

Meeting of the Full Council – 23 May 2013

Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 21 March 2013

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the County Council's website at the following link:

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Lancashire Superfast Broadband Project Update

The Cabinet considered a report setting out an update on the progress made to date and forward plans for the Lancashire SFBB Project.

Cabinet agreed that:

- (i) The report, now presented, be noted;
- (ii) The Assistant Chief Executive and the Project Team be thanked for the progress made to date.

Young People's Travel

The Cabinet considered a report setting out the take-up of the scheme to date and the various options for young people's travel for the future.

Cabinet agreed that:

- (i) The report, now presented, be noted;
- (ii) That the existing scheme be extended until 31 August 2013 pending further discussions with bus operators;
- (iii) That the Youth Council Steering Group be thanked for their contribution.

Update on Preston and Rossendale Bus Stations

The Cabinet received a verbal update on the current situation regarding Preston and Rossendale Bus Stations.

Cabinet agreed that:

- (i) The update, now presented, be noted;
- (ii) A further update be presented to the next meeting of Cabinet on 11 April 2013.

Economic Development

The Cabinet considered a report setting out a summary of progress on the County Council's key economic development priorities, over the last year, as these initiatives are expected to continue to form the core of the delivery programme for 2013/14.

Cabinet agreed that:

- (i) The progress made in delivering the County Council's economic development priorities in 2012/13, set out in the report now presented, be noted;
- (ii) The Director of Economic Development and his staff be thanked for the progress made to date.

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Establishment of the County Benefits Service - Progress Report

The Cabinet considered a report setting out:

- A Summary of the objectives and scope of the new County Benefits Service;
- The steps taken to commence building the new service since December 2012;
- The high-level plans for development and improvement of the service in the next six months;
- The impact of welfare reform on demand for advice.

Cabinet agreed that:

- (i) The contents of the progress report on the establishment of the County Benefits Service, now presented, be noted;
- (ii) That Martin Jungnitz and the staff of his service be thanked for the progress undertaken to date.

The Waste Management Budget 2007/08 to 2012/13 and the Background to the Appointment of Global Renewable Lancashire Ltd as the County Council's Waste PFI Contractor

The Cabinet considered a report setting out the changes to the waste management budget over recent years and the root cause of the major increases in costs, together with the detail of the procurement process that led to the appointment of GRLL.

Cabinet agreed that the report on the waste management budget 2007/08 – 2012/13 and the background to the appointment of GRLL as the County Council's Waste PFI contractor, now presented, be noted.

Update on Preston and Rawtenstall Bus Stations

The Cabinet received a verbal update on the current situation regarding Preston and Rawtenstall Bus Stations.

Cabinet agreed that:

- (i) The update, on the development of new bus stations at Preston and Rawtenstall, now presented, be noted;
- (ii) Preston City Council and Rossendale Borough Council be informed of the County Council's concern at the length of time it has taken for the respective Councils to reach decisions on the development of new bus stations in Preston and Rawtenstall so that the funding in the County Council's Capital Programme, set aside for those developments, can now be utilised.

Bluebell Way - Business Park Opportunity

The Cabinet considered a report setting out details of the opportunity to develop the County Council's Bluebell Way site in Preston, as a new business park aimed at supporting and incubating business start-ups.

Cabinet agreed that:

- (i) The intention to re-develop Bluebell Way as a new business park aimed at business start-ups and established small businesses, as set out in the report now presented, be noted;
- (ii) The Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Environment and Planning, in conjunction with the Chief Executive and County Treasurer, be authorised to finalise plans to develop Bluebell Way as a new business Park.