

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 26 May 2016**

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Report of Urgent Key Decisions

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Executive Summary

Urgent key decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council, the Deputy Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Members 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 Full Council for information on a quarterly basis. The following urgent key decisions were taken by the Leader of the County Council, the Deputy Leader of the County Council's and the Cabinet Members as indicated:

1) Leader of the County Council

The following decisions were taken on 17 May 2016:

Contract Award - Supply of Vehicle Body Building Services

The Leader of the County Council 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 have adversely affected the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this was to enable the contract to be awarded following the mandatory 10 day "standstill" provision to ensure the continuation of the service.

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2) Deputy Leader of the County Council

The following decision was taken on 16 May 2016:

Sale of Alston Hall, Longridge

The Deputy Leader of the County Council 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 have adversely affected the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is that any delay could have risked losing the highest bidder and extend the period during which holding costs are incurred.

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3) Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

The following decisions were taken on 8 March 2016:

A. Recommendations of the Cabinet Working Group on Bus Services - Bus Service Replacement Proposals

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport:

- (i) Approved the bus service replacement proposals and requested that officers undertake the necessary procurement process to allow services to be put in place from 3 April 2016; and
- (ii) Authorised the Head of Service, Public and Integrated Transport, to make any necessary minor amendments to the proposals, prior to implementation, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and the Chair of the Cabinet Working Group on Bus Services.

This decision was implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affected the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this is to ensure that the proposed replacement bus services are in place from 3 April 2016.

B. Bus Service Replacement Proposals in Chorley District

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport approved the proposals set out in the report for a period of six months from 3 April 2016, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of discussions with Chorley Borough Council on the funding of the services as also set out in the report.

This decision was implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affected the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this was to ensure that the proposed replacement bus services were in place from 3 April 2016.

In respect of the decisions taken at 3A. and B. above, the Director of Financial Resources determined that the proposals were outside the Budget set by Full Council and therefore the provisions of Standing Order 29(1) have been complied with and this is reported elsewhere on the Full Council agenda.

The following decision was taken on 16 May 2016:

Preston Western Distributor and East West Link Road and Realignment of Footpath Network - Approval for use of powers and preparation of Various Orders and Schemes including Compulsory Purchase Order

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport:

- (i) Approved the use of the County Council's powers of Compulsory Purchase contained in the Highways Act 1980, and all other enabling legislation, to acquire all the necessary land and rights of access for the construction and

future maintenance of the proposed Preston Western Distributor and East West Link Road, Cottam Link Road and the realigned footpath network;

- (ii) Authorised both the preparation of Compulsory Purchase and Side Road Orders for the scheme and other appropriate Orders and Schemes under the Highways Act 1980 and the taking of all other procedural steps in connection with the making of the Orders, prior to approval and sealing and making of the formal Orders and Schemes; and
- (iii) Approved the acquisition by agreement in advance of Compulsory Purchase powers of all rights, interests, enabling arrangements to facilitate the scheme.

The Cabinet Member also agreed that the decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order 34(3) as any delay could adversely affected the execution of the County Council's responsibilities. The reason for this was to enable a bid for the purchase of a property affected by this scheme to be made at auction on 17 May 2017.

4) Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services

The following decision was taken on 16 March 2016:

The Future of Blaze - Young People and Culture Project

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services agreed:

- (i) that a sum of £10,000 from the LMCR budget for 2015/16 is allocated to Curious Minds as a one off payment to help secure the future sustainability of the Blaze project.
- (ii) that the payment at (i) above is conditional upon match funding from Curious Minds.

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 Council's payment would enable match funding to be released by Curious Minds to help the Blaze project's transition to a sustainable future without Lancashire County Council funding.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Reports to the Leader of the County Council	17 May 2016	Jane Johnson, Legal and Democratic Services (01772) 534234
Report to the Deputy Leader of the County Council	16 May 2016	Jane Johnson, Legal and Democratic Services (01772) 534234
Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	16 May 2016	Jane Johnson, Legal and Democratic Services (01772) 534234
Reports to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	8 March 2016	Jane Johnson, Legal and Democratic Services (01772) 534234
Report to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services	16 March 2016	Janet Nuttall, Legal and Democratic Services (01772) 534234

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A