

Meeting of the Full Council – 27 February 2014

Report on the Scrutiny Committee Meetings held on 6 and 17 December 2013 and 17 January 2014.

Chair: County Councillor Bill Winlow

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6 December 2013

Remodelling Learning Disability Supported Living Schemes

The Committee received a report on Remodelling Learning Disability Supported Living Schemes.

As part of the budget savings proposals for 2011/14 a proposal was approved to establish a temporary Learning Disability Supported Living Remodelling Team which had been fully operational since April 2012. The project was to ensure that those people who live in supported living schemes were supported in the most appropriate, flexible and cost effective way based on the principles of self directed support, maximising the use of personal budgets, local assets and universal services.

The Committee,

1. Endorsed the ongoing work of the Learning Disability Remodelling Project through the different work streams.
2. Noted the matters identified in the risk management section in particular with regards to the legal challenges.
3. Requested a further report be presented in six months.

Halal Meat Supplies Task Group Report

The report of the Halal Meat Supplies Task Group was presented.

The Task Group was to consider all issues relating to the supply of Halal meat to the County Council in order to recommend to the Cabinet the basis for a policy on the provision of Halal meat. Initial analysis had made it clear that by far the most significant area in which the supply of Halal meat was an issue was in relation to the provision of school meals. It was therefore this area where the Task Group concentrated their attention.

The Task Group's recommendations were presented, considered and supported subject to an amendment to recommendation number two.

17 December 2013 (special meeting)

Preston City Centre

The Committee considered the request made by six members of the County Council that the decision made by the Cabinet on 5 December 2013 on Preston Bus Station and the City Centre be "Called In".

It was agreed that the Cabinet is not asked to reconsider its decision of 5 December 2013 on Preston City Centre

One Connect Limited

The Committee considered the request made by six members of the County Council that the decision made by the Cabinet on 11 December 2013 on One Connect Limited be "Called In".

It was agreed that the Cabinet is not asked to reconsider its decision of 5 December 2013 on One Connect Limited.

17 January 2014

Emotional Health and Wellbeing including Specialist CAMHS

As a result of the 2012 Safeguarding and Children Looked After Inspection an action plan had been developed to implement the recommendations of the inspection. In total 5 priority areas for improvement had been identified in relation to CAMHS which translated into 11 specific actions.

The report now provided an update on actions contained within the plan in addition to information on the wider developments of emotional health and wellbeing services for Children and Young People including specialist CAMHS.

The Committee noted the report and requested a future report on the progress be received.

Towards a Stronger Sense of Place (Pan Lancashire Arts, Culture and Entertainment) - Update report on Recommendations from Scrutiny Committee 2012

The report set out the progress against the recommendations in the Arts Development Task Group Report on arts funding presented to the Scrutiny Committee in July 2012.

It was agreed that the Committee contact the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership regarding Arts and Tourism.

Highway Maintenance

The report informed the Committee about work that the Environment Directorate was currently leading on to:

- Improve the strategic management of the County Council's highway assets;
- Improve the day to day management of highway repairs;
- Improve the County Council's defence from claims under Section 58 of the Highways Act.

It was agreed that a report on potholes be requested for a future meeting and that a letter be sent to United Utilities asking them to attend a future meeting.

Workplan and Task Group Update

The task group looking at local economic growth and business support had almost concluded its evidence gathering.

The task group on Educational Attainment of Children on Free School Meals was underway.

The task group on Planning Matters would get going in early 2014.