

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 15 May 2014**

Report submitted by: The County Secretary and Solicitor

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
All

Report of Urgent Key Decisions

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Executive Summary

Urgent Key Decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, during the preceding three months.

Recommendation

That the Urgent Key Decisions, as now presented, be noted.

It is a requirement of Standing Order 28 that any urgent key decisions taken must be reported to the Full Council for information on a quarterly basis. The following urgent key decisions have been taken by Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services.

1) Urgent Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools

The following decision was taken on 6 March 2014

Approval of the Award of the Contracts for Preferred Supplier status on the Lancashire Fostering Framework Agreement

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools approved the award of the contracts for Preferred Supplier status onto the Framework Agreement for the provision of Independent Fostering Services across Lancashire (excluding Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool).

This was implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is the approval of the award of contracts was urgently needed as the new services were due to commence on the 5 April 2014. As the new Framework Agreement will operate differently to the current arrangements in place, it will be necessary to fully brief staff within the Placement Finding team and also the social care teams and their managers.

This report was dealt with under Part II. The full report is not available for publication as it contains exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2) Urgent Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services

The following decision was taken on 3 April 2014

Lancashire Better Care Fund Plan

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing:

- (i) Agreed the aspiration and direction of the integration plans with the CCGs;
- (ii) Approved the entering into of a formal section 75 agreement with each Clinical Commissioning Group to enable the creation of the pooled funds from April 2015;
- (iii) Agreed the planned County Council financial contribution to the pooled funds from 2015/16;
- (iv) Noted the potential financial risks and the approach being taken to mitigate them.

This was implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is that sign off of the plans was required by the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board to meet the Department of Health submission deadline of 4 April 2014.

3) Urgent Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services

The Following decision was taken on 14 April 2014:

Fees for Domiciliary Care and Residential and Nursing Care 2014/15

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services approved:

- (i) The fees payable for Domiciliary Care and Residential and Nursing Home Care and
- (ii) That, as in previous years, an element of the fee uplift is dependent on the care organisation agreeing to the Dignity in Care Charter.
- (iii) The resources made available to support fee uplifts from within mainstream adult social care budgets represent a 1.75% increase on 2013/14.

This decision was implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34 as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is to ensure the payment of the new fees could be implemented as soon as is practicable from the due dates of 1 April for Domiciliary Care and 7 April 2014 for Care Homes, taking into account the need to ensure that BACS payment dates are complied with and the necessary programming work to the County Council's major financial systems can be undertaken.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
<u>Report to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools</u>	6 March 2014	Joanne Mills, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 534284
<u>Report to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services</u>	3 April 2014	Dave Gorman, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 534261
<u>Report to the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services</u>	14 April 2014	Dave Gorman, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 534261

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A