

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 12th May, 2016 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Jennifer Mein

Leader of the Council
(in the Chair)

Cabinet Members

County Councillor Azhar Ali

County Councillor David Borrow

County Councillor John Fillis

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone

County Councillor Tony Martin

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

County Councillors Geoff Driver CBE, Albert Atkinson and Bill Winlow were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. 19(4).

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no interests declared.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 April 2016

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Executive Scrutiny Committee - Report of the Chair

County Councillor Bill Winlow, Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee, reported that the recommendations set out in the reports for consideration by Cabinet had been confirmed with no amendments or additional recommendations.

In presenting his report, it was noted that requests were made at ESC for the cabinet to continue to appoint to a number of outside bodies listed in the report at Item 5 as having their representation withdrawn and that the Leader of the Council had confirmed that she was prepared to consider any representations received.

In relation to Item 6 – Property Strategy, it was reported that County Councillors welcomed the opportunity to discuss the proposals affecting their areas on a district by district basis during the 12 week consultation period.

5. Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Leader of the Council presented a report on the appointment of County Council representatives to various outside bodies for the year 2016/17. It was reported that a review of the Council's appointments to outside bodies has been undertaken, including a survey of the views of members currently serving on the bodies.

The report presented a list of proposed appointments, and also proposed that the Council should no longer make a formal appointment to a number of outside bodies listed in the appendices.

It was confirmed that a further report would be considered in due course on any further appointments felt to be necessary by county councillors.

Resolved: That

- i. the County Council appoint representatives to serve on the outside bodies listed for 2016/17 and that any changes or nominations to fill the positions be submitted to the Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services by the respective political group secretaries;
- ii. the County Council no longer makes formal appointments to the outside bodies identified at Appendix B

6. Property Strategy (Neighbourhood Centres) - Consultation

The Deputy Leader of the County Council presented a report setting out proposals for the future configuration of the Council's property portfolio, and the service delivery models in relation to the Library Service and Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service.

In presenting the detail of the report, Mel Ormesher, Head of Service – Asset Management, noted that there were a number of minor corrections to be made, and that these would be added to the published papers.

It was confirmed that a full consultation would now begin on the proposals, and that expressions of interest were welcomed from bodies wishing to take over the operation of council facilities, as were any alternative proposals, but having regard to the resource restrictions that applied to the council.

Resolved: That:

- i. the service delivery models in relation to the Library Service and Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service at Appendices 'A' and 'B' respectively be approved, and
- ii. a 12 week consultation be undertaken on the Property Strategy proposals set out in the report which will include the statutory consultation requirements with respect to designated children's centres, be approved. The outcomes would be reported back to the Cabinet meeting to be held in September.

7. Lancashire Adult Learning College

Eddie Sutton, Director of Development and Corporate Services, presented a report setting out a proposal for Nelson and Colne College to assume responsibility for Lancashire Adult Learning College in place of the County Council on the terms set out in the report.

Cabinet welcomed the progress made by the service and the strength of the partnership between the County Council and Nelson and Colne College.

Resolved: That approval be given to Nelson and Colne College with effect from 1 August 2016, assuming responsibility for Lancashire Adult Learning College in place of the County Council.

8. Securing our Health and Wellbeing

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, presented his annual report, describing the state of health and wellbeing in Lancashire, noting both the challenges faced by Lancashire and the opportunities available for enhancements in the health and wellbeing of Lancashire. Attention was particularly drawn to the variations in healthy life expectancy, health inequalities and the wider economic impact and influences.

It was noted that agencies in Lancashire, including the NHS and the County Council, were already responsible for much innovative practice, and the report was welcomed as a spur to further action.

Resolved: That:

- i. the publication of the annual public health report be noted
- ii. the recommendations to improve health and wellbeing in Lancashire be supported

9. Report of Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Members

Resolved: that the report on Key Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Members be noted.

10. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

11. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of Cabinet would be 2pm on Thursday 9 June 2016 at County Hall, Preston.

Jo Turton
Chief Executive

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