

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 3rd December, 2018 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 'B' (The Diamond Jubilee Room) - County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE Leader of the Council
(in the Chair)

Cabinet Members

County Councillor Albert Atkinson
County Councillor Michael Green
County Councillor Mrs Susie Charles
County Councillor Keith Iddon
County Councillor Peter Buckley
County Councillor Graham Gooch
County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillors Azhar Ali and John Fillis were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. C14(2).

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no interests disclosed.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet on 8 November 2018 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Money Matters 2018/19 Position - Quarter 2

Cabinet considered a report providing an update to Cabinet on the county council's 2018/19 revenue financial position as at the end of September 2018 and an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy covering the period 2019/20 to 2022/23. It was reported that the Medium Term Financial Strategy included £77.171m of savings proposals and management actions, identified through the service challenge process and aimed at delivering better and sustainable services at a lower cost.

The key savings proposals were summarised by Cabinet members, noting that these were proposals at this stage and would be subject to appropriate consultation.

Following a short adjournment, the recommendation as set out in the report were moved and seconded and it was:

Resolved: That

- i. the current forecast underspend of £1.379m on the revenue budget in 2018/19 be noted.
- ii. the reduced funding gap of £46.090m covering the period 2019/20 to 2022/23 as set out in the revised financial outlook forecast for the council be noted.
- iii. the budget adjustments for 2019/20, and following years' changes, included in the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved
- iv. the contents of the county council's reserves position be noted and the transfers between reserves contained within the report be approved.
- v. the management actions identified totalling £26.841m be noted, with officers to proceed with their implementation.
- vi. the budget proposals set out in Appendix 'C', be approved for consultation, the outcomes of the consultation to be reported back to Cabinet for consideration in due course.
- vii. the budget proposals set out in Appendices 'C' and 'D' be approved, officers be authorised to proceed with their implementation and that the 2019/20 budget be based upon these revenue decisions.

5. Procurement Report - Request Approval to Commence Procurement Exercises

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to commence the following procurement exercises in accordance with the county council's procurement rules:

- i. Supported Accommodation for Young People
- ii. Outcome based commissioning of Edge of Care Services
- iii. Cleaning and Facilities Services Framework Agreement

Resolved: That the commencement of procurement exercises for the following areas be approved:

- i. Supported Accommodation for Young People
- ii. Outcome based commissioning of Edge of Care Services
- iii. Cleaning and Facilities Services Framework Agreement

6. Proposed Parking Controls for Various Roads, Fulwood, Preston - Objections

There was a short adjournment prior to the consideration of this item.

On reconvening, Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals to introduce parking controls on nine streets in the Fulwood area of Preston.

Resolved: That the making of a Traffic Regulation Order as set out in the report be approved.

7. Proposed Zebra Crossing, Lancaster Road, Knott End-on-Sea

Cabinet received a report setting out a proposal to provide a zebra crossing and associated works on B5270 Lancaster Road, Knott End-on-Sea.

Resolved: That the installation of a zebra crossing and associated works on Lancaster Road, Knott End-on-Sea as set out in the report be approved.

8. A601(M) Carnforth Link Revocation of Special Road Scheme

The Cabinet received a report setting out a proposal to revoke the special road designation of only part of the A601(M), between the B6254 Kellet Road and the M6 Junction 35 roundabout, and the Junction 35 roundabout itself.

It was confirmed that the developer has indicated a willingness to cover the costs of a Scheme to revoke this special road designation along with the removal of motorway regulations, and reclassify the road as an all-purpose 'B' road.

Resolved: That

- i. the approach outlined in the report be approved
- ii. Once agreement is reached under S278 Highways Act that the developer meets the costs to make a Scheme under S16 and 326 Highways Act 1980, that the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to revoke the special road designation of the A601(M) between the B6254 Kellet Road and the M6 Junction 35 roundabout, and the Junction 35 roundabout, and to carry out the relevant procedural steps and promote same for confirmation by the Secretary of State.

9. Amendment to Friends of Lancashire Libraries Constitution

Cabinet received a report outlining a proposal to amend the Friends of Lancashire Libraries Constitution and Terms of Reference which were agreed by Cabinet on 18 January 2018, following feedback from friends groups within the county.

Resolved: That the amendment to the Friends of Lancashire Libraries Constitution and Terms of Reference as set out in the report be approved.

10. Better for Children: Lancashire's Children's Services Development Plan

Cabinet considered a report presenting a draft of the Better for Children: Lancashire's Children's Services Development Plan, setting out the actions required to address the 11 recommendations in the report of the Ofsted re-inspection of Children's Services in June, further improving the quality of practice and outcomes for children.

Resolved: That

- i. the draft Better for Children: Lancashire's Children's Services Development Plan be approved, subject to further details being confirmed.
- ii. the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, be authorised to approve the final version of the plan.

11. Corporate Parenting Strategy 2018 - 2022

Cabinet considered a report presenting a draft Corporate Parenting Strategy 2018 - 2022, which set out how the county council intends to fulfil its corporate parenting responsibilities to all children in its care and care leavers, putting them at the centre of improvements in the planning, delivery and evaluation of services. The strategy was developed in partnership with the Corporate Parenting Board. Cabinet also considered Lancashire's Promises to Children in Care and Care Leavers which informed the core principles of the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

Cabinet expressed thanks to LINX and the Care Leavers Forum, as well as members of the Corporate Parenting Board, for helping to develop the strategy.

Resolved: That

- i. the draft Corporate Parenting Strategy 2018 - 2022 and Promises to Children in Care and Care Leavers, as set out in the report, be approved.
- ii. the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, be authorised to approve the final version of the Corporate Parenting Strategy and Promises to Children in Care and Care Leavers.

12. The Future of Bleasdale Church of England Primary School

Cabinet received a report seeing approval to undertake a formal consultation on the future of Bleasdale Church of England Primary School, following a request from the governing body of the school, supported by the Blackburn Church of England Diocese ask the Local Authority to consult on the future of the school.

The report proposed stage 1 consultation on the possible closure of the school, due to a fall in the numbers on roll at the school making the school educationally and financially unviable.

Resolved: That

- i. the information in the report be noted.
- ii. stage 1 consultation be undertaken, starting on 7 January 2019, on the proposed closure of Bleasdale Church of England Primary School, with effect from 31 August 2019.

13. Awarding of Small Grants to Third Sector Groups which are Registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, including Grants to Individual Young People

Cabinet considered a report setting out the recommendations of District Youth Councils in relation to the award of small grants to third sector groups.

Resolved: That the recommendations of the District Youth Councils on the applications for grants from third sector groups which are registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, as set out in the report, be approved.

14. Adult Social Care Fee Uplifts - 2019/20

Cabinet considered a report setting out the county council's proposed fee uplifts for adult social care providers for 2019/20. It was noted that the uplifts proposed in the report represented a weighted average of national living wage, pension auto-enrolment and other inflationary factors, and differed across services and fee levels due to their differing cost bases.

Resolved: That the following uplifts be approved, effective from 1 April 2019:

- i. Residential and nursing care
 - Older Peoples approved residential care rates:
 - Nursing Standard 3.91%
 - Nursing Dementia 3.95%
 - Residential Standard 3.86%
 - Residential Higher 3.98%
 - Residential Dementia 4.01%
 - For other client groups, 4.01% and the minimum fee level for new placements increased to £567.33.
- ii. Homecare (all client groups). Where care has been commissioned off-framework, an inflationary uplift of 4.53% is applied; in line with the 2018/19 cost increase associated with the Homecare Framework.
- iii. Supported Living. Increase waking hour rate to £15.17 per hour and change the basis of night time payments to a fixed rate of £47.43 per night, with a top up of £11.73 for the period 1 April 2019 to 30th September 2019, to allow time for service providers to implement new staff terms and conditions.
- iv. Direct Payments – 4.53%.
- v. Carers – Uplift the fixed payments of £210/£315 to £220/£330 respectively.
- vi. Shared Lives – 4.85 %.
- vii. Day Care (Non "Older People" services) – 3.92 %.
- viii. Rolling Respite and Provider Brokerage – Uplift in line with the relevant service (e.g. homecare/residential care).

15. Urgent Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council and the relevant Cabinet Member(s)

It was noted that no Urgent Decisions had been taken by the Leader and relevant Cabinet Members since the last meeting of Cabinet.

16. Urgent Business

The Chair advised that an item of Urgent Business on the creation of an Urban Development Fund would be considered in the Part II section of the meeting.

17. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 17 January 2019 at County Hall, Preston.

18. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

Cabinet noted the Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private and that no representations had been received.

19. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public 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 paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated against the heading to the item.

20. Request for Waiver of Procurement Rules

(Not for Publication – Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. 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.)

Cabinet considered a report setting out a request for a waiver of procurement rules in relation to Scientific Services.

Resolved: That the recommendation set out in the report be approved.

21. Schools Condition Led Capital Programme

(Not for Publication – Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. 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.)

Cabinet considered a report on the Schools Condition-led Capital Programme

Resolved: That the recommendation set out in the report be approved.

22. Whalley Church of England School - Additional Funding Requirement for Proposed Capital Project to Facilitate School Expansion

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Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for additional funding for the construction works required to expand Whalley Church of England Primary School.

Resolved: That the recommendation set out in the report be approved.

23. St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Langho

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Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for additional funding for the construction works required to expand St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Langho.

Resolved: That the recommendation set out in the report be approved.

24. Establishment of an Urban Development Fund for Lancashire

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It was agreed to take this as an item of urgent business due to the impending deadline for submission of proposals to government.

Cabinet considered a report on the creation of an Urban Development Fund in Lancashire.

Resolved: That the recommendations set out in the report be approved.

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