

## **Meeting of the Full Council - 12 December 2013**

### **Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 10 October 2013**

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

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=122>

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

The Cabinet considered a report outlining proposals for a draft Digital Inclusion Strategic Framework to enable citizens across Lancashire to take advantage of superfast broadband.

Cabinet approved the draft Digital Inclusion Strategic Framework set out at Appendix A to the report.

### **Progress with Implementing Investment Proposals Contained in the Budget**

The Cabinet considered a report updating on the progress made with implementing the various investment proposals contained within recent budgets.

Cabinet:

- (i) Noted the progress made in implementing the various investment projects included in recent budgets, which have been from the Strategic Investment Reserve, as set out in the report now presented;
- (ii) Approved that £500,000 from the £1m set aside for Changing Places – Toilet Facilities for People with Disabilities, be transferred to the County Council's downsizing reserve;
- (iii) Approved that the £2.25m remaining uncommitted in respect of Young People's Transport be transferred to the County Council's downsizing reserve.

### **Young People's Transport**

The Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals to continue the Young People's Transport scheme until 31 March 2017.

Cabinet:

- (i) Approved that the existing scheme for NEETS, young parents and young carers, as set out in the report now presented, be extended until 31 March 2017;
- (ii) Approved that NEETS, young parents and young carers participating in the existing scheme will receive an additional three month's free travel on entering full time employment, training or education as from 1 November 2013 until 31 March 2017;

- (iii) Approved that the current scheme be extended to include young people in the 16-18 age bracket that are undertaking an apprenticeship scheme organised by the County Council as from 1 November 2013 until 31 March 2017;
- (iv) Approved that the options of further expanding the scheme to include young people undertaking apprenticeships that have not been organised by the County Council will be explored by County Council officers with the Council's economic partners;
- (v) Thanked all those involved in the scheme for their involvement.

### **Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 7 November 2013**

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### **Money Matters - Update on the County Council's Financial Position for 2013/14**

The Cabinet considered a report which:

- Highlighted the high risk financial issues facing the County Council, both in the current and future financial years, together with any action which may be required;
- Set out the County Council's likely financial position at the end of the financial year and;
- Assessed any impact on the County Council's overall financial outlook.

Cabinet:

- (i) Noted the forecast position for the 2013/14 revenue budget and capital investment programme;
- (ii) Noted the forecast position on the County Council's reserves;
- (iii) Approved the setting aside of £173,000 to fund the cost of the Living Wage in 2013/14 (subject to Full Council approval) and the transfer of additional one-off resources available of £4.177m to the County Council's downsizing reserve;
- (iv) Noted the forecast position on the County Council's Voluntary Severance reserve.

### **Money Matters - The Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2017/18**

The Cabinet considered a report which highlighted:

- The update in the forecast of costs to take into account refinement of assumptions regarding demand levels and inflation, together with the impact of the Living Wage, subject to approval by Full Council;
- The outcome of the work undertaken by staff across the County Council to deliver the 10% challenge; and
- Opportunities to reduce the cost of being in business.

Cabinet's resolutions can be viewed at:

[http://mgintranet/documents/b7522/Cabinet%20Resolutions%2007th-Nov-2013%2014.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9&\\$LO\\$=1](http://mgintranet/documents/b7522/Cabinet%20Resolutions%2007th-Nov-2013%2014.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9&$LO$=1)

### **Lancashire County Council's Armed Forces Community Covenant**

The Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for a Lancashire County Council Armed Forces Community Covenant which would encourage communities to support the services in their area and promote understanding and awareness among the public of issues affecting the Armed Forces community.

Cabinet:

- (i) Noted the development of Community Covenants in Lancashire and welcome the work done by the Champion for the Armed Forces Veterans, the county council and its partners to support the Armed Forces community.
- (ii) Approved the Community Covenant attached at Appendix A to the report.