

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 16th May, 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 Councillor Azhar Ali and County Councillor John Fillis were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. C14(2).

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 11 April 2019 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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 fresh meat products (Non-Halal)
- ii. Provision of Extra Care Services in Lighthouse View, Fleetwood and Oakbrook Gardens, Dovedale, Preston.

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

- i. Provision of fresh meat products (Non-Halal)
- ii. Provision of Extra Care Services in Lighthouse View, Fleetwood and Oakbrook Gardens, Dovedale, Preston.

5. Revised Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plans for Forest of Bowland and Arnside and Silverdale Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Cabinet considered a report setting out reviewed and revised Management Plans for both the Forest of Bowland and the Arnside and Silverdale Areas of Outstanding Beauty for the period 2019 – 2024, in accordance with the council's duty as set out in Section 89 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

Resolved: That the revised Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan and the Arnside and Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan be approved for adoption.

6. Outcome of the Public Consultation on Changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres

Cabinet received a report on the outcome of the consultation on proposals to change opening hours and days at Household Waste Recycling Centres across Lancashire. It was noted that, following consideration of the consultation responses, proposals relating to Skelmersdale recycling centre had been changed to keep it open seven days a week, and additionally it was confirmed that all recycling centres would open on Bank Holidays even if a facility's normal closure day was Monday.

Resolved: That

- i. the opening hours of all recycling centres be changed to 9am – 5pm all year round.
- ii. Opening days at six of the council's 15 household waste recycling centres, as set out in the report, are changed to five days per week
- iii. the Waste service takes all necessary steps to implement the changes with a targeted implementation date of 1 October 2019.

7. Hud Hey Road, Haslingden - Shared Use Cycle Track and Waiting Restrictions

Cabinet considered a report setting out a proposal to provide a cycle track with right of way on foot along a length of Hud Hey Road and Rising Bridge Road, Haslingden, forming part of National Cycle Route 6.

Resolved: That the removal of the footway and construction of a cycle track with right of way on foot and the implementation of 'No Waiting at any time Restrictions' as set out in the report be approved.

8. Skelmersdale Rail Link - Strategic Outline Business Case

Cabinet received a report setting out progress on the development of a Skelmersdale Rail Link, and identifying the next steps, specifically the need to complete a strategic outline

business case to Department for Transport requirements for submission to Transport for the North for consideration in future statutory advice to the Secretary of State with regard to the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline.

Resolved: That

- i. the commissioning of a strategic outline business case for the development of the Skelmersdale Rail Link be approved
- ii. officers report to Cabinet in due course with the outcome of the strategic outline business case.

9. Transport Information Centres- Expressions of Interest Progress Report

Cabinet considered a report providing an update on progress of assessments undertaken on expressions of interest received from interested parties in relation to the taking over of the management of some or all of the Transport Information Centres at Preston Bus Station, Nelson and Clitheroe Interchanges and Carnforth Railway Station

Resolved: That

- i. the outcomes of the exploration activity undertaken and suitability of the expressions of interest be noted
- ii. the ceasing of provision of transport information at Preston Bus Station and Nelson Interchange be approved, and the staff consultation process be commenced
- iii. officers be authorised to support the transfer of the services provided at Carnforth Information Centre and Clitheroe Information Centre to each Community Group identified, with the services being maintained by the council in the meantime.
- iv. the negotiation of termination of property interests at Carnforth Information Centre and Clitheroe Information Centre be approved.
- v. the termination of the ticket retail agreements with the train operating company, Northern, be approved

10. Proposed A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool Improvement Scheme - Local Impact Report

Cabinet received a report setting out a draft written Local Impact Report in relation to the Highways England application to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order for the improvement of the A585 between Skippool and Windy Harbour near Poulton le Fylde, comprising a 4.8km bypass to the south of the existing A585 along Mains Lane. It was noted that, in determining the application for a Development Consent Order, the Secretary of State had to have regard to the Local Impact Report prepared by the Local Planning Authority and it was therefore an important document to aid in the consideration of the project.

Resolved: That

- i. the Local Impact Report as set out in the report be approved for submission to the Planning Inspectorate as representing the county council's views as Local Planning Authority on the policy implications and local environmental impacts of the project.
- ii. Authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Environment to reply to any formal written questions from the Examining Authority.

11. 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.

12. Revision of Foster Care Allowances

Cabinet considered proposals for the increase of Foster Care Allowance rates for 2019/20, in line with National Minimum Standards.

Resolved: That the increase in the current scale of Foster Care Allowances, other than where specified, as set out in the report, be approved.

13. The Provision of Additional Primary School Places in North Burnley

Cabinet received a report outlining the current and projected position in the North Burnley planning area and recommends that additional places be made available at Briercliffe Primary School for 2020, initially through temporary expansion, in accordance with the county council's statutory duty to ensure that a primary or secondary school place is available for every child of statutory school age living in Lancashire who requests one.

Resolved: That:

- i. a temporary increase, for one year only, in the Reception intake of Briercliffe Primary School in North Burnley, from 45 to 60 places for September 2020 be approved, to be accommodated within the existing building.
- ii. a permanent increase in Reception intakes for subsequent years to 60 places, through the provision of additional permanent accommodation on the existing school site, be approved subject to obtaining relevant planning permission and Section 77(3) School Standards and Framework Act 1998 consent for the change of use of the land (or meeting the terms of The School Playing Fields General Disposal and Change of Use Consent (No 5) 2014).
- iii. the expenditure set out in the report for the permanent expansion of the school be approved

14. Delegation of Library Function to Preston City Council at the Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library

Cabinet received a report proposing that the library function at the Harris building is delegated to Preston City Council under a section 101 Local Government Act 1972, delegation of function agreement in order to facilitate that further development of the Re-Imagining the Harris partnership between Lancashire County Council and Preston City Council.

Resolved: That:

- i. the delegation of the library function at the Harris building under a section 101 agreement be approved
- ii. the transfer of the Lancashire County Council library team of the Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library to Preston City Council, following the principles of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (TUPE) regulations be approved
- iii. officers be thanked for their efforts in relation to this agreement

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

None.

16. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

17. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 13 June 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. Establishment of an Urban Development Fund for Lancashire

(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 an update on progress in developing an Urban Development Loan Fund for Lancashire.

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

22. Overnight Short Breaks Unit East Lancashire

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Cabinet considered an update on facilities for the provision of overnight short breaks for children with disabilities.

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

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