

# Lancashire County Council

## Cabinet

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 11th July, 2019 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet 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 Keith Iddon  
County Councillor Albert Atkinson  
County Councillor Michael Green  
County Councillor Phillippa Williamson  
County Councillor Peter Buckley  
County Councillor Graham Gooch  
County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillor 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.

#### 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

County Councillor Michael Green declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 17 – Update on the Samlesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone, as a member of South Ribble Borough Council.

#### 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 June 2019

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 13 June 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 local and school bus services in Lancashire.
- (ii) Lancashire Urban Development Fund Manager.
- (iii) Supply of asphalt materials.

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

- (i) Provision of local and school bus services in Lancashire.
- (ii) Lancashire Urban Development Fund Manager.
- (iii) Supply of asphalt materials.

## **5. Annual Reports of the County Council's Champions 2018/19**

Cabinet considered the annual reports of the county council Champions for the year 2018/19

**Resolved:** That

- i. the annual reports of the county council's five champions for 2018/19 be noted
- ii. the appreciation and thanks of the Cabinet for the work done by the Champions be noted

## **6. Proposed Amendments to the Highways Capital Programme**

Cabinet received a report setting out proposed amendments to the highways capital programme, in line with the normal process of service delivery, in order to meet emerging priorities and to respond to some unanticipated service demands.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the Pothole Action and Flood Resilience allocation of £1.242m be added to the highways block of the capital programme.
- ii. the proposed amendments to the highways capital programme as outlined in the report be approved
- iii. that the Head of Service - Asset Management be authorised to determine the programme for the remaining Pothole Action and Flood Resilience Flood allocation in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

## **7. Proposed Closure of Bleasdale Church of England Primary School**

Cabinet received a report in accordance with the statutory procedure on the proposed closure of Bleasdale Church of England Primary School with effect from 31 August 2019, following the publication of the statutory proposal document and representation period.

**Resolved:** That

- i. the information in the report be noted.
- ii. the proposal as detailed in the statutory notice to close Bleasdale Church of England Primary School with effect from 31 August 2019 be approved
- iii. an appropriate statutory decision letter be sent out, as specified under legal requirements, to give the reasons for the decision to those who are to be informed of them.

## **8. School Transport - Results on Consultation Regarding Removal of Funding**

Cabinet considered a report following the consultation on the proposal made by Full Council at its meeting on 14 February 2019 to cease funding for services where no pupils statutorily entitled to free school transport had travelled on a contracted school bus for two years, and where season ticket revenue did not cover the cost of the contract to operate the service.

The importance of working closely with schools and service providers on the delivery of this proposal and any future bus services that fall into the same category was emphasised.

### **Resolved:** That

- i. the findings of the consultation be noted.
- ii. the implementation of the proposed procedure to cease funding for services that do not carry pupils statutorily entitled to transport assistance to school be approved.
- iii. officers be authorised to engage with representatives of schools affected to explore opportunities to maintain services in accordance with procedure.
- iv. In future, should existing schools transport services / routes become "at risk", the principle of engaging with representatives of any schools affected to explore opportunities to maintain services in accordance with this procedure should be taken
- v. The Executive Director of Education and Children's Services takes the opportunity to meet with the schools impacted to assure herself that the implementation of the required planning is taking place.

## **9. Recommendations of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee**

Cabinet received a report on of the recommendations of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee.

### **Resolved:** That

- i. the allocation of funds as recommended by the Joint Advisory Committee at its meeting on 14 June 2019 be approved.
- ii. In respect of the Higher Education Student Scholarship Awards, that the interview panel of the Joint Advisory Committee be authorised to award the scholarships at its meeting on 20 December 2019.

## **10. Museum Service Budget Pressures**

Cabinet received a report providing an update to Cabinet on progress on the delivery of agreed budget savings across the museums service to date and details of budgetary pressures that the service are facing. The work of the Cabinet Working Group in relation to the service was noted.

### **Resolved:** That

- i. additional recurrent funding of £190,000 in the museums service budget from 2020/21 be approved.
- ii. the use of one-off of £190,000 funding from reserves to cover an inyear pressure in 2019/20 be approved.

- iii. the use of one-off funding from reserves of £433,000 in 2019/20 and £433,000 in 2020/21 (£866,000 in total) whilst the long term future of Queen Street Mill Museum and Helmshore Mills Textile Museum is considered be approved.
- iv. the Cabinet Working Group be thanked for their ongoing work

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

The urgent decision taken by the Leader and Cabinet Member was noted.

**12. Urgent Business**

It was reported that there was an Item of Urgent Business on the Greenbrook Extra Care Scheme, and that the item would be considered in the Part II (not open to Press and Public) section of the meeting.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 8 August 2019 at County Hall, Preston.

**14. 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.

**15. 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.

**16. Capital Strategy for Schools - Condition Led Programme 2019/20**

(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 seeking approval for additional expenditure from the unallocated Schools Condition capital programme budget.

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

**17. Update on the Samesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone**

(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 the Samlesbury Aerospace Enterprise Zone.

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

## **18. Greenbrook Extra Care Scheme**

(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)

It was agreed that this item be taken under urgent business to enable the council to immediately assure service users within the Extra Care Scheme of service continuity following the withdrawal of the successful provider.

Cabinet considered a report on the Greenbrook Extra Care Scheme.

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

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