

## **Lancashire County Council**

### **Executive Scrutiny Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston**

#### **Present:**

County Councillor Bill Winlow (Chair)

#### **County Councillors**

A Atkinson	C Henig
Mrs S Charles	J Oakes
B Dawson	D O'Toole
G Driver	N Penney
M Green	C Pritchard
P Hayhurst	R Shewan

County Councillors Chris Henig, Clare Pritchard and Ron Shewan replaced County Councillors Alyson Barnes, Darren Clifford and Steve Holgate respectively for this meeting.

#### **1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests**

County Councillor Green declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 as a South Ribble Borough Councillor and former Cabinet Member responsible for earlier decisions related to the matters in the report.

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 February 2015**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **4. Reports for decision by Cabinet**

The Committee considered the following reports to be presented for decision by Cabinet on 5 March 2015.

##### **a. Preston Bus Station and Multi-Storey Car Park - Update**

The committee received a report setting out the progress of a series of proposals which overall would see the regeneration of Preston Bus Station and Multi Storey Car Park, primarily as a public services hub focusing on facilities for young

people, bus and coach transportation, pedestrian safety, highway improvements, car parking and the creation of accessible and useable public open space within the heart of Preston City Centre.

The Committee's attention was particularly drawn to international design competition for the new facilities to be administered by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), and the timeline for the process was explained. It was reported that the early indications were of significant international interest in the competition.

It was reported that a further update would be provided in early summer.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

## **5. Forthcoming Individual Cabinet Member Key Decisions**

The Committee considered the following key decisions due to be taken by individual Cabinet Members.

### **a. Adoption of the Route for the Completion of the Penwortham Bypass**

The Committee received a report setting out a request for approval to adopt and protect the route for the completion of the Penwortham Bypass as set out in the report. In addition, it was proposed that the currently approved and protected "blue route" be rescinded. In presenting the report, the consultation arrangements were set out in full

County Councillor David Howarth addressed the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 19(1), and made a range of comments, including about the consultation response, the link to a potential new bridge, the affect of the school playing fields.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

### **b. Funding of Public Realm Works at St James's Street, Burnley Town Centre**

A report was presented on a proposal to contribute £1.5m from the Capital programme, to be matched by an equal contribution from Burnley BC, to undertake works on St James Street in Burnley Town Centre

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

c. **Schools Playing Field Improvement Programme 2015/17**

The Committee received a report on proposals for investment of the capital receipt from the former Tulketh High School playing fields on playing field improvements at schools across Lancashire.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools confirmed that he would consult with the Schools Forum on the proposals.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet Members be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

d. **Cultural Services Fees and Charges Review**

This item was withdrawn.

e. **Continuation of Authorisation of Birmingham City Council and Officers within its Illegal Money Lending Team to investigate and institute proceedings against illegal money lenders operating within Lancashire**

A report was presented to extend the current arrangements in relation to the enforcement of legislation relating to unauthorised credit lenders. The service is provided by the government funded National Illegal Money Lending Team, hosted by Birmingham City Council, and the current authorisation for this team to carry out this work in Lancashire was due to expire in March 2015.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet Members be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

f. **Provision of additional household waste services in Wyre (Community Recycling and Re-use Centre)**

The Committee considered a report setting out proposals for the provision of additional waste services in Wyre through a "Community Recycling and Re-Use Centre" (CRRC). The principles behind the CRRC were explained to the committee, and it was confirmed that the service was on an evolving trial basis, and that, should it prove successful, some elements could be rolled out in other areas of Lancashire.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

g. **Implementing the Care Act – Funding the County Council's New Responsibilities**

A report was received on the allocation of the £10.5m funding for the new responsibilities placed on the County Council by the Care Act. It was highlighted that there was still a degree of uncertainty on the demand levels for some aspects of the responsibilities, and it would therefore be necessary to continue careful monitoring of the budget.

The committee noted particularly the arrangements for the Deferred Payment Policy, noting that the Council's fees and charges were in line with or below those set by other authorities.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet members be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

h. **Approval to fund the STEADY On Falls Prevention Programme across Lancashire**

The Committee received a report seeking approval to roll out the STEADY on! falls prevention programme across Lancashire. It was recognised that the preventative programme would significantly reduced demand for emergency services caused by falls.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

i. **Primary Care Commissions**

A report was presented setting out the current arrangements and future proposals for the commissioning of public health services through primary care. It was reported that there is not currently a developed market for these services in Lancashire, and that therefore a waiver to the usual procurement rules was appropriate.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet members be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

j. **Building Resilience with Individuals and Communities - East Lancashire**

The Committee considered a report on the "Building Resilience with Individuals and Communities" early action and intervention programme in East Lancashire. It was noted that the funding to be approved came from the East Lancashire CCG, and the decision sought from the Cabinet Member was the approval of the utilisation of the funding.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

6. **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be at 2pm on Tuesday 31 March 2015 at County Hall, Preston.

8. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Resolved:** That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 and that in all circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

9. **Cuerden Strategic Regional Investment Site**

A report was presented on the proposals for the Cuerden Strategic Regional Development Site.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

10. **Servicing and Maintenance of Stairlifts, Vertical Lifts, Hoists and Bathing Equipment**

A report was presented on the outcome of a tender process for the servicing and maintenance of Stairlifts, Vertical Lifts, Hoists and Bathing Equipment.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

**11. Additional Accommodation at Holly Grove School and Barden Primary School, Burnley**

The Committee received a report on proposals for the construction of additional accommodation at Holly Grove School and Barden Primary School in Burnley.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations in the report to the Cabinet Members be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

**12. New Train Service between Manchester and Blackburn via Burnley Manchester Road and Accrington: Principle of Providing Revenue Funding Support**

The Committee received a report on proposals for the introduction of and funding for a new passenger rail services between Manchester and Blackburn via Burnley Manchester Road, Rose Grove and Accrington.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

**13. The Supply of Community Transport Services**

A report was considered on the award of a contract for the provision of Community Transport Services.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

**14. Contract Award for NHS Health Checks for Community and Workplace Settings in Lancashire**

The Committee received a report on the outcome of a tender process for the contract to provide NHS Health Checks for Community and Workplace settings

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

**15. Award of Contract for a Development Partner for a Countywide Telecare Service**

A report was received on the outcome of a tender process for the award of a contract for a development partner for a County wide Telecare service.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

**16. Award of Contract for Carer Support Service in Lancashire**

A report was considered on the outcome of a tender process for a contract for a Carer Support Service in Lancashire.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

**17. Award of a Contract for the provision of a Generic Floating Support Services across Lancashire**

The Committee received a report on the outcome of a tender process for the provision of a generic floating support service.

**Resolved:** That the recommendation in the report to the Cabinet member be noted and that no additional comments or suggested alternative recommendations be made.

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