

# Lancashire County Council

## Cabinet

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 17th January, 2019 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**

There were no apologies.

The Leader welcomed Edwina Grant OBE, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services to her first meeting of Cabinet.

#### 2.        **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 December 2018**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 3 December 2018 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

#### 3.        **Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no interests declared.

Following a short adjournment, it was confirmed that non-Cabinet councillors would not be excluded from the meeting for Item 15, although it remained subject to the usual rules relating to confidential information.

#### 4.        **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. Provision of library stock and other library materials
- ii. Provision of fresh produce, water and additional food groups
- iii. Insurance programme for Lancashire Renewables Limited

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

- i. Provision of library stock and other library materials
- ii. Provision of fresh produce, water and additional food groups
- iii. Insurance programme for Lancashire Renewables Limited

## **5. Eden of the North**

Cabinet received a report requesting a contribution of £250,000 to advance the business case in support of the "Eden of the North" opportunity in Morecambe, subject to confirmed contributions of the same amount from the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, Lancaster University and Lancaster City Council, with this total sum of £1m fully matched by Eden International.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the funding contribution of £250,000 to support business case preparation of Eden of the North be approved, subject to confirmed funding contributions from the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, Lancaster University and Lancaster City Council, with the total local contribution of £1m matched by Eden International.
- ii. the Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services arrange a presentation for Lancashire County Council members by Eden International on the Eden of the North proposal
- iii. a progress report be made to Cabinet on the findings of the next phase of business case work and on the next steps in securing the delivery of Eden of the North at an appropriate point.

## **6. Irwell Vale Road, Aitken Street, Bowker Street and Milne Street, Edenfield - Proposed Changes to Weight Restrictions**

Cabinet received a report setting out a proposal to revoke structural weight limits of 7.5 tonne on two bridges in Irwell Vale and replace them with an 18 tonne environmental weight limit.

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

## **7. Schools Budget 2019/20**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to submit the Schools Block budget proforma and requesting approval for the Early Years, High Needs and Central Schools Services Block budgets for 2019/20, in accordance with the Government's school funding Regulations and Guidance.

Cabinet additionally noted the comments of the Lancashire Schools Forum from its meeting on 15 January 2019.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. the report, including the 2019/20 Dedicated Schools Grant allocations, the final budget proposals for each funding block and comments made by the Lancashire Schools Forum be noted.
- ii. the Head of Service Financial Management (Development and Schools) be authorised to submit the final Schools Block budget proforma for 2019/20 to the Education and Skills Funding Agency by 21 January 2019, on the basis set out in the report.
- iii. the 2019/20 budgets for the Early Years, High Needs and Central Schools Services Blocks be approved.
- iv. the Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve underwrite the uncertainties around the Early Years and High Needs Blocks
- v. The decision be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order C29 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 to the Education and Skills Funding Agency by the required deadline of 21 January 2019.

**8. 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.

**9. Implementation of the Care Act 2014 - Approval of Revised Adult Social Care Policies (Occupational Therapy, including Adaptations and Equipment)**

As part of the ongoing review of review all adult social care policies, practice and guidance to ensure compliance following the introduction of the Care Act 2014, Cabinet were asked to approve a new policy on Occupational Therapy, including Adaptations and Equipment

**Resolved:** That the implementation of the Occupational Therapy including Adaptations and Equipment policy as set out in the report be approved.

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

The Urgent Decision taken by the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member was noted.

**11. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 7 February 2019 at County Hall, Preston.

## **13. 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.

## **14. 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.

## **15. Future Provision of ICT Services**

(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 future provision of ICT services.

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

## **16. Review of Mobile and Home Library Services**

(Not for Publication – Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 and 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 a review of the operation and delivery of mobile and home library services.

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

Angie Ridgwell  
Chief Executive and  
Director of Resources

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