

Meeting of the Cabinet (6 June 2024)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Corporate Performance Report - 2023/24 Quarter 4

Cabinet considered a report providing an overview of the performance of forty three Key Performance Indicators as well as corporate risks and opportunities to enable monitoring against the four priorities of the corporate strategy:

- Delivering better services
- Protecting our environment
- Supporting economic growth
- Caring for the vulnerable

Resolved: That, following consideration of the report and the additional information set out in Appendices 'A' to 'C', the report be noted.

Lancashire Local Access Forum - Revised Terms of Reference

Cabinet considered a report on the revised Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Local Access Forum.

Resolved: That the Lancashire Local Access Forum's revised Terms of Reference, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Bus Service Improvement Plan 2024 Update

Cabinet considered a report providing an update on the Bus Service Improvement Plan for 2024.

Resolved: That

- i. Approval be given for the updated Bus Service Improvement Plan documentation to be published on the Lancashire County Council website.
- ii. The Executive Director for Growth, Environment, Transport and Health be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, and with the Enhanced Partnership Executive Board, to make



- any further minor updates to the draft Bus Service Improvement Plan as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report; and
- iii. The decision be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order C28 as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the county council's responsibilities. The reason for this is to ensure the Bus Service Improvement Plan is submitted to the Department for Transport by 12 June 2024.

Local Transport Capital Block Funding: Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant

Cabinet considered a report on the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant from the Local Transport Capital Block Funding.

Resolved: That approval be given for the £234,613 funding from the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant, to be added to the Highway Block of the Capital Programme for 2024/25.

SEND Sufficiency Strategy Implementation - Provision of Special Educational Needs Units in Mainstream Schools and Special School Places

Cabinet considered a report that provided the results of the formal consultations to create Special Educational Needs Units at Barrowford Primary School, Rushton Street, Barrowford, and Brunshaw Primary School, Morse Street, Burnley.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the results of the formal consultations, following the publication of the statutory proposal:

- i. The creation of Special Educational Needs Units within Barrowford Primary School, Nelson and Brunshaw Primary School, Burnley, be approved;
- ii. The Executive Director for Education and Children's Services be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, to review the outcomes on conclusion of the formal consultation, and to make a final decision to increase the number of places available at Morecambe Road School; and
- iii. The Executive Director for Education and Children's Services and the Director of Finance be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, to approve the funding for building alterations/adaptations and/or acquisition of resources or necessary expenditure.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public) – Urgent Business

Universal Support

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public



interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Cabinet considered a report that provided an overview of the Department for Work and Pensions Universal Support programme (supported employment programme targeted at the economically inactive with disabilities/health condition/disadvantage).

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



Meeting of the Cabinet (11 July 2024)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Annual Reports of the County Council's Champions

Cabinet considered the annual reports of the county council's six Champions. The annual reports outlined the activities each Champion had undertaken between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, in the respective roles they held, from the resources allocated to them.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the annual reports of the county council's Champions, the annual reports be noted and that the Champions be thanked for the work they had undertaken during the course of the year.

Annual Reports of the Lead Members

Cabinet received the annual reports of the Lead Members. It was noted that the role of the Lead Members was to work with and support the Cabinet in the delivery of the Cabinet's vision for the county council and the council's corporate priorities.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the annual reports of the Lead Members, the annual reports be noted and that the Lead Members be thanked for the work they had undertaken during the course of the year.

Lancashire County Council's Productivity Plan 2024

Cabinet considered a report setting out Lancashire County Council's Productivity Plan 2024.

Resolved: That Lancashire County Council's Productivity Plan 2024 be approved for submission to government by 19 July 2024 and be published on the county council's website.

The County Council's Financial Position - 2023/24 Outturn

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the county council's final outturn position across revenue and capital budgets.

Resolved: That

- i. The council's final revenue and capital outturn position for 2023/24, be noted;



- ii. The transfer from the transitional reserve for the 2023/24 overspend of £5.220m, be approved;
- iii. The revised list of savings (incorporating mitigations for those savings delayed) for 2024/25 and beyond, be approved;
- iv. The schools budget outturn position for 2023/24, be noted; and
- v. The overview of the council's Chief Finance Officer as set out in Appendix 'D', be noted.

Procurement Report

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

- i. Highways Asset Management System (HAMS)
- ii. Legionella Risk Assessment
- iii. East Lancashire's Levelling Up Fund
- iv. Rawtenstall Gyrotory Project
- v. Integrated Sexual Health Services All Age Services

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

- i. Highways Asset Management System (HAMS)
- ii. Legionella Risk Assessment
- iii. East Lancashire's Levelling Up Fund
- iv. Rawtenstall Gyrotory Project
- v. Integrated Sexual Health Services All Age Services

Lancashire County Council Building Condition Programme

Cabinet considered a report that set out the proposals for the allocation of approved capital funding to address a phase of high priority building condition repairs and statutory programmes of remedial works to the operational premises portfolio.

Resolved: That the proposed list of condition and statutory remedial works to the operational premises portfolio, detailed at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Queen Street Mill Museum, Burnley

Cabinet considered a report that set out proposals for capital investment to provide match funding in support of a grant application to Arts Council England to fund essential maintenance work to Queen Street Mill Museum, Burnley and to provide a library service in the entrance gallery of the museum.

Resolved: That the following be approved:

- i. The submission of a funding application to Arts Council England to fund urgent and essential maintenance work to Queen Street Mill Museum;
- ii. The acceptance of grant funding from Arts Council England, should the application be successful;



- iii. Match funding in support of the application as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, the cost of which was to be met by new capital borrowing; and
- iv. Capital funding to provide a library service in the museum as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report.

Brindle Road (Hospital Inn) Bus Stop Improvements

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to relocate the existing southbound bus stop on Brindle Road, Bamber Bridge outside the Hospital Inn, to a location away from the blind corner at the junction of Bank Head Land and Brindle Road. It was also proposed to maintain and improve the existing northbound bus stop on Brindle Road with clearway markings and bus shelter replacement.

Resolved: That the implementation of proposed bus stop clearways and associated bus stop infrastructure as set out in the report and as shown at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Friargate North, Preston - Abandonment of Existing Proposed Traffic Regulation Order and Implementation of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order

Cabinet considered a report that outlined proposals to abandon a proposed permanent Traffic Regulation Order that was previously approved by Cabinet for the Prohibition of Driving except Cycles 10am-midnight and midnight-6am on Friargate, Preston and several side roads that was originally advertised as part of the Transforming Friargate North and Ring Way project. It was also proposed the making of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order in its place with timings from 11am-midnight and midnight-6am, which would be monitored thereafter.

Resolved: That the Traffic Regulation Order for the Prohibition of Driving except Cycles 10am-midnight and midnight-6am on Friargate North, Preston and side roads be abandoned, and the making of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order in its place, be approved.

Provision of Bus Stop Clearways, Liverpool Road, Penwortham

Cabinet considered a report on the provision of bus stop clearways on Liverpool Road, Penwortham.

Resolved: That the installation of both bus stop clearways located on Liverpool Road, opposite and adjacent to Crookings Lane, Penwortham as set out in the report and at Appendices 'A' - 'C' of the report, be approved.

Temporary Road Safety Signs - Best Practice Guidance for Assessment and Deployment

Cabinet considered a report that set out a Best Practice Guidance document for assessment and deployment of temporary road safety signs.



Resolved: That

- i. The adoption of the best practice guidance, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, for the provision and deployment of temporary road safety signs, be approved; and
- ii. The Director of Highways and Transport be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to keep the best practice guidance under review and to make any minor amendments as appropriate.

Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2023/24

Cabinet considered the Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2023/24, which provided a summary of the work undertaken by the Safeguarding Adults Board in Lancashire over the last year.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the report, Cabinet supported the publication of the Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2023/24.

SEND Sufficiency Strategy Implementation - Provision of Additional Special School Places at Bleasdale School, Silverdale, Carnforth

Cabinet considered a report that included the results of a formal consultation to create additional special school places at Bleasdale School, Silverdale through an increase in provision on the main school site, and to redesignate Bleasdale School as a school which met the needs of children and young people with generic learning difficulties.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the results of the formal consultation, the following be approved:

- i. To increase the number of special school places at Bleasdale School, Silverdale by 14 places from 40 to 54, which would be created through increasing the number of places available on the main school site throughout different year groups; and
- ii. The change in designation of Bleasdale School from one for pupils with severe learning difficulties and profound and multiple learning difficulties, to one for pupils with generic learning difficulties.

The Future of Maintained Nursery Provision at Whittlefield Community Primary School, Burnley

Cabinet considered a report on the future of maintained nursery provision at Whittlefield Community Primary School, Burnley.

Resolved: That the publication of a Statutory Notice, to begin the consultation period on the future of the maintained nursery provision currently delivered by Whittlefield Community Primary School, Burnley, be approved.



Lancashire Economic Growth and Development Investment Fund - Funds Managed by Strategic Development

Cabinet considered a report that provided a programme update on the Lancashire Economic Recovery and Growth Fund and Lancashire Levelling Up Investment Fund and to request approval for the consolidation of unallocated resources into a single funding pot and programme extension.

Resolved: That

- i. The combining of any unallocated Lancashire Economic Recovery and Growth Fund, and its related additional funding, and the Lancashire Levelling Up Investment Fund into a single economic growth funding programme, be approved;
- ii. The Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Health be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth, Director of Law and Governance and Director of Finance and Commerce, to award funding to projects and agree and enter into appropriate contractual arrangements; and
- iii. A programme funding extension for the spending of related project activity with a target review date of June 2026, be agreed.

Cultural Services Strategy 2024-2028

Cabinet considered a report that set out the revised Cultural Services Strategy for 2024-2028.

Resolved: That the Cultural Services Strategy 2024-2028, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Refreshed Equality Objectives and Strategy 2024/28

Cabinet considered a report on the refreshed Equality Objectives and Strategy 2024/28.

Resolved: That the Equality Strategy and associated Equality Objectives as attached at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Recommendation of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee

Cabinet considered a report on the recommendations of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee, including a revised version of the committee's Terms of Reference.

Resolved: That the following be approved:

- i. The allocation of funds as recommended by the Joint Advisory Committee at its meeting on 14 June 2024 as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report;



- ii. In respect of the Higher Education Student Scholarship Awards, that the interview panel of the Joint Advisory Committee be authorised to award the scholarships at its meeting on 30 August 2024; and
- iii. The Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee's revised Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix 'B' of the report.

Lancashire Place Plan

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire Place Plan.

Resolved: That

- i. The implementation and delivery of the Lancashire Place Plan, be agreed; and
- ii. The governance established to oversee and drive delivery of that plan, be approved.

National Smokefree Lancashire Grant 2024/25

Cabinet considered a report on the national Smokefree Lancashire Grant 2024/25.

Resolved: That

- i. The allocation of the Local Stop Smoking Service and Support Grant in Lancashire as outlined in the report, be approved; and
- ii. The Director of Public Health, Wellbeing and Communities be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, to determine the areas of actual spend.

Public Health Strategy 2024-2030

Cabinet considered a report on the Public Health Strategy for 2024 to 2030.

Resolved: That the public health strategy as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.



Meeting of the Cabinet (5 September 2024)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Corporate Performance Report - 2024/25 Quarter 1

Cabinet considered a report providing the first overview of corporate performance for 2024/25.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the report and the additional information set out in Appendices 'A' to 'D', the key performance indicators proposed for 2024/25 and the actions set out in Appendix 'C', be approved.

2024/25 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring Report

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the county council's 2024/25 revenue and capital financial position, as at the end of June 2024.

Resolved: That the current forecast overspend of £7.590m on the revenue budget in 2024/25, the next steps proposed for a balanced budget by year end, and the current forecast of capital expenditure £186.322m for 2024/25, be noted.

Procurement Report

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

- i. Renewal of ServiceNow Licenses;
- ii. Acceptance and Disposal of Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating containing Persistent Organic Pollutants services;
- iii. Agency Staff Neutral Vendor Managed Service and Workforce Solutions;
- iv. Responsive Minor Adaptations; and
- v. Traditional Road Surfacing and Associated Services.

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

- i. Renewal of ServiceNow Licenses;
- ii. Acceptance and Disposal of Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating containing Persistent Organic Pollutants services;
- iii. Agency Staff Neutral Vendor Managed Service and Workforce Solutions;
- iv. Responsive Minor Adaptations; and
- v. Traditional Road Surfacing and Associated Services.



Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System Dementia Strategy 2024-29

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System Dementia Strategy 2024-29.

Resolved: That the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System Dementia Strategy 2024-29, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Lancashire Child and Youth Justice Plan 2024-25

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire Child and Youth Justice Plan for 2024-25.

Resolved: That Full Council be asked to approve the Lancashire Child and Youth Justice Plan 2024-25, as set out at Appendix 'B' of the report, in accordance with the county council's constitution.

Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan for 2024-2028.

Resolved: That Full Council be asked to approve the Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, in accordance with the county council's constitution.

Provision of Additional Primary School Places - Proposal to Expand Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to expand Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School.

Resolved: That a public consultation be undertaken on the proposal to permanently expand Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School, to increase the Published Admission Number from 30 to 60 from September 2026 with an initial temporary expansion proposed from September 2025.

SEND Sufficiency Strategy Implementation - Provision of Special Educational Needs Units in Mainstream Schools

Cabinet considered a report which detailed the results of the formal consultations to create Special Educational Needs Units at Carnforth Community Primary School, North Road, Carnforth; Clayton Brook Primary School, Great Greens Lane, Clayton Brook, Bamber Bridge, Preston; and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, Cedar Road, Chorley.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the results of the formal consultations following the publication of the statutory proposal, the following be approved:



- i. The creation of Special Educational Needs Units within Carnforth Community Primary School, Clayton Brook Primary School and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School; and
- ii. The funding for building alterations/adaptations and/or acquisition of resources or necessary expenditure.



Meeting of the Cabinet (3 October 2024)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Procurement Report

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

- i. Speed Camera Enforcement
- ii. Skew Bridge, Grimsargh - Bridge Widening Works
- iii. Future Delivery of 0-19 (up to 25 years with SEND) Public Health Nursing Service in Lancashire in the geographical lots as set out in Appendix 'A'.
- iv. Spray Injection Jet Patching and Heated In-Situ Road Repairs

Additionally, the report set out a request to approve a waiver of Procurement Rules:

- v. Waiver of Procurement Rules to make a direct award for highway defect repairs as an interim measure until the procurement exercise in relation to the Spray Injection Jet Patching and Heated In-Situ Road Repairs has been completed.

The report also set out the necessary amendments to procurement processes already approved by Cabinet to proceed but which had been impacted following the 12 September 2024 Cabinet Office announcement that the commencement of the Procurement Act 2023 will be delayed until 24 February 2025.

Resolved: That

- i. The commencement of procurement exercises for the following be approved:
 - a. Speed Camera Enforcement
 - b. Skew Bridge, Grimsargh - Bridge Widening Works
 - c. Future Delivery of 0-19 (up to 25 years with SEND) Public Health Nursing Service in Lancashire in the geographical lots as set out in Appendix 'A'.
 - d. Spray Injection Jet Patching and Heated In-Situ Road Repairs
- ii. The request for a waiver of Procurement Rules to make a direct award for highway defect repairs as an interim measure until the procurement exercise in relation to the Spray Injection Jet Patching and Heated In-Situ Road Repairs has been completed, be approved;



- iii. The Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader) and the Director of Law and Governance, be authorised to finalise the arrangements for the procurement exercise in respect of procurement exercise (iv), Spray Injection Jet Patching and Heated In-Situ Road Repairs; and
- iv. The necessary amendments to procurement processes already approved by Cabinet to proceed but which had been impacted due to the recent delay to the commencement of the Procurement Act 2023, which would now come into effect from 24 February 2025, be approved.

Lancashire Religious Education Agreed Syllabus Conference

Cabinet considered a report on the appointment of an Agreed Syllabus Conference to commence in Autumn 2024 for the purpose of reviewing the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

Resolved: That an Agreed Syllabus Conference for the purpose of reviewing the Lancashire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education be convened and that any person who sits on the representative groups on the Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, excluding the co-opted members and observers, be appointed as members of that Agreed Syllabus Conference.

National Skills Fund: Skills Bootcamps 2025/26

Cabinet considered a report on the Skills Bootcamps 2025/26.

Resolved: That

- i. Any grant funds offered by the Department for Education to enable the delivery of a Skills Bootcamp programme in accordance with the proposal submitted, to the benefit of Lancashire residents and businesses, be accepted; and
- ii. The Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Health be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, the Section 151 Officer, and the Director of Law and Governance, to review and agree the grant funding offer and terms and conditions, giving due consideration to any procurement considerations, and to agree and enter into any legal agreements required to protect the interests of Lancashire County Council in accordance with its decision making processes.

School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2024-27

Cabinet considered a report that set out the draft School Place Planning Delivery Programme for 2024-27 and proposed a series of projects which aimed to provide additional places in existing schools and proposed to deliver two new primary schools and a new secondary school in Preston.



Resolved: That, the following be approved:

- i. The School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2024-27 set out at Appendix 'A' of the report;
- ii. The commencement of work to design and obtain planning permission for a new primary school at the former Whittingham Hospital site;
- iii. The commencement of work to design and obtain planning permission for a new secondary school at the Tulketh High School site in Preston;
- iv. In addition to Recommendation (iii), pursue the design and planning for a new secondary school on the land to be released North of Maxy Lane assuming that the notice from the developer is issued within three months of today's date;
- v. To authorise the Director of Finance and Commerce, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for HR, Resources and Property and the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, to consider both sites and progress with the design and planning permission for the site that will provide the required places within the time constrained development schedule; and
- vi. The commencement of the presumption process to secure sponsors for the new free schools.

Digital Strategy Renewal 2025 - 2029

Cabinet considered a report on the Digital Strategy Renewal for 2025 – 2029.

Resolved: That

- i. The following be approved:
 - a. The Digital Strategy 2025 - 2029, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, and the publication of the strategy on the county council's website.
 - b. The high-level delivery plan as set out at Appendix 'B' of the report.
- ii. The Director of Digital be authorised, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance/Senior Information Risk Officer and the Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services, to make technical updates to the strategy and road map where appropriate to reflect the changing technological landscape and the emerging council plan.

Prevent Strategy 2024/26

Cabinet considered a report setting out the Prevent Strategy 2024/26 which had been updated to meet the requirements of the Counter Terrorism Security Act 2015 and Prevent Duty.

Resolved: That the Prevent Strategy 2024/26, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report be approved, for implementation across the county council over the next two years.



Lancashire Healthy Weight Programme

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire Healthy Weight Programme.

Resolved: That, the following be approved:

- i. The Lancashire Food Plan as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report;
- ii. The proposals for development of a Lancashire Healthy Advertising and Sponsorship Policy as set out at Appendix 'B' of the report; and that the Director of Public Health, Wellbeing and Communities be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, to approve such policy; and
- iii. The revised Hot Food Takeaway Advisory Note as set out at Appendix 'C' of the report.

