

Cabinet - 5 February 2015

Report of the Chief Executive

Electoral Division affected: All

Report of Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council, the Deputy Leader of the County Council, Cabinet Members and the Interim Executive Director for Environment

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Executive Summary

Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council, the Deputy Leader of the County Council, Cabinet Members and the Interim Executive Director for Environment since the previous meeting of Cabinet. The Key Decisions set out below, were considered by the Executive Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 7 January 2015. No changes were made to the recommendations set out in the reports and any additional comments made by the Committee were reported to each Cabinet Member at the time of decision.

Recommendation

Cabinet is recommended to note the Key Decisions detailed below.

1. Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council

The following decisions were taken on 13 January 2015:

Select Lists for Construction Works over £60,000

The Leader of the County Council approved the recommendation as set out in the full report.

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 Part 1 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.

Procurement of a Supplier or Suppliers to Provide Lancashire County Council with Supply and Distribution of Chilled and Fresh Produce

The Leader of the County Council approved the recommendation as set out in the full report.

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2. Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

The following decision was taken on 8 January 2015:

Supply and Application of Surface Dressing

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport approved the recommendation as set out in the full report.

This decision 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.

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The following decisions were taken on 12 January 2015:

Conversion of Footway to Cycle Track A6 London Road between Frenchwood Avenue and North Road, Preston

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport gave approval to the:

- (i) Conversion from a footway to a shared use cycle track with a right of way for pedestrians, along London Road between Frenchwood Avenue and North Road, Preston. Works considered appropriate to construct the cycleway to enable cyclists to be safely accommodated.
- (ii) Relocation of the existing bus shelter between the two Moore Street junctions a further 1.5m away from the existing kerb edge to make sufficient space to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists.
- (iii) Dedication of adjoining land in the ownership of the County Council and the taking of dedication from the City Council of adjoining land as a widening of the A6 highway should it be required for the cycletrack.

Procurement of a Supplier to supply Traffic Signal Maintenance to Lancashire

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport approved the recommendation as set out in the full report.

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3. Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and the Deputy Leader of the County Council

The following decision was taken by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on 12 January and the Deputy Leader of the County Council on 14 January 2015:

Fishergate Central Phase 2(a) Public Realm Improvement

- (i) The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport approved the proposals for the extension of the shared space initiative along Fishergate, known as Phase 2(a), and
- (ii) The Deputy Leader approved these works to be carried out as an advance commitment against the Fishergate Central Growth Deal project, and add the project to the Environment Directorate's 2014/15 Capital Programme to the value of £3.127 million.

4. Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools

The following decision was taken on 12 January 2015:

The Provision of additional Primary School Places in Lancashire

In order to allow an increase in the reception intake for September 2016 (and beyond, in the case of Euxton), The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools:

- (i) approved a temporary increase, for one year only, in the admission number of
 - St. Mary's Catholic Primary, Morecambe, from 30 to 60 places for September 2016; and
 - Trumacar Community Primary School, from 45 to 75 places for September 2016;
- (ii) agreed that a period of consultation be undertaken on the permanent expansion of Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School to allow a permanent increase in Reception intakes from 30 to 60 places for September 2016 and beyond. This will be enabled by expansion of the existing building; and

- (iii) agreed that a period of consultation be undertaken on the permanent expansion of Trinity CE/Methodist Primary School to allow a permanent increase in Reception intake from 60 to 90 places for September 2016 and beyond. This will be enabled by expanding the school onto a second site (currently referred to locally as 'Group One' site) which is secured for the provision of primary school places on Buckshaw Village.

The following decision was taken on 16 January 2015:

Schools Budget 2015/16

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools:

- (i) Noted the report, including the 2015/16 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation, the final budget proposals for each funding block and any comments made by the Lancashire Schools Forum;
- (ii) Approved the estimated level of Dedicated Schools Grant for 2015/16, on which to base the Schools Budget;
- (iii) Authorised the County Treasurer to submit the final Schools Block budget proforma for 2015/16 to the EFA by 20 January 2015, on the basis set out in this report;
- (iv) Approved the 2015/16 budgets for the Early Years and High Needs Blocks; and
- (v) Approved that the Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve underwrite the uncertainties around the Early Years and High Needs Blocks.

This decision 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 was to ensure that the necessary proforma could be submitted as required to the Education Funding Agency by 20 January 2015.

5. Key Decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services

The following decisions were taken on 15 January 2015:

Implementing the Care Act 2014 - Approval of a new Policy for Undertaking Assessments and Providing Support for Carers in Lancashire

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services:

- (i) Approved a new Carers' policy framework for Lancashire which is compliant with the Care Act from 1 April 2015 and sets out -
 - a. How assessments of carers will be undertaken;
 - b. The Council's service offer to carers, including the option of Personal Budgets to eligible individuals;
 - c. that the Council's new service offer to carers will no longer include provision of 'Time for Me' grants from 1 April 2015;
 - d. the Council's intention to waive its powers to financially assess and/or impose charges on carers in respect of their Personal budgets;

- (ii) Authorised the Executive Director of Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the County Treasurer, to approve the final carers' personal budget configuration;
- (iii) Approved the continuation of respite care provision in line with existing arrangements so that it is costed against the Personal Budget of the individual receiving care or support;
- (iv) Noted the financial and operational risks associated with the new policy framework;
- (v) Endorsed the intention to review the impact of the new policy for carers by the end of 2015/16.

Implementing the Care Act: Development of a s75 Partnership Agreement with Lancashire Care Foundation Trust for meeting the County Council's responsibilities for provision of Social Care in Prisons

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services:

- (i) Approved the negotiation and completion of a Section 75 partnership agreement with Lancashire Care Foundation Trust to enable that organisation to discharge the Council's responsibilities under s76 of the Care Act including making provision for the social care assessments and meeting identified need in Lancashire's prisons and other approved premises (as defined by statute). It is proposed that the agreement would remain in place for an initial period of 2 years, commencing 1 April 2015, with the option to extend for a further 3 years;
- (ii) Authorised the Executive Director of Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the County Secretary and Solicitor, to agree the finalised Section 75 agreement.

6. Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and the Deputy Leader of the County Council

The following decision was taken on by the Deputy Leader of the County Council on 14 January 2015 and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services on 15 January 2015:

Implementing the Care Act - Approval of a new Deferred Payment Policy

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and the Deputy Leader of the County Council approved the new Deferred Payment Policy in order to ensure that the County Council complies with the requirements of the Care Act 2014 with effect from 1 April 2015.

7. Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools

The following decision was taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools on 12 January 2015 and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services on 15 January 2015:

Early Response Service

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools

- (i) Considered the report setting out the options for a revised financial allocation to the Early Response Service;
- (ii) Gave consideration as to which of the options set out in the report should be approved.

8. Key Decisions taken by the Interim Executive Director for Environment

The following decision was taken on 12 December 2014:

Proposed No Waiting Restrictions and Disabled Parking (and Associated Part Revocations) at Various Locations in Fylde Borough

The Interim Executive Director for Environment approved the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Orders (and associated part revocation) and the introduction of a Disabled Parking Bay.

The following decision was taken on 15 December 2014:

Speed Limit Order Various Roads - West Craven and Pendle East

The Interim Executive Director for Environment, approved the sealing of the advertised Speed Limit Order as detailed on the Notice of Proposal.

The following decision was taken on 18 December 2014:

Proposed Prohibition of Loading, St Andrews Road North and St Annes Road West, Lytham St Annes

The Interim Executive Director for Environment approved the introduction of the above Traffic Regulation Order on St Andrews Road North and St Annes Road West, Lytham St Annes.

The Following decision was taken on 14 January 2015:

Proposed Changes to Speed Limit Order on A582 Golden Way, Golden Way Slip North, Golden Way Slip South, A582 Penwortham Way, Coote Lane, Chain House Lane and Pope Lane, South Ribble Borough

The Interim Executive Director for Environment approved the implementation of a change to the Speed Limit Order from its existing de-restricted status (60mph) to 50mph along the lengths of A582 Golden Way, Golden Way Slip North, Golden Way Slip South and A582 Penwortham Way, in addition to this a change to the Speed Limit Order boundaries of the existing 40mph speed limit along Chain House Lane and Coote Lane and the 30mph speed limit along Pope Lane.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
<u>Reports to the Leader of the County Council, the Deputy Leader of the County Council, Cabinet Members and the Interim Executive Director for Environment</u>	12 December 2014 - 15 January 2015	Janet Nuttall, Office of the Chief Executive, (01772) 533110

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A