

Meeting of the Full Council – 18 July 2013

Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 8 July 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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Preston and Lancashire City Deal

The Cabinet considered a report setting out the key principles, core elements and governance arrangements underpinning the proposed City Deal with Government, as well as the key milestone of the Development and Implementation Plan (DIP), which will guide the early progress of the Deal.

Cabinet:

- (i) Endorsed the key elements of the City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Programme and Investment Fund, as set out in section 2 of the report;
- (ii) Agreed the County Council's level of financial commitment to the City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Programme, as set out in section 2 and Annex 1 of this report;
- (iii) Endorsed the key actions identified in the City Deal Delivery and Implementation Plan, as set out in Annex 2 of this report;
- (iv) Endorsed the role of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership and City Deal Stewardship Boards in forming the overarching governance framework of the City Deal, as set out in section 2 and Annex 3 of this report; and
- (v) Authorised the Chief Executive and County Treasurer, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, to finalise the City Deal agreement with Government and supporting agreements with Preston City Council and South Ribble Borough Council.

Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 11 July 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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Membership of the Cabinet

The Cabinet considered a report setting out the Membership of the Cabinet appointed by the Leader of the County Council on 4 June 2013.

Cabinet noted the report.

Committees of the Cabinet

The Cabinet considered a report setting out the Membership and Terms of Reference of the Committees of the Cabinet.

Cabinet noted the Membership and Terms of Reference of the Committees of the Cabinet as set out in the report.

Working Groups and Panels of the Cabinet

The Cabinet considered a report setting out Membership and Terms of Reference of the Working Groups and Panels of the Cabinet.

Cabinet noted the Membership and Terms of Reference of the Working Groups and Panels of the Cabinet as set out in the report.

Lead Members and County Council Champions

The Cabinet considered a report setting out details of the Lead Members and County Council Champions

Cabinet noted the appointment of Lead Members and County Council Champions as set out in the report.

The Lancashire Superfast Broadband Project

The Cabinet received a presentation on the progress of the Lancashire Superfast Broadband Project.

Cabinet noted the progress to date, and future developments, and thanked Bill Murphy and Steve Edwards, BT, for their informative presentation.

Money Matters – The County Council's Financial Position at 31 March 2013

The Cabinet considered a report which provided a summary of the County Council's financial position at the end of 2012/13.

Cabinet:

- (i) Noted the final overall revenue budget position and capital programme spending for 2012/13;
- (ii) Approved the release of £0.5m from the review of holding and suspense accounts to support the 2013/14 capital programme as a result of the reduction in financing that has resulted from the reduced forecast underspend in relation to the carbon tax;
- (iii) Approved that the in-year underspend, together with the remaining resources released from the review of reserves and provisions, be set aside within the Council's downsizing reserve, to support the Council in delivering a 'safe landing' for services as the council downsizes;
- (iv) Noted that, following these recommendations, the County Fund Balance at 31 March 2013 is £36m;

- (v) Approved the proposed financing of the capital programme spending of £139m as set out below:

	£m
Grants and Contributions	111.270
Revenue Contributions	<u>28.133</u>
	139.403

- (vi) Noted the County Treasurer's conclusion on the financial health and stability of the organisation.

Money Matters - The Financial Outlook for 2014/15 to 2017/18

Cabinet considered a report setting out details of the scale of the financial challenge facing the County Council over the next four years.

Cabinet:

- (i) Noted the forecast of the financial outlook for the County Council over the next four years and the potential level of savings required;
- (ii) Agreed that Management Team works with Cabinet Members over summer and autumn to develop budget proposals for consideration by Cabinet which will deliver a streamlined, effective County Council where resources are targeted to the greatest priority, and enables the County Council to ensure resources are targeted to the greatest priorities over the next four years;
- (iii) Agreed that the Cabinet's budget proposals be published for consultation no later than 9 January 2014.

Appointments to Outside Bodies 2013/14

Cabinet considered a report setting out details of the appointment of County Council representatives to various outside bodies for 2013/14 together with details of proposed deletions recommended in light of information received during the course of the previous year.

Cabinet:

- (i) Considered and approved the representation and appointments listed in Appendix A to the report for outside bodies for 2013/2014 and authorised Group Secretaries to fill any remaining vacancies or make any changes and to notify the Chief Executive of the appointments, and;
- (ii) Approved the deletion of the bodies listed in Appendix B to the report, in light of the information received regarding their existence.

Annual Reports of the County Council's Former Champions 2012/13

The Cabinet considered a report setting out the annual reports of each of the County Council's former five Champions for 2012/13:

Cabinet noted the annual reports of the former Champions for 2012/13 as set out at Appendices A to E to the report and thanked the former Champions for the work undertaken.

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act

The Cabinet considered a report which summarised the effect of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and explained the Council's current arrangements for dealing with the authorisation of requests for covert surveillance in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Cabinet:

- (i) Agreed the revised Policy and Procedures documents set out at Appendix A to the report;
- (ii) Agreed that the Deputy County Secretary and Solicitor and the Assistant County Solicitor (Commercial and Procurement) be appointed as authorising officers for the purposes of RIPA;
- (iii) Noted that reports will be submitted from time to time to the Scrutiny Committee for the Committee to exercise oversight of RIPA activity.

Report of Key Decisions taken by former Cabinet Members and by the Executive Director for Environment

The Cabinet considered a report setting out details of Key Decisions taken by former Cabinet Members prior to the County Council Elections on 2 May 2013 and by the Executive Director for Environment since the previous meeting of Cabinet.

Cabinet noted the report.

Report on the Waiver of Procurement Rules by the former Leader of the County Council

The Cabinet considered a report setting out details of action taken by the former Leader of the County Council under Procurement Rule 4.2 (Waiver of Procurement Rules).

Cabinet noted the report.