

Full Council

Thursday, 16th July, 2020 at 1.00 pm to be held as a Virtual Skype Meeting

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Angie Ridgwell
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Agenda Item 5

Questions submitted under Standing Order B28

No.	To be asked by:	Question:	For answer by (Cabinet Member):
1.	CC Fillis	Following the cuts to Lancashire Wellbeing Service, covering vulnerable adults, particularly those at risk or facing a social care crisis, what has happened to the 11,000 people from Lancashire who desperately needed treatment and support when the services were closed on 31 December 2019?	CC Turner
2.	CC Oliver	What is this administration's response to the parliamentary select committee report into the problem of pavement parking, (September 2019) and what actions will now follow in Lancashire as a result?	CC Iddon
3.	CC Dowding	Given the current concerns expressed locally, nationally and internationally about the need to combat racism and to finally break the cycle of oppression that has built up over many generations; and the importance that education in our schools is done in a way that not only acknowledges, but also is critical of the racial prejudices and discrimination of the past, can the Cabinet Member tell us what the County Council is doing to improve and recover Black and Asian history within Lancashire's schools' curriculum?	CC Williamson

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 27th February, 2020

Present:

County Councillor Paul Rigby (Chair)

County Councillors

T Aldridge	A Gardiner	J Parr
A Ali	J Gibson	M Pattison
T Ashton	G Gooch	M Perks
L Beavers	M Green	E Pope
P Britcliffe	P V Greenall	J Potter
I Brown	P Hayhurst	J Purcell
P Buckley	N Hennessy	J Rear
T Burns	S Holgate	A Riggott
J Burrows	A Hosker	M Salter
Mrs S Charles	D Howarth	A Schofield
A Cheetham	K Iddon	J Shedwick
S Clarke	A Kay	D T Smith
A Clempson	H Khan	K Snape
L Collinge	E Lewis	A Snowden
L Cox	S Malik	P Steen
C Crompton	J Marsh	J Sumner
M Dad	T Martin	M Tomlinson
B Dawson	J Mein	C Towneley
F De Molfetta	J Molineux	S Turner
G Dowding	S C Morris	A Vincent
G Driver	Y Motala	C Wakeford
J Eaton	E Nash	D Whipp
C Edwards	D O'Toole	G Wilkins
K Ellard	E Oades	P Williamson
D Foxcroft	G Oliver	B Yates
J Fillis	M Parkinson OBE	

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of County Councillors Albert Atkinson; Malcolm Barron; Julia Berry; Joe Cooney and David Stansfield.

Announcements

EDUcatering Excellence Awards

2019 saw Lancashire County Council Schools and Residential Care Catering win the coveted Local Authority Caterer of the Year Award. The award, which this year celebrated its 10th anniversary, recognised the outstanding individual and team who excelled within the school meals sector, making a true difference to school meals and the health and happiness of children in the UK.

Nigel Craine, Head of Schools and Residential Care Catering; Hayley Stafford, Business Growth and Development Manager; Diane Hunt, Contracts Manager (East); and Lucinda Ruddy, Contracts Manager (West) were present at Full Council and were congratulated on this achievement.

International Women's Day

The Chairman reported that International Women's Day for 2020 would be taking place on 8 March. Female county councillors were invited to remain in the Chamber at the end of the meeting for a group photograph to mark the occasion.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item Number	Nature of Interest (non-pecuniary unless stated)
Alan Schofield	15	Director of LPP Ltd
Andrew Snowden	15	Pension Fund Committee
Aidy Riggott	15	Pension Fund Committee
Stephen Clarke	15	Pension Fund Committee
Peter Steen	15	Pension Fund Committee

3. Question Time

County Councillors Anne Cheetham; Ian Brown; Jayne Rear and Lizzi Collinge asked their respective Questions as follows:

No.	Question From	Subject	For Answer By
1.	County Councillor Anne Cheetham	Suicide rates	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
2.	County Councillor Ian Brown	Care leavers	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools

3.	County Councillor Jayne Rear	New model of working with children, young people and families	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools
4.	County Councillor Lizzi Collinge	Appletree Maintained Nursery	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools

County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, and County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, replied respectively.

Question 5 (from County Councillor David Howarth) on the Broad Oak Roundabout, Penwortham, could not be asked due to time constraints. In accordance with Standing Order B28(13), a written reply would be provided to County Councillor Howarth and copied to all Members.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meeting held on 17 October 2019, the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 13 February 2020 and the Meeting held on 13 February 2020

Resolved: - That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2019, the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 13 February 2020, and the meeting held on 13 February 2020, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Members' Allowance Scheme 2020/21

County Councillor Keith Iddon moved a report setting out details of the proposed Members' Allowance Scheme for 2020/21.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor David Whipp, seconded by County Councillor David Howarth:

That the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Leader of the County Council be reduced by 10% and all other Special Responsibility Allowances be reduced pro-rata.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

Resolved: - That the Members' Allowance Scheme for 2020/21, as set out in Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be approved.

6. The Localism Act 2011 - Pay Policy Statement 2020/21

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report setting out details of the 2020/21 Pay Policy Statement.

Resolved: - That the recommendations of the Employment Committee be noted and the Pay Policy Statement 2020/21, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be approved.

7. Financial Threshold for Key Decisions

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report setting out a proposal to change the financial threshold above which decisions should be treated as Key Decisions as defined in Standing Order C19(1).

Resolved: - That the financial threshold for Key Decisions, for the purposes of Standing Order C19(1), be increased to £1.7m, for 2020/21 as set out in the report, now presented.

8. Updates to the Constitution

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report setting out details of proposed updates to the county council's constitution.

The following amendment was proposed by County Councillor David Howarth, seconded by County Councillor David Whipp:

To amend Article 8 Citizens Rights, under point 5 after "find out what key decisions are to be decided and when by the Cabinet, Committees, Cabinet Members or officers", add the following:

"and the right to be represented by their local county councillor at any decision making meetings to speak on their behalf".

On being put to the vote the Amendment was LOST.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The amendments to the constitution, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) The Director of Corporate Services be authorised to approve consequential amendments to the constitution arising from these changes.

9. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

10. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 7 November 2019, 5 December 2019, 16 January 2020 and 6 February 2020, together with details of an urgent Key Decision taken since the last meeting of Full Council.

Resolved: - That the report of the Cabinet, now presented, be noted.

11(a) The Urgency Committee

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved the report of the Urgency Committee setting out details of decisions taken by the Monitoring Officer under the county council's urgent business procedure on behalf of the Urgency Committee.

Resolved: - That the report of the Urgency Committee, now presented, be noted.

(11b) The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee (Part B)

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meetings on 28 October 2019 and 27 January 2020.

Resolved: - That the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee, now presented, be noted.

11(c) The Employment Committee

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved the report of the Employment Committee from its meetings on 13 January 2020 and 10 February 2020.

Resolved: - That the report of the Employment Committee, now presented, be noted.

11(d) The Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 7 February 2020.

Resolved: - That the report of the Pension Fund Committee, now presented, be noted.

11(e) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

County Councillor David O'Toole moved the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees from their meetings as follows:

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee - 9 October 2019 and 15 January 2020
Education Scrutiny Committee - 29 October 2019, 30 January 2020 and 5 February 2020
External Scrutiny Committee - 15 October 2019 and 21 January 2020
Health Scrutiny Committee - 5 November 2019 and 4 February 2020
Internal Scrutiny Committee - 17 January 2020

Resolved: - That the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, now presented, be noted.

11(f) The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

County Councillor Shaun Turner moved the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board from its meetings on 19 November 2019 and 28 January 2020.

Resolved: - That the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, now presented, be noted.

12. Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor Frank De Molfetta moved the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meeting on 16 December 2019.

Resolved: - That the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, now presented, be noted.

13. To consider Notices of Motion Submitted under Standing Order B36

1. It was moved by County Councillor Andrea Kay and seconded by County Councillor David Foxcroft that:

Young people are facing varying challenges growing up in the UK in the 21st century. Social media, peer pressure and growing awareness of mental health challenges can cause many young people in our county additional stress and anxiety and it is not always clear to them which way to turn for help.

A recent initiative in the Wyre area enabled young people to access information about support networks and organisations in a way that was private and personal. Following the success of this initiative, Council requests the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services to work with secondary schools and further education colleges across the county to implement this scheme and support our young people to access the help they need, when they need it.

The following friendly amendment was proposed by County Councillor Sobia Malik in accordance with Standing Order B42:

Young people are facing varying challenges growing up in the UK in the 21st century. Social media, peer pressure and growing awareness of mental health challenges can cause many young people in our county additional stress and anxiety and it is not always clear to them which way to turn for help.

A recent initiative in the Wyre area enabled young people to access information about support networks and organisations in a way that was private and personal. Following the success of this initiative, Council requests the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services to work with secondary schools and further education colleges across the county to implement this scheme and support our young people. As an authority we recognise the excellent practice with safeguarding in schools and colleges. Access to mental health services should be integral to their ongoing safeguarding strategy.

The friendly amendment was accepted by County Councillor Kay and became the substantive motion.

The substantive motion, as amended by County Councillor Malik's friendly amendment, was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

Resolved: - That:

Young people are facing varying challenges growing up in the UK in the 21st century. Social media, peer pressure and growing awareness of mental health challenges can cause many young people in our county additional stress and anxiety and it is not always clear to them which way to turn for help.

A recent initiative in the Wyre area enabled young people to access information about support networks and organisations in a way that was private and personal. Following the success of this initiative, Council requests the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services to work with secondary schools and further education colleges across the county to implement this scheme and support our young people. As an authority we recognise the excellent practice with safeguarding in schools and colleges. Access to mental health services should be integral to their ongoing safeguarding strategy.

14. Exclusion of Press and Public

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a proposal to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the consideration of agenda item 15.

Resolved: - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated against the heading to the item.

15. Local Pensions Partnership Proposed Capital Restructuring

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). 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.

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report setting out proposals for the Local Pensions Partnership Capital Restructuring, subject to a correction in Appendix 'A' to the report to which Full Council's attention was drawn.

Resolved: - That, subject to the correction referred to above, the recommendations as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive and Director
of Resources

County Hall
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Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Divisions affected:
(All Divisions);

Report of the Cabinet (Part A)
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Full Council is asked to consider the recommendation of the Cabinet in respect of supporting in principal a Combined Authority for Lancashire with an Elected Mayor.

The report to Cabinet is set out at Appendix 'A'.

Recommendation

That Full Council considers and supports the Cabinet's recommendation to support in principal a Combined Authority for Lancashire with an Elected Mayor.

Background and Advice

At its meeting on 11 June 2020, Cabinet considered a report setting out details of a Combined Authority in Lancashire with an Elected Mayor.

The full report considered by Cabinet is attached at Appendix 'A'.

At that meeting, Cabinet recommended that Full Council be asked to support the option for a Combined Authority in Lancashire with an Elected Mayor.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Risk management implications are set out in the report at Appendix 'A'.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None		
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 11 June 2020

Report of the Chief Executive and Director of Resources

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Combined Authority for Lancashire with an Elected Mayor

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Executive Summary

Cabinet is asked to note the current position on devolution, combined authorities and options for future joint working with the other Lancashire local authorities, and to identify a preferred option for consideration by Full Council.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- i. Support the principle for a Combined Authority and Elected Mayor for Lancashire; and
- ii. Recommend that Full Council be asked to support this option.

Background and Advice

A combined authority is a legal entity that enables a group of two or more councils to collaborate and take collective decisions across council boundaries. They can only be created by parliament, although the development and administration of a combined authority must be locally driven by the authorities involved. Combined authorities can have powers delegated to them by the partner authorities, and can also take advantage of powers and resources delegated to them by national government as part of a devolution deal. Each group of local authorities can determine the powers it wishes to exercise through the combined authority, and negotiates with government on that basis.

Linked to combined authorities is the idea of an elected mayor for the area covered. The government has constantly expressed a strong preference for combined authorities to have an elected mayor for the whole area. As with the combined authority, the precise powers exercised by the mayor are a matter for the authorities involved and form the basis of the "deal" with government, but a single,

democratically elected representative for an area is seen by the government as the best way to facilitate a constructive two way dialogue and demonstrate local accountability.

There are currently ten combined authorities across the country, ranging from the longest established – in Greater Manchester – to the more recently created combined authority in West Yorkshire. Each has a different number of constituent local authorities and varying levels of devolved funding and powers from Government, and a different level of power given to the elected mayor, where there is one in place.

Although devolution deals, where government passes powers and funding to local authorities, are not linked in law to combined authorities, the government has long made it clear that it expects local authorities to be able to work closely together on a larger footprint in order to make a deal viable, and that the combined authority model represents the best way to achieve this.

In Lancashire, discussions around a combined authority have been ongoing for some time through the Lancashire Leaders group (involving the Leaders of all 15 local authorities). These conversations have gained impetus in the last year or so for a number of reasons including comments made by the Prime Minister and government on the desire to push forward with devolution as a fundamental part of "levelling up" and more recently the response to the economic recovery post Covid; concerns about the future financial viability of some local authorities; and that combined authorities consistently benefit from more funding from central government and greater control over its application.

It is appropriate that Cabinet now take stock of the situation, consider the options, and set out a proposed formal position for full council to consider in order to determine the next steps.

Options

The creation of a combined authority is entirely optional, and must be initially driven by the authorities involved. There are other options for closer working with other local authorities, such as through a formally appointed joint committee or simple information arrangements. Operational shared service agreements between authorities can exist in any governance set up.

1. Joint Committees

Any local authorities can establish a joint committee and delegate a wide range of powers and functions to be exercised by that committee. Governance arrangements can be locally determined. This option sits comfortably with normal operational rules and practices for local authorities, and have been implemented successfully, albeit usually for specific individual service areas or where there are shared service arrangements (for example, waste collection and disposal). Authority would ultimately rest with each partner local authority's full council, and arrangements can be started and ended as necessary.

Whilst this offers familiarity and flexibility, arrangements can be fragile and lack a sense of permanence. Whilst government has always advised that it would be willing to engage with groups of local authorities in any and all forms of joint working that might suit local circumstances, there are no significant devolution deals based on simple joint committee working.

2. Informal arrangements

Lancashire Leaders currently meet on a monthly basis, and it is the forum through which pan-Lancashire issues and initiatives are steered, such as the development of the Greater Lancashire Plan.

Informal arrangements have the benefit of flexibility, but the obvious disadvantage of potential impermanence, and a reliance on voluntary support and contributions from partners, making long term planning difficult. Whilst the Leaders meetings have "operating principles", there is nothing deeper tying individual authorities in to the arrangements. Whilst the Lancashire Leaders have met with government and civil servants, there is no sense that such arrangements could be the basis for a devolution deal or for accessing additional funding opportunities.

3. Combined authority

Combined authorities are created by act of parliament. Whilst there are substantial local freedoms involved in the setting up and running of the combined authority, there is a significant and serious commitment involved, and a robust process to follow in the creation of the combined authority design to test its likely impact and effectiveness. This includes a review of governance arrangements in the proposed area to evidence effective delivery of statutory functions.

Combined authorities are governed by a constitution developed by the partners involved and designed specifically for the purpose.

Combined authority powers

A combined authority can, in essence, take on any powers that its members wish it to have. Primarily though, in consultation with government, it would seek to reach a devolution deal, where central powers and responsibilities are handed down from Government.

Typically, in other places this has included greater control through:

- integrated public services (health and social care, emergency services, housing providers, one public estate, schools)
- economic development (including employment and business support)
- spatial planning, land and housing
- further / adult education, skills and apprenticeships
- transport including wider freedoms around concessionary travel for young people and bus franchising
- homelessness

- crime e.g. co-commissioning. In some combined authority areas, the elected mayor takes on the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Combined authority – Process

There are a number of steps that authorities must progress through to create a combined authority. This process helps demonstrate commitment on the part of the authorities involved and allows serious consideration of the structure and priorities of the new body. It also ensures full public engagement with the proposals. Lancashire has already undertaken a number of these steps as part of earlier efforts. Whilst these will need to be revisited and repeated, there is experience and knowledge to draw on.

The first stage is to conduct a governance review, involving a consideration of the different models of local government available, to identify how a combined authority could improve delivery of public services. This process involves carrying out a public consultation in all areas where it is proposed the combined authority operates.

This is then followed by the preparation and publication of a formal scheme, including details of the proposed powers and functions, as well as operating principles (including a constitution), which will form the basis of formal negotiations with central government. Ultimately, once agreed, the combined authority is brought into effect by a statutory instrument.

Elected Mayor

Eight of the ten existing combined authorities have a directly elected mayor. The elected mayor is the chair of their area's combined authority and is directly elected by the residents of the area. The mayor, in partnership with the combined authority, exercises the powers and functions devolved from government. The specific powers of the mayor and the combined authority collectively are a matter for local determination as part of the development of the combined authority. The mayor may have significant powers invested in them as an individual, but it is more common that they are a recognised voice and convenor for the area. Decisions are in practice made more consensually by all members of the combined authority with the elected mayor fulfilling a role of providing clear strategic direction and influence, and also demonstrable lines of accountability with government and the public for decisions and spending. Whilst an elected mayor is not compulsory in a combined authority it is clear that the government believes mayors introduce direction, clarity and accountability into the system, and would provide a clear, influential voice for Lancashire.

The elected mayor may also take on the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the area, although this is also a matter for local determination.

Economy

Effective economic policy relies on co-ordinated intervention across multiple functions. Fragmented institutions and organisations, despite their best intentions and common aims, can limit effective place-based leadership. Combined authorities

– often across a clear functional geography or macro-economic region and aligned to Local Enterprise Partnership boundaries (such as the Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)) – enable strong, streamlined, decentralised governance through devolution deals improving local decision-making, democracy and benefitting the whole economy.

Those common aims – tailored to local need, priorities and ambitions through joint working between local authorities - and the motivation of improved local accountability and democracy should drive the formation of combined authorities. For Lancashire there is a clear opportunity to learn from other areas and draw down powers and resource aligned to improved collaboration and innovative approaches to its priorities and the shared outcomes that authorities and key stakeholders want to achieve.

Devolution

Devolution Deals benefit the economy by drawing down funding, freedoms, flexibilities and powers from central government to the combined authority and mayor. This collaborative place-based leadership is aligned to the local priorities measured through typical economic metrics such as Gross Value Added (GVA - the measure of the value of goods and services produced in an area, industry or sector of an economy), business numbers, employment rates and wider community indices such as equality, inclusion, vibrancy, prosperity, innovation, sustainability, health, wellbeing and happiness.

Greater Manchester has the largest devolved powers outside of London totalling in excess of £8.6bn. Greater Manchester's devolution deals include a £900m Investment Fund Grant (£30m per year for 30 years); £300m Housing Investment Fund (recycled loan); £92m devolved Adult Education Budget; £6bn health and social care budget (although not under the direct control of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority) with £450m Transformation Fund alongside other funding for homelessness, work and health, business rates, transforming cities and growth deal. Whilst all deals are subject to negotiation, if Lancashire was as successful as Greater Manchester, on a population pro-rata basis this could equate to between £1.2bn and £4.6bn (subject to health and social care) for Lancashire.

In other combined authority areas, devolution deals have typically included the following example opportunities:

- **Economy, Employment, Business, Further Education and Skills**
To achieve priorities around the workforce such as to utilise devolved adult skills budget or align work and health programmes with troubled/complex families to achieve multiple outcomes from merged funding and governance. To improve employability; tackle long term unemployment; increase earnings; tackle low skills; increase high or specific skills. Joint oversight with Lancashire Enterprise Partnership of business growth hub, business formation, growth and support, productivity, innovation and apprenticeship grants.

- **Integrated Transport Authority**

Responsibility for transport plan, key route network, franchise opportunities and improvements, smart ticketing, improved/joint working with Network Rail, Highways England and Transport for the North. Tackle particular travel, transport, infrastructure or congestion issues and align to local priorities such as environment, air quality or low carbon.

- **Housing, Planning and Land**

Spatial planning for housing, employment and infrastructure, housing deliverability and affordability, development corporations, improved Compulsory Purchase Order powers, joint boards to manage land across the public estate and align to priorities such as public service reform and efficient use for delivery of priorities such as using surplus land for housing targets

Local Government reorganisation

Local Government reorganisation is the process by which the structure of local government in an area is changed. This might be through the merger of councils at the same level (ie two or more districts become one); through the merger of districts and counties to become unitaries; or through the significant redrawing of boundaries. It could, of course, be some or all of these things together.

The creation of a combined authority, elected mayor and a devolution deal are separate from the issue of local government reorganisation. However as part of the Combined Authority negotiation process with central government they would require a review of the local governance arrangements, and where appropriate a simplification, to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of statutory functions within the area.

The creation of a combined authority is not a mechanism to take power away from individual local authorities, nor is it the creation of a unitary by proxy. It represents an opportunity for all partner authorities to enhance their power and influence over a wider range of issues in a joined up way, including the consideration of how these are best implemented on the ground.

Position in Lancashire

Currently, all 15 local authorities in Lancashire are involved in the Lancashire Leaders meeting, and have been invited to consider a formal position in relation to the combined authority and elected mayor. A Combined Authority requires the consensus of all participating authorities and they must have shared boundaries. This has consistently proved challenging for Lancashire and while it may be possible to move forward if one or two authorities on the periphery of the pan Lancashire boundary were not engaged, undoubtedly a stronger case could be made to government if all 15 move forward together.

A timetable towards approval of any devolution deal would likely be a minimum of 2 years (to 2022).

Following an approach to Government, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government would commence the process and identify a Whitehall team for Lancashire to work with. Work has already been agreed in principle to develop an evidence base for a Greater Lancashire Plan throughout 2020 which will provide a good baseline of information on a number of themes. This may provide the basis for identifying priorities for a devolution deal but will be reviewed once the work is complete in the autumn.

During 2020, the Lancashire authorities would seek to collectively develop the detailed proposal for consideration by each council, to seek consent. If this is successful a Shadow Combined Authority would be established, although the timeline for this would be determined in 2020/21 when the work around the governance structure is completed.

Once this work is completed the county council will consider a further report on the detailed Combined Authority proposal and the consent of full council would be required to proceed.

Conclusions

Government has given strong indications that they wish to "level up" the country in terms of prosperity, opportunity and income and they see devolution as the mechanism to do this. In order to effectively secure these benefits for the people of Lancashire a combined authority with elected Mayor is likely to be a requirement. As Lancashire emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic, more than ever we need a strong and influential voice with government and combined authority status would give greater weight to the economic recovery planning that needs to take place including tailored opportunities to tackle the immediate impacts ahead of the Comprehensive Spending Review as well as the strategic infrastructure for a rebound and sustainable growth in Lancashire's economy. Evidence from recent combined authority activity and funding deals illustrates starkly how Lancashire could be missing out with the new West Yorkshire Combined Authority benefitting significantly from the recent Transforming Cities funding whilst Lancashire's award fell well short of the bidding scenarios.

Collaborative place-based leadership will ensure Lancashire is best placed to achieve its economic ambitions through a positive and confident growth-led recovery. Combined authorities are empowered to take a medium to longer term view, working in partnership with government to align budgets and devolve powers, freedoms and flexibilities to the shared priorities and outcomes they want to achieve together. It is considered vital that Lancashire and its economy is positioned as a key driver of a balanced UK economy.

Whilst there are several models of joint working available, it is considered that only a combined authority can achieve this ambition, and that an elected mayor would bring essential direction, clarity and accountability to the arrangements.

It is therefore proposed that Cabinet recommend that Full Council support the principle for a Combined Authority and Elected Mayor for Lancashire.

Consultations

Lancashire Leaders have considered and discussed the issues at their regular meetings. All individual authorities in Lancashire have been asked to establish their position through their own governance arrangements.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Economic risks are as set out in the report.

Financial

Approval of the annual budget for the combined authority including decisions on any levies, precepts or other demands for financial contribution from constituent authorities is subject to unanimous agreements by the constituent members. The scale of funding for Lancashire devolved from Government will be determined through the devolution deal but is likely to be significant.

Legal

The powers to establish a Combined Authority are contained within the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and The Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016. A constitution for the Combined Authority will also be developed. The council's own constitution will be reviewed, and any necessary amendments will be made. A parliamentary order is needed to establish a Combined Authority.

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Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Service - Planning and Environment,

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
Lancaster Rural East;

Delegation of Functions relating to Public Rights of Way within that Part of Lancashire within the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the National Park Authority

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

Full Council is asked to consider approving the delegation to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority of functions relating to the management of the public rights of way within that part of Lancashire which is within the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to approve:

- (i) The delegation of powers and duties relating to public rights of way recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement within the area of Lancashire which is within the Yorkshire Dales National Park as set out at Appendix 'A'.
- (ii) That an Agreement be drawn up and entered into to give effect to the delegation of functions with final details to be considered and approved by the Director of Corporate Services.

Background and Advice

A small part of Lancashire, north east of the A65, and covering parts of the parishes of Burrow-with-Burrow, Leck and Ireby was added to the Yorkshire Dales National Park as a result of a National Park boundary change in 2016. There are about 15km

of public rights of way recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement within this area (about 0.3% of the county's network of 5,500km of public rights of way) and these are detailed in the map set out at Appendix 'B'.

Public Rights of Way within the National Parks in England are generally managed to a higher standard than the remainder of the network in recognition of the greater use and expectations of the public and greater pressures on land managers from visitors to the National Parks. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority therefore wishes to manage the public rights of way in this part of Lancashire to this higher standard.

The powers and duties proposed to be delegated cover the following aspects of management of the public rights of way:

- Maintenance (surface, undergrowth, signage, waymarking)
- Enforcement (overhanging vegetation, obstructions, stiles and gates)
- Public Path Orders (diversions, extinguishments and creations)

The full list of functions is given at Appendix 'A' and the circumstances of the delegation.

The reason for the delegation of functions is usually because they need to be used routinely and often, and the body to whom they are delegated is better placed to use them than the county council. It is suggested that issues on these public rights of way are of this nature and will be able to be dealt with in the same way as all the others in the National Park.

Consultations

The Local Member for Lancaster Rural East and the Councillor representing Lancashire County Council on the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority are both in favour of this delegation in order to allow the Yorkshire Dales National Park to carry out this work.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

It is not proposed to make a financial contribution to the National Park Authority but it is proposed that the draft agreement makes provision for making payments at the council's discretion should this be considered appropriate in particular circumstances in the future.

The burden of maintenance and other functions will pass to the National Park Authority.

Legal

The delegation of functions is by agreement under Section 101 Local Government Act 1972 and final details of such agreement can be delegated to the Director of Corporate Services to resolve.

The county council will have to discuss these public rights of way routes periodically with the National Park Authority as some functions will remain with the county council. Incidents involving the paths which may previously have fallen to the county council to resolve may instead fall to the Park Authority.

Risk management

If the agreement is not made the burden of maintenance and other functions will not pass to the National Park Authority and therefore the public rights of way in this area will not benefit from being managed to the higher National Park standards.

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Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None		
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Appendix A

The National Park Authority shall carry out on behalf of the Council those duties set out in Part 1 of the Schedule in relation to those Public Rights of Way recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement at the time of this Agreement.

Where Public Rights of Way are newly recorded on the Definitive Map, subsequent to this Agreement, the Authority's duties under Parts 1 and 3 of the Schedule will only extend to those routes where the Authority has given its express written consent or where routes are added as a result of the Authority exercising a power under Section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 listed in Part 4 of Schedule 1.

The National Park Authority may, but shall have no duty to, exercise those powers set out in Part 2 of the Schedule. These powers may be exercised without the express written consent of the County Council.

The National Park Authority shall carry out on behalf of the Council those duties set out in Part 3 of the Schedule in relation to those Rights of Way recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement at the time of this Agreement and give written notice to the Council, when it decides not to exercise those duties. These duties may be exercised without the express written consent of the Council. Where the Authority opts not to undertake these duties the Council will be responsible for fulfilling these duties itself in accordance with its own priorities.

The Authority shall have no duty but may, on receipt of the written permission of the Council, exercise those powers set out in Part 4 of the Schedule.

The Schedule

Part 1	
Statutory Duty	Summary of Content
Highways Act 1980 s41 (excluding 41 1(A))	To maintain publicly maintainable highways.
Highways Act 1980 s134	To enforce the restoration of footpaths and bridleways lawfully ploughed or disturbed
Highways Act 1980 s135	To make an order temporarily diverting a footpath, bridleway or restricted byway to enable agricultural excavation or engineering works to be carried out subject to conditions of ss(2) being met
Highways Act 1980 s175A	Duty to have regard to the needs of disabled and blind people when executing works in the highway
Countryside Act 1968 s27	To signpost and waymark footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways where they leave

	metalled roads and elsewhere to help people follow the route
National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 s57	Duty to prevent display of notices deterring public use of routes shown on the definitive map

Part 2	
Statutory Provision	Summary of content
Highways Act 1980 s132	To remove unauthorised signs from rights of way
Highways Act 1980 s135A & B	Provisions for the temporary diversion of highways to allow dangerous works
Highways Act 1980 s143	To require the removal of a structure or other obstruction from a right of way
Highways Act 1980 s146	To require maintenance work to be undertaken on stiles or gates
Highways Act 1980 s147	To authorise new stiles or gates
Highways Act 1980 s149	To require removal of things deposited on a right of way causing a nuisance
Highways Act 1980 s154	To require the cutting back of vegetation overhanging a right of way
Highways Act 1980 s160A and Schedule 12A	Carrying out works in connection with the disturbance of the surface of highways
Highways Act 1980 s161	Dangers and annoyances on the highway
Highways Act 1980 s163	Prevention of water flowing onto the highway
Highways Act 1980 s164	To require the abatement of a nuisance caused by barbed wire adjoining a right of way
Highways Act 1980 s165	To require the fencing of dangerous land adjoining a right of way
Highways Act 1980, s167	Construction and repair of retaining walls near streets
Highways Act 1980, s169	Control of scaffolding on highways
Highways Act 1980, s171	Control of building materials and excavations in a "street"
Highways Act 1980, s172	Erection of hoardings during work to buildings in a "street"

Highways Act 1980, s173	Secure erection of hoardings
Highways Act 1980 s43(2)	Power of Highway Authority to meet highway maintenance costs incurred by parish councils
Highways Act 1980 s45	Power to get materials for the maintenance of public highways
Highways Act 1980 s46	Supplementary provisions to s45
Highways Act 1980 s57	Recovery of expenses of highway maintenance from persons liable to maintain
Highways Act 1980 s59	Recovery of expenses due to extraordinary traffic
Highways Act 1980 s66(3)	To provide barriers, posts, rails or fences on a publicly maintainable footpath or bridleway to safeguard persons using the highway
Highways Act 1980 s77	Raising or lowering the level of highways
Highways Act 1980 s80	Power to fence highways
Highways Act 1980 s81	Boundary markers
Highways Act 1980 s96	Planting of trees and shrubs
Highways Act 1980 s100	Drainage works by Highway Authority
Highways Act 1980 s101	Filling in or piping of dangerous roadside ditches
Highways Act 1980 s102	Protection of highways against snow, flood, landslide or other natural hazards
Highways Act 1980 s122	Temporary diversions during repair or widening of highways
Highways Act 1980 s145	Power to require enlargement of gates across bridleways
Highways Act 1980, s289	Powers of entry onto land for surveying
Highways Act 1980, s290	Supplementary to Section 289
Highways Act 1980, s291	Power of entry onto land to maintain structures & works
Highways Act 1980, s293	Power of entry onto land for purposes connected with orders relating to footpaths & bridleways
Highways Act 1980, s294	Provisions relating to enforcement of rights of entry
Highways Act 1980, s295	Power to dispose of materials left in the street
Highways Act 1980, s296	Power to execute works on behalf of other persons

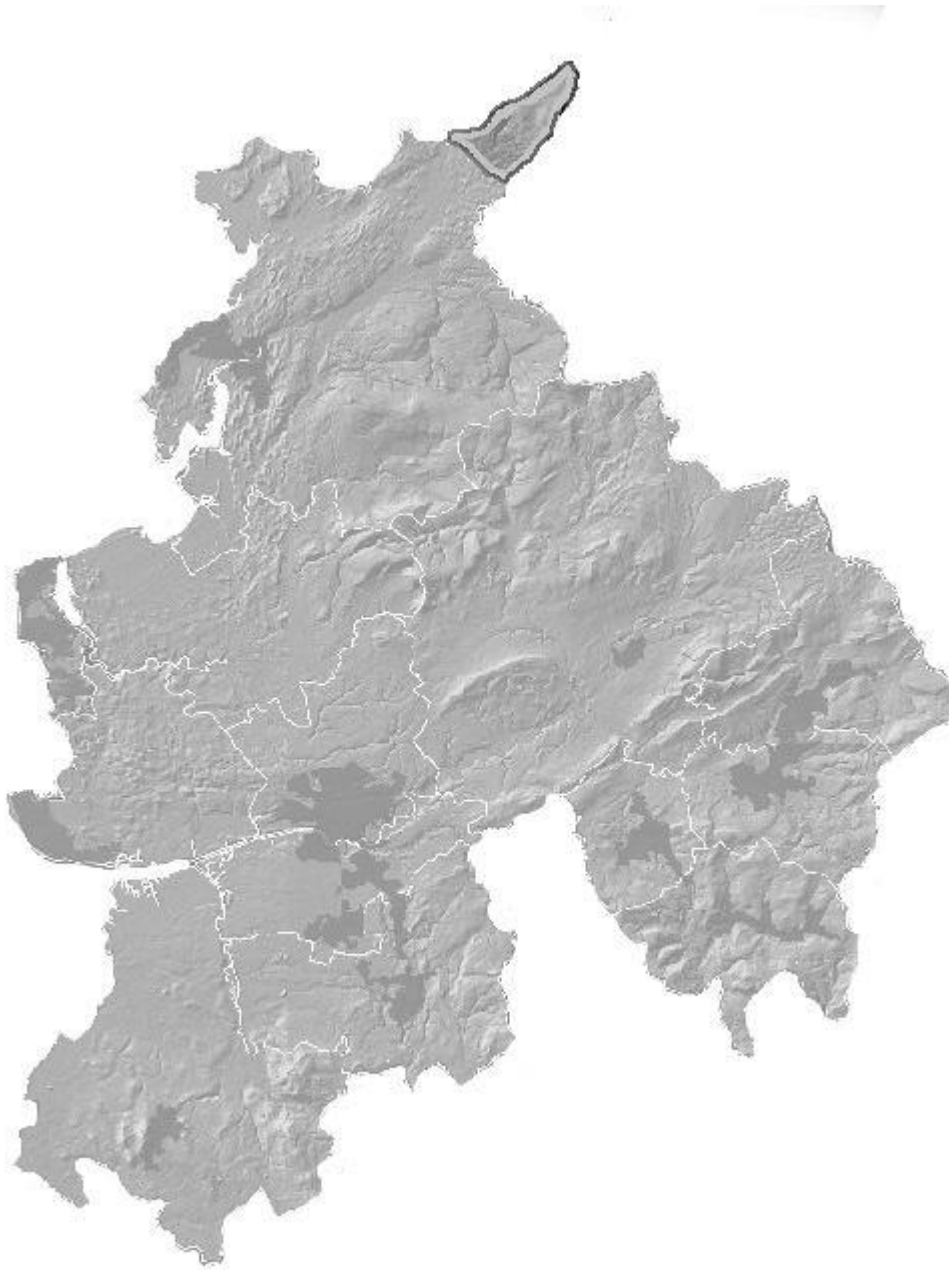
Highways Act 1980, s297	Power to obtain information about land ownership
Highways Act 1980, s300	Right to use vehicles and appliances on footpaths & bridleways
Highways Act 1980, s305	Recovery of expenses from persons liable
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, s62	Appointment of wardens for public rights of way
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s14	Temporary prohibition or restriction of traffic
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s65	Power to place traffic signs
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s69	Power to require removal of privately placed signs
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s71	Power to enter land in connection with traffic signs
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s92	Placing bollards, etc. to give effect to traffic orders
Road Traffic Act 1968, s33	Authorisation of motor vehicle trials on footpaths & bridleways

Part 3	
Highways Act 1980 s56	Receipt of and response to notices re: ways/bridges being out of repair
Highways Act 1980 s130, s130A, s130B, s130C, s130D	To assert and protect the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment of, and to prevent so far as possible the stopping up or obstruction of highways

Part 4	
(The Authority may carry out on receipt of written consent from the Council)	
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 s53	To make Definitive Map Modification Orders
Highways Act 1980 s62, 72 and 76	To improve, widen or level rights of way
Highways Act 1980 s91	Construction of bridges
Highways Act 1980 s92	Reconstruction of bridges maintainable at public expense
Highways Act 1980 s93	Power to make orders as to reconstruction etc. of privately maintainable bridges
Highways Act 1980 s94	Power of Highway Authority & bridge owners to enter into agreements

Appendix B

Area of Lancashire which is also part of Yorkshire Dales National Park



Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Constitution of the County Council 2020/21
(Appendices 'A' - 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

Full Council is required to approve the constitution on an annual basis. This report seeks the council's approval of the Constitution for the year ahead, noting changes made since the Annual General Meeting in 2019 and considering proposals for amendments in relation to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation

That Full Council be asked to:

- (i) Approve the proposal to merge the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committees to a new "Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee", with membership and terms of reference as set out in the report.
- (ii) Consider any other changes Full Council might wish to make to the constitution to enable the efficient and effective running of the county council.
- (iii) Authorise the Director of Corporate Services to make any consequential changes to other parts of the Constitution arising from these changes.
- (iv) Approve the Constitution of the County Council for the year 2020/21.

Background and Advice

Full Council is required to approve the council's constitution on an annual basis. Appendix 'A' lists the changes that have been made since the Annual General Meeting in 2019 for information.

The full constitution of the Council is available on the county council's website via the following link (alternatively by searching under "C" or typing in "Constitution" to the search field).

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=914&MId=2916&Ver=4&info=1&bcr=1>

In addition to noting the changes already made, Full Council is asked to consider the following further change.

Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Committees

It is proposed that the two scrutiny committees responsible for services for young people and education be merged into a single committee.

There is currently significant overlap in the work of the committees, and it is considered that more effective and coordinated scrutiny can be delivered through a single committee.

Whilst it is important to be clear that effective scrutiny can't be measured purely by the number of meetings held, to ensure that there is the same opportunity for scrutiny the new committees will meet the same number of times in a year as the two former committees combined.

Legislation requires that any scrutiny committee that considers education matters must include a number of voting co-opted members. Lancashire has five, representing parent governors from the primary and secondary sector, plus representatives from the Church of England, Roman Catholic Church and the Methodists. These will need to be included in the new committee. It is also suggested that the non-voting co-opted representative from the Youth Council currently on the Children's Services Committee is retained.

It is therefore proposed that there be 22 members of the new committee, made up as follows:

- Conservative – 11
- Labour – 4
- Ind / LD (tbc) – 1
- Voting Co-opted – 5
- Non-voting Co-opted - 1

The proposed amended terms of reference for the new committee are attached as Appendix 'B'.

It is proposed that the Chair of the Committee be nominated by the Conservative Group and the Deputy Chair by the Labour Group.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The county council is required to have a constitution, setting out the various roles and functions of different parts of the council, and how decisions are made. Parts of the constitution are governed by statute, which require particular arrangements to be included, for example on meetings to be held in public, establishment of committees or who can make certain decisions. In most areas, within the statutory framework, the council has some freedom to make its own arrangements. The changes proposed to the constitution in this report ensure that the council continues to meet its statutory obligations.

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None		
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Summary changes since AGM May 2019

Amendment to	Summary details	Approved by	Date
<p>Updates to Articles 2, 3 and 8 to bring the wording in line with current practice</p> <p>Amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Regulatory Committee</p> <p>A change to the designated Statutory Scrutiny Officer</p>	<p>Various textual changes</p> <p>Delegation of powers to head of Service where an application cannot be approved by the committee because it does not meet basic requirements</p> <p>Appointment of J Mynott</p>	Full Council	27/02/2020
Appendix C – Standing orders Section A	New Addendum to Standing Orders to enable virtual meetings in line with Coronavirus regulations	Director of Corporate Services under Urgent Business Procedure	23/04/2020
Part 2 Article 7 – Committee Terms of Reference	Amendments to HWBB Terms of Reference to create authority to establish Local Outbreak Engagement Board	Executive Director of Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing under Urgent Business Procedure	25/06/2020

Draft Terms of Reference

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Responsibility:

To review and scrutinise:

1. Issues around education services provided by the council including those education functions of a Children's Services authority
2. Children and young people's services including the statutory powers of a scrutiny committee as they relate to the NHS.

Membership:

16 county councillors, 5 voting co-optees, (comprising three Church representatives and two parent governor representatives) who shall have voting rights in relation to any education functions which are the responsibility of the Executive, and one non-voting co-optee representing the Youth Council.

Terms of Reference:

1. To scrutinise matters relating to education delivered by the authority and other relevant partners.
2. To fulfil all the statutory functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to education functions of a Children's Services Authority.
3. To scrutinise matters relating to services for Children and Young People delivered by the authority and other relevant partners.

The following provisions relating to scrutiny of health and social care relate to services for children and young people:

4. To review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area and make reports and recommendations to NHS bodies as appropriate
5. In reviewing any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area, to invite interested parties to comment on the matter and take account of relevant information available, particularly that provided by the Local Healthwatch
6. To review and scrutinise any local services planned or provided by other agencies which contribute towards the health improvement and the reduction of health inequalities in Lancashire and to make recommendations to those agencies, as appropriate
7. In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes, to take steps to reach agreement with the NHS body
8. In the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes where agreement cannot be reached with the NHS, to refer the matter to the relevant Secretary of State.
9. To refer to the relevant Secretary of State any NHS proposal which the Committee feels has been the subject of inadequate consultation.

10. To scrutinise the social care services provided or commissioned by NHS bodies exercising local authority functions under Section 31 of the Health Act 1999.
11. To draw up a forward programme of health scrutiny in consultation with other local authorities, NHS partners, the Local Healthwatch and other key stakeholders.
12. To acknowledge within 20 working days to referrals on relevant matters from the Local Healthwatch or Local Healthwatch contractor, and to keep the referrer informed of any action taken in relation to the matter
13. To require the Chief Executives of local NHS bodies to attend before the Committee to answer questions, and to invite the chairs and nonexecutive directors of local NHS bodies to appear before the Committee to give evidence.
14. To invite any officer of any NHS body to attend before the Committee to answer questions or give evidence.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Membership of Committees and Related Appointments for 2020/21
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Membership of committees and related appointments for 2020/21.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to consider and approve:

- (i) The Constitution and membership of the committees of the county council for 2020/21, as set out at a) below.
- (ii) The appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those committees for 2020/21, as set out at b) below.

Background and Advice

a) Constitution and Membership of Committees of the County Council for 2020/21

Full Council is required to approve the Constitution and membership of committees in accordance with the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

This means that the makeup of each committee must reflect the proportions of seats held on the Full Council by each political group. The composition of each committee, in line with these rules, is set out at Appendix 'A'. Nominations for membership should be made in writing by the respective political groups to the Director of Corporate Services.

b) Appointments of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees for 2020/21

The Constitution requires that the county council must, at its Annual Meeting, consider the appointment of various Chairs and Deputy Chairs of committees for the following year.

These appointments would usually be made at the Annual General Meeting. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, no Annual General Meeting was held this year. In line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, all appointments made at the previous Annual General Meeting were carried over until such time as Full Council determines.

Full Council is therefore asked to consider the appointment of members to the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the following committees for 2020/21:

- Urgency
- Internal Scrutiny
- External Scrutiny
- Education Scrutiny
- Children's Services Scrutiny
- Health Scrutiny
- Development Control
- Regulatory
- Audit, Risk and Governance
- Pension Fund
- Student Support Appeals
- Employment
- Conduct
- Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

In accordance with its terms of reference, the appointment of a Chair and Deputy Chair of the Cumbria and Lancashire Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is a matter for the committee itself and does not require Full Council approval.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

It is a statutory requirement that the Full Council must approve political group balance allocations on committees and the county council's standing orders require the appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of committees.

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Committee Structure July 2020

Committee	Total membership	Total County Cllrs	Con	Lab	Ind ²	Lib Dem ²	Co-opted
Full Council (Percentage of seats)	84	83 ¹	52.38	35.71	5.95	4.76	-
Audit, Risk and Governance	8	8	5	3			0
Conduct	5	5	3	2			0
Student Support Appeals	4	4	3	1			0
Pension Fund	19	12	7	4	1		7 (v)
Development Control	12	12	7	4	1		0
Regulatory	12	12	7	4	1		0
Employment	8	8	5	3			0
Urgency	12	12	7	4	1		0
Internal Scrutiny	12	12	7	4	1		0
External Scrutiny	12	12	7	4	1		0
Health Scrutiny	24	12	7	4	1		12 (nv)
Cumbria and Lancashire Joint Health Scrutiny Committee	8	4	3	1			0
Education Scrutiny	21	16	11	4	1		5 (v)
Children's Services Scrutiny	17	12	7	4	1		5 (nv)
Health and Wellbeing Board ³	4	4	4				-

Other appointments

	Total membership	Total County Cllrs	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Ind	Others (including co-opted)
Combined Fire Authority ⁴	25	19	10	7	1	1	6 ⁵
Lancashire Local Pension Board	9	1	1				8

Notes

1 Currently 1 vacancy

2 Groups to agree division of seats between them

3 Does not need to be politically balanced

4 See separate report on this agenda

5 Three full members each from Blackpool, and Blackburn with Darwen Councils

(v) - voting

(nv) - non-voting

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire - Appointment of a County Council Representative for 2020/21

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Executive Summary

Full Council is asked to approve the appointment of the county council's representative, and a substitute representative, to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire for 2020/21.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to approve the appointment of one county councillor to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire for 2020/21, together with one county councillor to serve as a substitute representative when required.

Background and Advice

The Police and Crime Panel is a formal joint committee of all the local authorities in a police force area, established under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

The panel has the following main responsibilities:

- To make recommendations on the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan and Annual Reports.
- To consider the Police and Crime Commissioner's appointment of a Chief Constable with the panel having power of veto over the appointment.
- To consider the level of precept to be set by the Police and Crime Commissioner, again with a power of veto.

- To review certain senior appointments by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- To scrutinise and support the activities of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

For Lancashire, the area covered by Lancashire Constabulary includes the county council, the two unitary councils and the 12 district councils. The panel is, therefore, made up of representatives from those 15 local authorities, together with two independent co-opted members.

These appointments would usually be made at the Annual General Meeting. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, no Annual General Meeting was held this year. In line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, all appointments made at the previous Annual General Meeting were carried over until such time as Full Council determines.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The requirement for an independent Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire is in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council
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Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

**Lancashire Combined Fire Authority - Appointment of County Council
Representatives for 2020/21**

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Executive Summary

The appointment of county council representatives to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for 2020/21.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to approve the appointment of 19 members to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for 2020/21 on the basis of 10 Conservative members, 7 Labour members, 1 Liberal Democrat member and 1 Independent member.

Background and Advice

The Constitution of the county council requires approval to the appointment of county council members of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority.

These appointments would usually be made at the Annual General Meeting. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, no Annual General Meeting was held this year. In line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, all appointments made at the previous Annual General Meeting were carried over until such time as Full Council determines.

The Full Council is asked to appoint 19 members to the Combined Fire Authority for 2020/21. Following the county council elections on 4 May 2017, the political balance of county council representatives on the Combined Fire Authority is 10 Conservative

members, 7 Labour members, 1 Liberal Democrat member and 1 Independent member.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The county council is at risk of not complying with statutory requirements if it does not consider the recommendations set out in the report.

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

**Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee -
Appointment of County Council Representatives for 2020/21**

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Executive Summary

Full Council is asked to approve the appointment of the county council's representatives to serve on Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee for 2020/21.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to approve the appointment of one county councillor to serve on Transport for the North and one county councillor to serve on Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee for 2020/21, together with substitute representatives to attend when required.

Background and Advice

Transport for the North is the first statutory sub-national transport body in England and was constituted in April 2018 to make the case for strategic transport improvements across the North. It is a partnership of public and private sector representatives working with partners to develop and deliver strategic transport infrastructure. It brings together the North's twenty local transport authorities and business leaders together with Network Rail, HS2 and Highways England and works with central government.

In addition to the Board, Transport for the North is required to have a Scrutiny Committee, the purpose of which is to act as a focus for the scrutiny and challenge of its work, and for investigating matters of strategic importance to residents, those travelling within the combined administrative area covered by the constituent authorities, and other stakeholders.

These appointments would usually be made at the Annual General Meeting. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, no Annual General Meeting was held this year. In line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, all appointments made at the previous Annual General Meeting were carried over until such time as Full Council determines.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

N/A

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

**Appointments to the Local Government Association's General Assembly,
Boards and Special Interest Groups for 2020/21**

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Executive Summary

The Local Government Association has invited member authorities to appoint their representatives to serve on its General Assembly for 2020/21.

This report also requests Full Council to consider the appointment of representatives to serve on a number of the Local Government Association's Special Interest Groups for 2020/21, and to note the arrangements for appointments to the Local Government Association's Boards.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to:

- (i) Consider and agree the representation and appointments to serve on the Local Government Association's General Assembly and Special Interest Groups, as set out in the report, for 2020/21.
- (ii) Subject to (i) above, to agree which representative(s) should carry the county council's 12 votes at the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly.
- (iii) Note the arrangements for appointments to the Local Government Association's Boards.

Background and Advice

The county council appoints members to serve on the Local Government Association's General Assembly, and a number of Special Interest Groups. Political

Groups also appoint members to the Local Government Association's Boards, of which there are ten.

These appointments would usually be made at the Annual General Meeting. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, no Annual General Meeting was held this year. In line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, all appointments made at the previous Annual General Meeting were carried over until such time as Full Council determines.

(i) Local Government Association General Assembly

The county council is entitled to appoint up to four representatives to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly which meets annually. The annual meeting takes place as part of the Annual Conference and Exhibition which, in 2020, had been due to take place from 30 June to 2 July but which has been postponed.

The county council is also entitled to 12 corporate votes at the General Assembly (equal to the number of district council's in the authority's area) and has the right to nominate the representative(s) who will carry and exercise the 12 votes.

County Councillors A Ali, G Driver, K Iddon and P Williamson were appointed to serve on the General Assembly for 2019/20 with County Councillor G Driver carrying and exercising the 12 votes.

(ii) Local Government Association Special Interest Groups

- Coastal Issues

The Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues comprises elected members from coastal local authorities. Its principal aim is to establish improved governance, management and community well-being to ensure that the UK has the best managed coast in Europe, and to identify appropriate and sustainable funding strategies to support this aim.

The county council's representative on this body in 2019/20 was County Councillor S Clarke.

- Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum

The Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum seeks to build capacity within local government to engage effectively with nuclear legacy management and works to represent the views of member local authorities to national bodies.

The county council's representative on this body in 2019/20 was County Councillor M Green.

- Rural Services Network

The Rural Services Network is the national champion for rural services, ensuring that people in rural areas have a strong voice. The Network is fighting to secure a fair deal for rural communities to maintain their social and economic viability for the benefit of the country as a whole.

The county council's representative on this body in 2019/20 was County Councillor C Towneley.

(iii) Local Government Association Boards

Local Government Association Boards engage with and develop a thorough understanding of councils' priorities in relation to their particular programme area. They also help shape the Local Government Association's business plan and, through extensive engagement with councils, oversee programmes of work that deliver the strategic priorities set by the Local Government Association's Executive.

There are ten Boards in total and appointments to the Boards are made by political groups.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant implications associated with the proposals set out in this report.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

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None		
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

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Executive Summary

The report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 12 March 2020, 14 May 2020 and 11 June 2020.

This report also presents details of urgent key decisions taken since the last meeting of Full Council, in accordance with Standing Order C22.

Recommendation

That the report of the Cabinet, as now presented, be noted.

Background and Advice

The agenda and minutes of the meetings below may be viewed at:
<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=122>.

Meeting – 12 March 2020

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

- **Proposed 2020/21 Highway Maintenance, Road Safety, Cycling Safety and Public Rights of Way New Starts Capital Programmes**

Resolved: That:

- i. The proposed apportionment of the anticipated 2020/21 Department for Transport Highway Maintenance funding as detailed at Appendices 'A' and 'B' be approved.
 - ii. The proposed apportionment of the anticipated 2020/21 Integrated Transport Programme at Appendix 'C' be approved.
 - iii. The proposed 2020/21 New Start Highway Maintenance programmes set out as projects at Appendices 'D' to 'I' be approved.
 - iv. The proposed 2020/21 New Start Road Safety, Cycling Safety and Public Rights of Way programmes as set out at Appendices 'J' to 'L' be approved.
- **Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Burnley, Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and Wyre) (Revocation, Amendment, And Various Parking Restrictions March (No1)) Order 201**

Resolved: That:

- i. The proposals for parking restrictions on the various lengths of road within the Burnley, Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and Wyre districts, as detailed within this report and as set out in Appendices 'A' - 'K' including the draft proposed order , statement of reasons and plan be considered.
 - ii. The proposed Traffic Regulation Order for parking restrictions on various lengths of road within Burnley, Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and Wyre districts at Appendix 'A-2' be approved.
- **Toucan Crossing and Shared Use Cycleway, A6 Bolton Road, Chorley**

Resolved: That the proposed removal of footway and construction of cycle tracks with right of way on foot and a Toucan Crossing facility as shown in Appendix 'A' be approved.

- **The Treatment of Residual Waste from 2025**

Resolved: That:

- i. The procurement of a contract for the treatment of residual waste in Lancashire from 2025 on the basis outlined in the report be approved.
- ii. The Head of Service for Waste, in liaison with Procurement and Legal services, be authorised to make any appropriate amendments to the proposed contract during the procurement process to ensure that the council achieves the best financial and environmental outcome from the procurement exercise insofar that the basic principles of what is to be procured as outlined in the report are not significantly changed.
- iii. The Chief Executive and Director of Resources be requested to arrange for county councillors to be provided with 'bite size' briefings on the subject matter as appropriate.

- **Implementation of the Lancashire and Blackpool Regional Adoption Agency**

Resolved: That the merger of Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Council's Adoption Services to form the Lancashire and Blackpool Regional Adoption Agency, with Lancashire acting as the Host Authority, be approved.

- **Review and Redesign of Lancashire's Short Break Offer for Children and Young People with Disabilities**

Resolved: That:

- The outcomes of the review of the full short breaks offer in Lancashire be noted.
- The proposed changes to the model and arrangements for short breaks in Lancashire: Break-time, Day-time and Night-time (overnight) that are set out in the report, be agreed.
- The proposed changes to the eligibility criteria for Lancashire: Break-time, Day-time and Night-time short breaks that are set out in the report, to approve funding of £765,000 from reserves in 2020/21 and to be built into the Medium Term Financial Strategy from 2021/22 be agreed.
- Approve a consultation on the proposed changes which will be the subject of a further report to Cabinet in due course.

- **Consultation regarding the Future of Individual Service Funds in Lancashire**

Resolved: That approval be given to consultation taking place on the draft Individual Service Fund policy, set out at Appendix 'A', to inform the final Individual Service Fund policy and procedures which will be brought back to Cabinet for a final decision in due course.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

- **Lancashire Urban Development Fund - Additional Resources**

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

- **Capital Strategy for Schools – Condition Led Capital Investment Programme, 2020/21**

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

- **Public Health - Health Care Services**

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

Urgent Business – Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

There was one item of urgent business.

- **M55 Heyhouses link Road**

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

Meeting – 14 May 2020

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

- **Severe Weather Funding for Damage following Storms Ciara and Dennis**

Resolved: That

- £1,636,808 be allocated to the urgent works, as detailed at Appendix 'A', from the £5m additional capital funding approved by Full Council, as part of the county council's budget, for highway maintenance in February 2020.
- the decision be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order C29 as any delay would have an adverse effect on the operations of the county council in delivering this urgent maintenance work.

- **Foster Care Allowances 2020/21**

Resolved: That

- the increase in the current scale of Foster Care Allowances, other than where specified, as set out at Appendix 'A'.
- The decision be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing
- Order C29 as any delay would have an adverse effect on ensuring the council met its statutory requirements.

Urgent Business

There were two items of urgent business.

- **Request Approval to Extend Existing Contracts in Response to Covid-19 Outbreak**

This decision was taken as an item of urgent business to enable action to be taken in time on the contracts under consideration.

Resolved: That

- the extension of the contracts as set out in this report and detailed in the report be approved
- Directors and Heads of Service be authorised to determine the length and number of extensions within the maximum scope permitted by this report.
- The decision be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order C29 as any delay would have an adverse effect on the ability of the Procurement Service to focus on essential COVID-19 related activities.

- **Academy Conversion - Marsden Heights Community College**

This decision was taken as an item of urgent business to enable the council to meet the target conversion date of 1 June 2020.

Resolved: That

- i. the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to finalise and approve any documents necessary to give effect to the academy conversion of Marsden Heights Community College from the conversion date (with a target conversion date of 1 June 2020 or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter)
- ii. the Chief Executive and Director of Resources be authorised to issue all necessary certificate(s) within and for the purposes of the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 in respect of the Deed of Variation to the Project Agreement with Lancashire Schools SPC Phase 2A Limited (the contractor responsible for designing, building, financing and operating the school facilities) (and any other certified service contracts with a term exceeding five (5) years being put in place to implement the directed academy conversion)
- iii. Lancashire County Council give an indemnity to the Chief Executive and Director of Resources as follows:
- iv. "Lancashire County Council shall indemnify the Chief Executive and Director of Resources against any claims made against them (including costs incurred by and awarded against them) and will not itself make claims against them for any loss or damage occasioned by neglect and error or omission committed by the Chief Executive and Director of Resources in the course of or in connection with the signing of the certificate(s) referred to above."
- 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 in relation to the target conversion date as set out.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

- **Migration to Oracle Cloud from the current E-Business Suite Oracle Platform**

Resolved: That

- i. the recommendations set out in the report be approved.
- ii. 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 Case for a Further Bond Issue**

Resolved: That

- i. the recommendations set out in the report be approved.
- ii. 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.

Meeting – 11 June 2020

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

- **Proposed Apportionment of Additional Capital Funding for Highway Maintenance**

Resolved: That:

- i. the proposed apportionment of the additional £5 million of capital funding approved by Full Council on 13th February 2020 for highway maintenance be approved.
- ii. the detailed programmes of work relating to the Footways, ABC and Urban unclassified programmes be approved, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and that those schemes next in priority that did not make the 'draw the line' for inclusion in the 2020/21 Capital Programme that are deliverable in light of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions be included.

- **Process for Commissioning a New School, Including Potential New Primary School for Clitheroe**

Resolved: That:

- i. the information contained within the report and appendices be noted.
- ii. the use of the updated Department for Education 'Establishing a New School: Free School Presumption' guidance and associated framework be approved.
- iii. the undertaking of a consultation on the establishment of a new primary school in Clitheroe be approved, in accordance with the process and framework contained within this report.

- **Promoting the Lancashire Economic Offer at MIPIM**

Resolved: That:

- i. the contents of the report be noted.
- ii. the funding proposals as set out be approved
- iii. Marketing Lancashire be commissioned to work with the Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services to deliver the Lancashire at MIPIM event going forward.

- **Archive Service Accreditation: Service Policies**

Resolved: That the key policy documents necessary to retain the Archive Service Accreditation standard, as set out in the report, be approved.

- **United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme**

Resolved: That:

- i. The county council continues in its role of lead authority, and coordinates the delivery of the United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme in Lancashire.
- ii. The county council continues to work with the Home Office and regional partners in order to seek additional pledges from local authorities, so

- Lancashire can resettle a proportionate number of refugees within the Government's overall commitment to refugee resettlement.
- iii. The county council continues to commission projects and services, using central Government funding, that aim to develop a sustainable infrastructure for refugee integration into our communities.

Urgent Business - Part I (Open to Press and Public)

There were two items of urgent business.

- **Combined Authority for Lancashire with an Elected Mayor**

This decision was taken as an item of urgent business to enable Cabinet to make a recommendation to Full council and establish the council's position as soon as possible in order to proactively engage with other Lancashire Councils and government.

Resolved: That

- i. the principle of a Combined Authority and Elected Mayor for Lancashire be supported
- ii. Full Council be asked to support this option.

- **Lancashire Outbreak Control Plan**

This decision was taken as an item of urgent business to ensure Lancashire was able to put in place further appropriate outbreak control measures as soon as possible.

Resolved: That:

- i. the principles set out in the report for the development of the Lancashire Outbreak Control Plan be approved
- ii. the Director of Public Health be authorised to approve the final plan, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services, the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
- iii. expenditure required under the plan be approved by the relevant officers in accordance with the delegation provided by the Leader of the Council in relation to urgent Covid-19 related matters, following consultation with the Leader of the Council;
- iv. the requirement for a Local Outbreak Engagement Board be noted, and support given to the proposal that the Health and Wellbeing Board be empowered to make the necessary arrangements.
- 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.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

- **Former Skelmersdale College (Westbank Campus)/Skelmersdale Rail Link**

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

- **A New Fleet Management System for Fleet Services**

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

Urgent Key Decisions

It is a requirement of Standing Order C22 that any urgent Key Decision taken under the provisions of Standing Order C21 must be reported to Full Council for information. The following urgent Key Decisions were taken since the last meeting of Full Council:

The following decision was taken by Cabinet on **12 March 2020**:

- [M55 Heyhouses link Road](#)

The following decision was taken by the Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Adult Services on **26 March 2020**:

- [Crisis Payment to Adult Social Care Suppliers](#)

The following decision was taken by the Executive Director of Growth, Environment and Transport on **2 April 2020**:

- [COVID-19 response, Emergency Temporary Facilities](#)

The following decisions were taken by the Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools on **9 April 2020**:

- [Proposed Closure of Thomas Whitham Sixth Form](#)
- [The Proposal to Close Hendon Brook Short Stay School](#)

The following decision was taken by the Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services on **20 April 2020**:

- [Equality Objectives](#)

The following decision was taken by Cabinet on **14 May 2020**:

- [Request Approval to Extend Existing Contracts in Response to Covid-19 Outbreak](#)

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List of Background Papers

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Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

The Urgency Committee

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Executive Summary

The report sets out details of all the decisions taken by the Monitoring Officer (Director of Corporate Services) or Executive Director of Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing under the county council's urgent business procedure on behalf of the Urgency Committee.

Recommendation

That the report of the Urgency Committee, as now presented, be noted.

Background and Advice

Since the last meeting of Full Council, the following decisions have been taken by the Monitoring Officer (Director of Corporate Services) and the Executive Director of Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing under the county council's urgent business procedure on behalf of the Urgency Committee.

COVID-19 - Constitutional amendments

The following decision was taken on 24 April 2020:

The Director of Corporate Services approved:

- i. The temporary Addendum to Section A of the County Council's Standing Orders to facilitate remote attendance at formal meetings of the authority, as set out at Appendix A.
- ii. That, in accordance with the proposed temporary Addendum, appointments made at the previous Annual Meeting will continue unless otherwise determined at an ordinary meeting of the Full Council.

- iii. That the Addendum be in place until 7 May 2021 unless amended prior to that date.
- iv. A waiver of the 6 month rule on attendance at meetings for all County Councillors until 31 October 2020.

Proposal to change the school appeals allowance for Independent Panel Members

The following decision was taken on 19 May 2020:

The Director of Corporate Services approved:

- i. The Members' Allowance Scheme be amended to allow Independent Panel Members for school appeals to claim up to £40 per day for one full day of hearings (hearing up to 30 appeals) and £20 per half day (of up to 15 appeals).
- ii. This allowance would only to be paid under the current pandemic restrictions which do not allow face to face hearings. This change shall apply until 31 January 2021 (when the temporary regulations come to an end) unless amended prior to that date.

Health and Wellbeing Board - Local Outbreak Engagement Board Arrangements

The following decision was taken on 24 June 2020:

The Executive Director of Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing approved:

- i. That the Terms of Reference of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board be amended to include responsibility for the arrangements for the Lancashire Local Outbreak Engagement Board.

Consultations

These decisions were taken following consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Urgency Committee.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risks associated with the proposals set out in this report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
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None		
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
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Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Divisions affected:
None;

The Employment Committee
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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The report of the Employment Committee from its meeting held on 9 March 2020 is attached at Appendix 'A'.

The agenda, reports and minutes of the meetings are available to view [here](#).

Members can also contact officers specified in each report for further information about each item.

Recommendation

That the report of the Employment Committee, as now presented, be noted.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 July 2020

Report of the Employment Committee meeting held on 9 March 2020

Chair: County Councillor Geoff Driver

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Hospital Social Care Workforce - Solutions to Respond to Unplanned Surge Activity

(Not for Publication – Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information).

The committee considered a report from Sue Lott, Head of Service Community North and Health and Prisons, regarding the options appraisal for permanent arrangements for overtime payments for adult social care staff working in hospitals at weekends, bank holidays and on extra statutory holidays.

Resolved: That

- (i) The findings and recommendations of the option appraisal, as presented, be noted.
- (ii) The continuation of the previously agreed overtime payments payable to adult social care staff, as detailed in option 2 of the report, as presented, be approved. The service would keep this under review alongside the potential changes to the service delivery model.

Local Pensions Partnership - Pay Proposals

(Not for Publication – Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information).

The committee considered a report from Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services, regarding pay proposals for Local Pension Partnerships.

It was confirmed that the 2020/21 Local Pension Partnership budget had been robustly challenged prior to agreement at the Pension Fund Committee meeting on 6 March 2020.

Members commented that to support the retention of key staff, it was necessary that remuneration was competitive and in line with industry standards.

Resolved: That having considered the officer advice and recommendations, as presented, the pay proposals for Local Pension Partnerships, be approved.

County Councillor Geoff Driver
Chair

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

The Pension Fund Committee
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive summary

The report of the Pension Fund Committee meeting held on 6 March 2020 is attached at Appendix 'A'.

The agenda, Part I reports and minutes of the meeting are available to view [here](#).

Members can also contact officers specified in each report for further information about each item.

The subsequent meeting scheduled for 19 June 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Recommendation

That the report of the Pension Fund Committee meeting of 6 March 2020, as now presented, and the decision to cancel the meeting scheduled for 19 June 2020, be noted.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 July 2020

Report of the Pension Fund Committee held on 6 March 2020

Chair: County Councillor Eddie Pope

Lancashire County Pension Fund - External Audit Plan 2019/20

The Committee considered a report on the proposed nature and scope of work to be covered by the 2019/20 Audit Plan, noted the specific areas to be covered by the audit and discussed in detail the proposed auditor's fee and the associated additional fee in relation to the provision of IAS19 assurance to scheme employer auditors.

Decision taken: That the scope of the Audit Plan for 2019/20, as set out in the report, is noted and the Head of the Fund have further discussions with the Senior Manager from Grant Thornton in relation to the total fees associated with the 2019/20 audit and report back to the next meeting.

Lancashire County Pension - Q3 budget monitoring

The Committee considered a report on the financial performance of the Fund for the 9 months up to the 31st December, 2019, together with a comparison to the budget for the same period and an updated forecast for the year ending 31st March 2020.

Decision taken:

1. That the analysis of the variances between actual and budgeted results and the budgeted income/expenditure for the period up to 31st December 2019, as set out in the report presented, is noted.
2. That the forecast financial results for the year ending 31st March 2020, as set out in the report presented, is noted.

Lancashire County Pension Fund - Budget for year ending 31 March 2021

The Committee considered a report on the one year budget for the Lancashire County Pension Fund for the year ending 31st March 2021 which forecast that the net income available for investment (before accounting for changes in the market value of investments during the year) would be £219m. The Committee also discussed the performance of investments, the potential impact on markets of the Covid-19 virus and the increase in the market value of the Fund's assets and associated investment management fees.

Decision taken: That the Lancashire County Pension Fund budget for the year ending 31st March 2021, as set out in Appendix 'A' to the report presented, is noted.

Funding Strategy Statement

The Committee considered a report on the revised Funding Strategy Statement for the Lancashire County Pension Fund which incorporated the requirements set out in the Investment Strategy Statement and took account of comments received during the recent consultation period.

Decision Taken: That, subject to the amendment of the text under 'Actuarial Assumptions' to show that the real return over CPI inflation for determining future service contribution rates is 2.15%, the revised Funding Strategy Statement, as set out in the Appendix to the report presented, is approved.

Feedback from members of the Committee on pension related training

A report was presented on the attendance by members of the Committee at a workshop on the Local Pension Partnership budget on 7th February 2020.

Resolved: That the report is noted.

Responsible Investment Report

The Committee considered a report on how the Fund was being supported to fulfil its commitment to long term responsible asset ownership in line with the approach set out in the Investment Strategy Statement and the Responsible Investment Policy.

Decision Taken:

1. That the updates on responsible investment activity associated with supporting the Fund to fulfil its duty to act in the best long term interests of Fund beneficiaries are noted.
2. That the Fund does not become a signatory to the new UK Stewardship Code (2020) and instead recognise that the regulatory and stewardship requirements are met through the Local Pensions Partnership Investments being a signatory.

Approval of 2020/21 Work Plan for the Lancashire Local Pension Board.

The Committee considered a report on the proposed 2020/21 work plan for the Pension Board and noted the key areas of interest would be communications and to hold the Local Pensions Partnership to account.

Decision Taken: That the 2020/21 Work Plan for the Lancashire Local Pension Board, as set out in Appendix 'A' to the report presented, is approved.

Local Pensions Partnership Strategic Plan 2020-25 and Annual Budget

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee considered a report on the Local Pension Partnership Strategic Plan and 2020/21 Budget, which had been developed in consultation with stakeholders and noted that the Strategic Plan included the following goals for the Partnership.

- To achieve a self sustaining financial position
- That returns meet client objectives
- Provide a high quality cost effective pension administration service
- Reflect local and international excellence
- Be an exciting, forward thinking and collaborative place to work.

With regard to responsible investment it was noted that the Investment Panel was in the process of reviewing existing asset allocations and had requested an audit of Environmental, Social and Governance elements across the whole portfolio and would report back to the next meeting. The Committee also discussed details in the budget, including the pension administration service and staff costs.

Decision Taken:

1. That the 2020/25 Strategic Plan for the Local Pensions Partnership, as set out in Appendix 'B' to the report presented, is approved.
2. That the 2020/21 budget for the Local Pensions Partnership, as set out in Appendix 'D' to the report presented, is approved.

Local Pensions Partnership update

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee considered a report on the performance of the Local Pensions Partnership up to 31st December 2019 which included reference to the pension administration service and contact centre together with a financial summary for the Group up to 30th September 2019.

Decision Taken: That the updates on activity and performance by the Local Pensions Partnership, as set out in the report presented, are noted.

Investment Panel report

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee considered a report on the performance of global markets and economies and various factors which influenced the investment market in which the Lancashire County Pension Fund operated. With regard to the current Covid-19 pandemic it was noted that whilst some private businesses had been impacted the Fund continued to outperform benchmarks and maintained a robust position.

Decision Taken: That the report is noted.

Lancashire County Pension Fund Performance Overview

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee considered a report on the performance of the Fund up to December 2019 and noted a number of key areas, including the total portfolio return over different periods, the performance of individual asset classes and the current funding level. The Committee also noted that performance of the Fund's investments continued to outperform both the internal and actuarial benchmarks.

Decision Taken: That the performance of the Fund, as set out in the report presented, is noted.

County Councillor E Pope
Chair

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees
(Appendices 'A' - 'D' refer)

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Executive Summary

The most recent cycle of meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees took place in the period February 2020 to June 2020.

The reports of the committees are attached as Appendices 'A' - 'D' as follows:

Appendix 'A' - Children's Services Scrutiny Committee
Appendix 'B' - Education Scrutiny Committee
Appendix 'C' - External Scrutiny Committee
Appendix 'D' - Internal Scrutiny Committee

The agenda, reports and minutes of the meetings are available to view [here](#).

Members can also contact officers specified in each report for further information about each item.

Recommendation

That the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, as now presented, be noted.

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List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 July 2020

Report of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 26 February 2020

Chair: County Councillor Andrea Kay

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the county council's web site at the following link:

[Children's Services Scrutiny Committee](#)

26 February 2020

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Redesign in Lancashire and South Cumbria

The report presented sought to provide the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee with information on the CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service) redesign journey in Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Members were provided with a presentation on the redesign including the approach, what had been achieved so far and the timeline going forward.

Resolved: That;

- i. The proposed model of care be considered and feedback provided.
- ii. The timescales for final agreement of the fully costed Clinical Model and Transition & Implementation Plan be noted.
- iii. A further review of the Clinical Model and Transition & Implementation Plan be provided at the end of the year.
- iv. Consideration be given by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools to:
 - a. A review of the current county council prevention/early intervention services with a view to supporting more effective, collaborative working with partner agencies.
 - b. A review of the support currently provided across county council services to high risk children and young people, to support the identification of a package of care working with partner agencies, with a view to reducing potential duplication of services and ensuring more effective investment of funding.

County Councillor Andrea Kay
Chair

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 July 2020

Report of the Education Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 3 March 2020

Chair: County Councillor Christian Wakeford

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the county council's web site via the following link:

[Education Scrutiny Committee](#)

3 March 2020

Early Years Strategy 2020- 2023

The report presented provided an update on the development of Lancashire's Early Years Strategy.

Resolved: That;

- i. The feedback provided on the report be noted; and
- ii. An update on the progress of the local networks be provided at a future meeting of the Education Scrutiny Committee.

Developing the Approach and Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Information was presented on actions being taken to enable the county council to fulfil its responsibilities ensuring the sufficiency of provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities over the next five years.

Resolved: That;

- i. The feedback on the information presented in the report be noted;
- ii. Information on the schools chosen for attached units be shared with the committee at a later date; and
- iii. The paper produced by the Isos Partnership from the Local Government Association be circulated around the committee.

Schools Causing Concerns Task and Finish Group Final Report

The report summarised findings from the task group work which has sought to further understand what constitutes a school categorised as 'causing concern', the provision to these schools and the pressures faced by schools.

Resolved: That;

- i. The report be noted; and
- ii. The recommendations of the task and finish group, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report be supported.

County Councillor Christian Wakeford
Chair

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 July 2020

Report of the External Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 25 February 2020

Chair: County Councillor Edward Nash psc

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the county council's web site via the following link:

[External Scrutiny Committee](#)

25 February 2020

Universal Credit in Lancashire

The committee received presentations from Citizens Advice on the Universal Credit Help to Claim service and from the Lancashire County Council Welfare Rights Service on their findings and the impact of Universal Credit on Lancashire County Council services.

Resolved: That;

- i. The External Scrutiny Committee highly commends the work of the Lancashire County Council Welfare Rights Service and the Citizens Advice in supporting the most disadvantaged people in Lancashire.
- ii. The committee note the burden put on to these services through the roll out of Universal Credit.
- iii. Cabinet give consideration to review and monitor the impact of the social security system (legacy benefits and Universal Credit) on Lancashire County Council front line services in order to identify the problems encountered and the cost to the county council.
- iv. Following the evidenced based review Cabinet give consideration to approaching the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to ask for additional resources to enable the most disadvantaged in Lancashire to be properly supported.
- v. Cabinet give consideration to:
 - a. Identifying innovative place based partnership working opportunities with Citizens Advice, District Councils and the local NHS (primary care and clinical commissioning groups) to strengthen the welfare benefit support available to vulnerable people.
 - b. Commissioning a report to look at how the Lancashire Welfare Rights Service might be improved and options to invest in the service.

- vi. The Chief Officer of Rossendale and Hyndburn Citizens Advice be invited to attend a future meeting of the External Scrutiny Committee to present the findings of their research and recommendations to the Department for Work Pensions on digital support, conditionality and complex needs.

Chair's Update

The committee was informed that the Chamber of Commerce had given its support on helping businesses go green with the recent launch of its Chamber Low Carbon programme.

The Chair was awaiting receipt of written responses from the Cabinet Member for Technical Services, Rural Affairs and Waste Management on the recommendations of the Strengthening Flood Risk Management and Preparedness Task and Finish Group.

An informal meeting had been arranged with representatives from the Department for Work and Pensions to meet with the Chair and the support officer to discuss the principles of Universal Credit implementation.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

County Councillor Edward Nash psc
Chair

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 July 2020

Report of the Internal Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 13 March 2020

Chair: County Councillor David O'Toole

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the County Council's web site at the following link:

[Internal Scrutiny Committee](#)

13 March 2020

Gully Cleaning Policy and Attendance

The report and presentation shared detailed information in regards to gully repairs including the policies and performance around gully cleaning, budget headline figures, Code of Practice and the Capital Drainage Programme and how members of the public could report issues.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Internal Scrutiny Committee note the report and presentation.
- ii. The Internal Scrutiny Committee thanked the Highways Team for the work they do.

Pothole Policy and Repair Methods

The report and presentation shared detailed information in regards to the pothole policy and repair methods and included information on performance trends, the National Highways and Transportation Survey, budget headlines, the communication campaign and how members of the public could report issues. The committee was informed that there had been a considerable decline in the number of potholes.

Resolved: The Internal Scrutiny Committee note the report and presentation.

ICT and the Relationship with Members

The report presented provided an update to the Internal Scrutiny Committee on the current and forthcoming work relating to Member Development, the Digital Strategy and the BTLS Transition of ICT services back to Lancashire County Council.

Resolved: The Internal Scrutiny Committee note the report presented.

County Councillor David O'Toole
Chair

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Appendix 'A' sets out a summary report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority following its meeting on 24 February 2020. This is now presented to Full Council for information

Recommendation

That the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, as now presented, be noted.

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None		
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N/A		

REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY 24 FEBRUARY 2020

1. PAY POLICY STATEMENT FOR 2020/2021

The Director of People and Development presented a report informing the Authority that in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 a pay policy statement for 2020/21 had been prepared. The pay policy published data on senior salaries and the structure of the workforce and demonstrated the principles of transparency. The pay policy statement set out the Authority's policies for the financial year relating to: the remuneration of its chief officers; the remuneration of its lowest paid employees; and the relationship between the remuneration of its chief officers and that of other employees who are not chief officers.

2. REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20 - 2023/24

The Authority considered a report of the Treasurer that presented a gross revenue budget requirement for 2020/21 of £57.8m.

The Authority considered council tax options for 2020/21 which met the requirements to deliver a balanced budget and maintain an adequate level of reserves and determined a 1.99% increase (£1.38 per annum) resulting in a council tax of £70.86 for a Band D property.

3. HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY AND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES STATE OF FIRE & RESCUE ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Authority noted that during January Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services released the 'State of Fire Report' which was the annual assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of fire and rescue services in England, based on the 45 inspections carried out between June 2018 and August 2019. The report provided a summary of the performance of the 45 fire and rescue services (FRS) against the 3 inspection pillars of effectiveness, efficiency and people and provides a comparator for the high levels of performance delivered by Lancashire when considered against peers nationally. The [report](#) highlighted that the sector had many strengths but that ongoing improvement was required. Whilst it was acknowledged that many of the negative statements within the report existed nationally, it was pleasing that these were not representative of the picture that was reflected within Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service's (LFRS) first tranche report.

State of Fire provided strategic recommendations on reforms needed, to ensure that modern fire and rescue services could be provided which were fit for the future.

The report recommended:

1. By June 2020, the Home Office, in consultation with the fire and rescue sector, should review and with precision determine the roles of: (a) fire and rescue services; and (b) those who work in them.

2. By June 2020, the Home Office, the Local Government Association, the National Fire Chiefs Council and trade unions should consider whether the current pay negotiation machinery requires fundamental reform. If so, this should include the need for an independent pay review body and the future of the 'grey book'.
3. By September 2020, the Home Office should consider the case for legislating to give chief fire officers operational independence. In the meantime, it should issue clear guidance, possibly through an amendment to the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England, on the demarcation between those responsible for governance and operational decision making by the chief fire officer.
4. By December 2020, the National Fire Chiefs Council, with the Local Government Association, should produce a code of ethics for fire and rescue services. The code should be adopted by every service in England and considered as part of each employee's progression and annual performance appraisal.

Following the release of the reports from the final tranche of inspections and the State of Fire report, LFRS had identified a number of opportunities to be explored with peers. Accordingly, visits had been made to other FRS, examples being, Merseyside to look at their approach towards Prevention activity, phone conferences with Cambridge and Oxfordshire to look at various areas of strength and a further visit was being planned to West Midlands to consider the work undertaken to achieve their 'outstanding' in response.

Conversely LFRS had hosted several FRS over the course of the year to share areas of best practice, including Lincolnshire, Durham and Darlington and a number of FRS who attended a recent event to share an overview of LFRS' Risk Based Inspection Programme for fire protection.

It was noted that the dates for the second inspection of LFRS had been confirmed as week commencing 11th May 2020.

FRANK DE MOLFETTA
Chairman

LFRS
Fulwood

Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36

1. By County Councillor Gibson

This council calls for fair funding for Lancashire Constabulary and the return of the numbers of police officers that Lancashire has lost since 2010.

This council notes that Lancashire Constabulary has seen amongst the highest level of cuts of any police force in the country with a reduction of 753 police officers.

Cuts have consequences - and this has meant that Lancashire has seen an increase in violent crime, knife crime, county lines (drug dealing) and even homicides.

By contrast, many forces in the south of England have seen no impact from austerity. Surrey, for example, has had a reduction of just 8 police officers (government figures) since 2010 and yet will receive 78 back this year. At the same time Lancashire will be allocated additional funding for just 153 police officers. This year Surrey will have 70 more police officers than in 2010 whilst in Lancashire we will still have 600 fewer. This is unfair, unjust and simply unacceptable. Lancashire is not a second class county and we should not be treated as one.

This council wholeheartedly supports the campaign of our Police and Crime Commissioner to get fair funding for Lancashire Police and our Bobbies back on the streets of Lancashire, and resolves that the Chief Executive and Director of Resources writes to the Home Secretary and the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service calling on them to establish fair funding for Lancashire Constabulary.

2. By County Councillor Dowding

The Greater Lancashire Plan

Lancashire County Council welcomes the statement of intent within the 'Redefining Lancashire: our approach to recovery' document that the forthcoming Greater Lancashire Plan will be based on the three core components of:

- delivering economic resilience
- capitalising on the county's unique set of environmental assets
- setting in train a public service reform programme that will transform the delivery of public services across the county

Lancashire County Council further notes that climate and environmental imperatives must underpin all economic recovery to deliver future economic resilience and well-being of our residents, visitors and workers; and the programmes listed so far fall way short of plan fit for a zero-carbon 21st-century Lancashire.

Lancashire County Council therefore requests that the forthcoming Greater Lancashire Plan:

1. Focuses a far higher proportion of spending and investment, (currently just £4m of £62.5 m specifically for low carbon energy and technologies) on creating new jobs and investment in low-carbon sectors; rapid adaptation of existing manufacturing and businesses to net zero-carbon; and sustainable transport.
2. Adopts a transformational approach which embeds in EVERY programme:
 - better health and well-being of the population
 - meeting the demands of the climate challenge and ensuring a high quality environment
 - meaningful, rewarding work, working conditions and pay, training, and the reduction in economic, environmental, social and health inequalities
3. Targets funding, investment and development to:
 - the renewable energy supply sector, including onshore wind, offshore wind, solar, as well as new green hydrogen alternatives
 - the circular economy and waste recovery
 - a large-scale retrofit and energy efficiency programme for public and private buildings and homes, to reduce fuel poverty, create jobs and training, and ensure comfortable healthier buildings
 - the manufacture and production of low-carbon products
 - shortening supply chains, not just in manufacturing, and encourage a higher proportion of Lancashire consumption to be met by Lancashire products
4. Has greater focus on diversification rather than financial underpinning for the aerospace and nuclear industries, which global economic observers agree are a declining sector; and encourages those businesses to produce new low-carbon products for use in a low-carbon civil society.

The Council also calls on Lancashire leaders to actively encourage relocation of Government departments and civil service jobs directly into Lancashire which will contribute to a well-paid, skilled and sustainable workforce.