

Meeting of the Full Council - 15 May 2014

Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 6 March 2014

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

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The Roll Out of Superfast Broadband across Lancashire

The Cabinet received a presentation setting out progress on the roll out of Superfast Broadband across Lancashire.

Cabinet noted the presentation.

Superfast Lancashire - Delivering Digital Inclusion Progress Report

The Cabinet considered a report setting out details of the early progress in meeting the objectives of the Digital Inclusion Strategic Framework for Lancashire which was approved by Cabinet in October 2013.

Cabinet:

- (i) Noted the early progress made to address digital inclusion across Lancashire;
- (ii) Agreed that a further progress report is presented in twelve months time.

Progress Report on the Implementation of the Changes to the County Council's Strategic Partnership with BT

The Cabinet considered a report setting out the progress made from 24 January 2014 to 21 February 2014 on the implementation of the changes to the County Council's Strategic Partnership with BT.

Cabinet:

- (i) Noted the contents of this report; and
- (ii) Requested the Assistant Chief Executive to provide a further progress report to the meeting of Cabinet on 8 May 2014.

Lancashire Growth Deal

The Cabinet considered a report updating Cabinet on the progress being made in developing the Lancashire Growth Deal and seeking approval on the way forward.

Cabinet:

- (i) Endorsed the vision, objectives, priorities and signature projects of the Lancashire Growth Deal, as set out in the content and Annexes of the report;
- (ii) In accordance with the above, authorised the Chief Executive and County Treasurer, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, to finalise the Lancashire Growth Deal submission, in conjunction with the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, by the deadline of 1 April 2014; and
- (iii) Requested that, as negotiations with Government proceed, the Chief Executive submits further reports for approval regarding any financial commitments sought from the County Council in support of the Lancashire Growth Deal.

Lancashire Fairness Commission Feasibility Study

Cabinet considered a report setting out the findings of a feasibility study, making recommendations about a preferred option and setting out the next steps that will be required if the preferred option is adopted.

Cabinet:

- (i) Considered the results of the feasibility study;
- (ii) Approved the establishment of a Lancashire Fairness Commission;
- (iii) Approved the adoption of the preferred option (option 5) for the Fairness Commission as set out in the report;
- (iv) Authorised the Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing to approve the detail of the Fairness Commission's establishment and any other consequential decisions required on behalf of the County Council.

Report of the Cabinet Meeting held on 3 April 2014

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Equality, Cohesion and Integration Strategy 2014/17

The Cabinet considered a report setting out a draft Equality, Cohesion and Integration Strategy 2014/17 and supporting Delivery Plan 2014/15.

Cabinet approved the Equality, Cohesion and Integration Strategy 2014/17 and supporting Delivery Plan 2014/15 as set out.

Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal - 2014/15 Implementation

The Cabinet considered a report setting out details of the implementation of the City Deal for 2014/15.

Cabinet:

- (i) Noted the progress made to ensure the City Deal can be implemented from 2014/15;
- (ii) Endorsed the draft City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Plan which will be considered by the City Deal Executive in April 2014;
- (iii) Approved the principles of the Stewardship Board Agreement which will be considered by the City Deal Stewardship Board in May 2014;
- (iv) Endorsed the principles of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which deals with the HCA asset uplift and which will be signed by the County Council, Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and HCA and delegate authority to the County Treasurer and the County Secretary and Solicitor, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, to approve and execute the final MoU and subsequent loan agreements.
- (v) Approved the operating principles for the establishment of the City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Fund and Heads of Terms regarding fund flow between the 3 Councils and delegate authority to the County Secretary and Solicitor and the County Treasurer, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council as Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, to finalise and execute the Heads of Terms and thereafter the formal Legal Agreement;
- (vi) Authorised the County Treasurer to incorporate expenditure commitments and funding arising from City Deal projects approved through the City Deal Governance Structures within the County Council's Capital Investment Programme on an ongoing basis.