

## **Lancashire County Council**

### **Executive Scrutiny Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th October, 2013 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston**

#### **Present:**

County Councillor Bill Winlow (Chair)

#### **County Councillors**

A Atkinson	M Green
A Barnes	S Holgate
Mrs S Charles	R Newman-Thompson
D Clifford	Mrs L Oades
B Dawson	J Oakes
G Driver	D O'Toole

#### **1. Apologies**

None.

#### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests**

There were no interests declared.

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 September 2013**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

#### **4. Reports for decision by Cabinet**

The committee considered the following reports to be presented for decision by the cabinet on 10 October 2013.

##### **a. Superfast Lancashire - Delivering Digital Inclusion**

The committee considered a report presenting a draft Digital Inclusion Strategic Framework, setting out how it is intended that all citizens in Lancashire will be able to take advantage of the roll out of Superfast Broadband.

The Committee discussed the importance of effective communication in the roll out, and suggested that positive engagement with Parish and Town Councils would be beneficial, and that the 3 Tier Forums may be one way to achieve this. It was also confirmed that there would be regular update reports to members.

The Committee confirmed the recommendation to Cabinet without modification or amendment

**Resolved:** That the recommendation to be presented to Cabinet be confirmed without amendment or modification.

b. **Progress with Implementing Investment Proposals Contained in the Budget**

The Committee were presented with a report outlining progress on various investment proposals contained in the budget.

In the discussion on the item, it was confirmed that positive progress had been made with Chorley Borough Council on a location for the Chorley Youth Zone. The Committee emphasised the benefits that would accrue from joint working and pooling resources with other organisations, particularly highlighting the work on Dementia services with the NHS.

The Committee confirmed the recommendations to Cabinet without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations to Cabinet be confirmed without modification or amendment.

c. **Young People's Transport**

The Committee considered a report on the future of a scheme to provide support for travel costs for young people to assist them into education, employment and training. It was reported that the current scheme was due to end in October 2013, and that an extension of that scheme, with enhancements, had been developed in consultation with young people through a steering group of the Youth Council.

The Committee welcomed the proposals and confirmed the recommendations to the Cabinet without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations to Cabinet be confirmed without modification or amendment.

5. **Forthcoming Individual Cabinet Member Key Decisions**

The Committee considered the following Key decisions due to be taken by individual Cabinet Members.

a. **Policy on Delegation of Decision Making regarding Children Looked After to their Foster Carers**

The Committee considered a report presenting a policy on the Delegation of Authority for Children Looked After. It was reported that the policy set out how decisions would be made or taken by and involving children and young people looked after, their carers or residential care home managers, children's social care social workers and managers. The policy would ensure that the most appropriate person to take a decision about a child had the authority to do so.

It was confirmed that the policy had been developed as a direct result of what children looked after had told the authority, and that those children and young people, their carers and social workers had been fully involved in the development of the policy.

The Committee confirmed the recommendation to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

b. **Permanent season extension at Helmsore Mills Textile Museum**

The Committee considered a proposal to permanently extend the open season at Helmsore Mills Textile Museum, Rossendale from 31 weeks a year (April to October) to 43 weeks a year.

It was noted that the proposal followed a successful trial period, and that a full financial assessment had been carried out which indicated that the longer opening times was likely to deliver a small additional level of income or savings.

The Committee confirmed the recommendation to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

c. **Proposed Revision to Subsidised Bus Service: Bowland Transit**

The Committee considered a report reviewing the operation of the Bowland Transit subsidised bus service. The Committee noted that the preferred option of an amended 5 days a week service had come about following detailed consultation with service users and parish councils.

County Councillor David Smith was invited to speak to the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 19(1). He expressed his full support for the option being proposed to the Cabinet Member.

The Committee confirmed the recommendations to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

d. **Proposed Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, Ashby Street, Duke Street, Eaves Green Road, Ever Green Close, Lytham Street (Chorley), Church Lane, Leeson Avenue (Charnock Richard),**

The Committee were presented with proposed waiting restrictions in a number of locations, developed following the receipt of requests to improve road safety, pedestrian movements and facilitate safe traffic manoeuvres. The proposals had been through formal consultation and public advertisement.

The Committee confirmed the recommendation to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

e. **Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Order in the St Annes and Ansdell area of Fylde**

The Committee considered a report seeking approval for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit order in the St Annes and Ansdell area of Fylde.

The Committee confirmed the recommendation to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

f. **Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Order in the St Anne's North West Area of Lytham St Anne's, Fylde Borough**

The Committee considered a report seeking approval for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit order in the St Anne's North West Area of Lytham St Anne's, Fylde Borough.

The Committee confirmed the recommendation to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

g. **Proposed Shared Use Cycletrack, Time Business Park to Padiham Greenway**

The Committee considered a proposal for a shared use cycle track in order to provide a safe cycle route along A678 Blackburn Road to link the Time Technology Park to the Padiham Greenway,

The Committee confirmed the recommendations to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

h. **Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Order in the Fylde Coastal Strip area of Fylde**

The Committee considered a report seeking approval for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit order in the Fylde Coastal Strip area of Fylde.

The Committee confirmed the recommendation to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

i. **Proposed Shared Use Pavements, Adelphi Roundabout, Preston**

The Committee considered a report seeking approval for a number of shared use cycletracks within the highway in the Adelphi Quarter of Preston, and to remove the footways.

The Committee confirmed the recommendations to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

j. **Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Order in the Fleetwood North West Area of Wyre**

The Committee considered a report seeking approval for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit order in the Fleetwood North West area of Wyre.

The Committee confirmed the recommendation to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

## **6. Urgent Business**

The Chair agreed that an item relating to Cost Sharing Agreements for Waste Management be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency to enable the decision to be made by the Cabinet Member and thereby allow as long as possible for the district councils to consider the issue. The report was considered under Part II of the agenda for the reasons set out below.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held at 2pm on Tuesday 5 November 2013 at the County Hall, Preston.

## **8. Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Resolved:** that the press and members of 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 paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

## **9. Cost Sharing Agreements - Waste Management**

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972. 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)

The Committee considered a report on waste management cost sharing agreements with the district councils.

The Committee confirmed the recommendation to the Cabinet Member without modification or amendment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation to the Cabinet Member be confirmed without modification or amendment.

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