makes appointments, be approved; and
- ii. Subject to (i) above, the appointment of County Councillor Jayne Rear as the county council's representative to the Blackburn Cathedral Council until the next county council elections in 2021, be approved.

8. Transport Asset Management Plan End of Phase 1 Review

Cabinet received a report on the progress made during phase 1 of the Transport Management Plan 2015 – 2030, which was originally approved by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on 10 June 2014. Phase 1 of the plan ran from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020 and it was now proposed to publish a review of the progress made during this period.

Resolved: That;

- i. The update on progress outlined in the Progress Transport Asset Management Plan Phase 1 Breakdown as set out at Appendix 'A', be noted; and
- ii. The Director of Strategy and Performance be authorised to approve and publish the 'Transport Asset Management Plan – End of Phase One Review' full document 2019/20 in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

9. Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2020/21

Cabinet received a report which provided details of the Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2020/21, and the additional capacity that will be mobilised to meet the anticipated demand.

Resolved: That, the county council's Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2020/21 as set out at Appendix 'A', be approved.

18. Clean Energy and Technology Diversification Fund

Following the advice of the Director of Corporate Services (the Monitoring Officer), the Leader of the County Council agreed that this report would be considered in Part I of the meeting. A copy of the report was subsequently published on the council's [website](#).

Cabinet received a report on the Clean Energy and Technology Diversification Fund. The report detailed the economic impacts of the current pandemic and the increasing pace at

which the industrial base of Lancashire has continue to shift. The report therefore proposed a county council loan to fund and support Lancashire to attract new investment.

Resolved: That;

- i. A county council £10 million loan fund to support Lancashire to attract inward investment in new and emerging growth sectors as detailed in the report, be approved; and
- ii. The Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport & Community Services, the Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Services be authorised to conclude all necessary processes and sign off such loans in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Environment and Planning.

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

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

11. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business.

12. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 3 December 2020 as a virtual meeting.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. Proposal for a New Sporting Campus in Central Lancashire

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 a proposal for a new sporting campus in Central Lancashire.

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

16. Operational Premises

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 considered a report on works to operational premises.

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

17. Eden Project North

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Cabinet received a report in relation to Eden Project North.

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

Angie Ridgwell
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