

## **Full Council**

Thursday, 17th December, 2020 at 1.00 pm to be held as a Virtual Skype Meeting

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The Full Council is asked to consider whether, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, it considers that the public should 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.

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Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contains information relating to an individual; information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and 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.

Angie Ridgwell  
Chief Executive and  
Director of Resources

County Hall  
Preston

08 December 2020

# Agenda Item 3

## Questions submitted under Standing Order B28

No.	To be asked by:	Question:	For answer by (Cabinet Member):
1.	CC Collinge	<p>In February 2019, Full Council recognised the need for urgent action on climate change and gave cross-party support to a Labour motion which committed Lancashire County Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Note the excellent progress made by the Authority thus far in exceeding the challenging targets set in the Lancashire Climate Change Strategy.</li><li>● Recognise that answering the challenge of climate change is not work that can be done individually and therefore commits to working in partnership with councils, businesses, organisations and residents across the county to meet this challenge.</li><li>● Call on the Internal Scrutiny Committee to review the council's operations and to help identify how the Council's activities might be made net-zero carbon by 2030.</li><li>● Call upon the UK Government to continue to fund and support schemes that encourage action on climate change.</li></ul> <p>Please can the Cabinet Member give Council a progress update, specifically around the review by the Internal Scrutiny Committee and concrete actions undertaken to ensure that the Council's activities are made net-zero carbon by 2030?</p>	CC Green



# Agenda Item 4

## Minutes

At a virtual meeting of the Full Council held via Skype on Thursday, 15th October, 2020

### Present:

County Councillor Susie Charles (Chairman)

### County Councillors

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

## 1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Alan Hosker and County Councillor Mark Perks.

Announcements

### *The Queen's Birthday Honours List 2020*

The Chairman reported that County Councillor Bernard Dawson and County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal had both been appointed Members of the Order of the British Empire in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List 2020. County Councillor Dawson for public service and County Councillor Iqbal for services to local government in East Lancashire.

Full Council congratulated County Councillors Dawson and Iqbal.

### *Defence Employer Recognition Scheme*

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Alf Clempson, Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans, drew Full Council's attention to the recent Gold award status achieved by the county council. County Councillor Clempson reported on the initiatives and actions that had contributed to the achievement of the Gold award status and placed on record his thanks to members and officers for their support and work.

### *Baby Loss Awareness Week*

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Lizzi Collinge drew Full Council's attention to Baby Loss Awareness Week which was taking place and, in particular, the global 'Wave of Light' initiative which would be taking place at 7pm that evening when individuals were invited to light a candle in remembrance.

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

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item Number(s)	Nature of Interest (non-pecuniary unless stated)
County Councillor John Fillis	13 - NoM 2	- Nurse (pecuniary)
County Councillor Margaret Pattison	9a 12	- Employee of Age Consulting - Member of Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

## 3. Question Time

No questions had been submitted under Standing Order B28.

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meeting held on 16 July 2020**

**Resolved:** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Lancashire County Council Timetable of Meetings 2021/22**

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report setting out a proposed timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for 2021/2022.

**Resolved:** - That the timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for the period 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

County Councillor Paul Greenall requested that his objection be recorded.

**6. Report of the Pension Fund Committee - Revised Terms of Reference of the Lancashire Local Pension Board**

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report setting out the recommendation of the Pension Fund Committee in respect of revised Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Local Pension Board.

**Resolved:** - That the recommendation of the Pension Fund Committee to approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Local Pension Board, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

**7. Delegation of Pension Administration Functions: Hertfordshire County Council to Lancashire County Council**

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report setting out a proposal for the delegation of pension administration functions from Hertfordshire County Council to Lancashire County Council.

**Resolved:** - That agreement be given to Hertfordshire County Council delegating its pension fund administration function to Lancashire County Council pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, as set out in the report, now presented.

**8. Lancashire County Pension Fund - Annual Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2020**

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report setting out the Lancashire County Pension Fund's Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2020.

In moving the report, County Councillor Pope placed on record his thanks to Abigail Leech, who would shortly be leaving her role as the Head of the Pension Fund, for her work.

**Resolved:** - That the state of the Lancashire County Pension Fund and investment activities for the year ended 31 March 2020, as set out in the report, now presented, and detailed in the Lancashire County Pension Fund Annual Report 2019/20, be noted.

## **9. Urgent Business**

With the agreement of the Chairman, an item of urgent business was considered by Full Council.

The reason for urgency was that, in recognition of the increasing prevalence of mental health issues amongst the population, especially reflecting the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, it was important that the new champion be in post and able to make a contribution as soon as possible.

### **9(a) Appointment of a Champion for Mental Health – Constitutional Amendments**

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved a report setting out constitutional amendments requiring Full Council approval following the establishment of the new role of Champion for Mental Health.

**Resolved:** - That:

- (i) The Constitution be amended to reflect the Cabinet decision to appoint a Champion for Mental Health, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) The Director of Corporate Services be authorised to approve the detailed consequential amendments to the Constitution.

## **10. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)**

County Councillor Geoff Driver moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 9 July 2020, 6 August 2020, 3 September 2020 and 1 October 2020, together with details of urgent Key Decisions 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 the decision taken by the Chief Executive and Director of Resources 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.

### **11(b) The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee**

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 27 July 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 6 July 2020 and 7 September 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 18 September 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 and Education Scrutiny Committees - 7 July 2020

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee - 2 September 2020

External Scrutiny Committee - 31 July 2020

Health Scrutiny Committee - 15 September 2020

Internal Scrutiny Committee - 10 July 2020 and 11 September 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 3 July 2020, 21 July 2020 and 8 September 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 14 September 2020.

**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 Gina Dowding and seconded by County Councillor Michael Green that:**

Lancashire County Council:

- (i) Acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote renewable energy particularly in its economic plans for the County in partnership with the LEP and others.
- (ii) Further recognises:
  - That very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being nearly impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so.
  - That making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would enable and empower new local businesses in Lancashire, or councils such as the existing county council or any successors, to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local customers.
  - That revenues received by new local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.

(iii) Accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by 187 MPs which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply companies and co-operatives by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply operation.

(iv) Further resolves to:

- Inform the local media of this decision.
- Write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing its support.

On being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED.

It was therefore:

**Resolved: - That:**

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**2. It was moved by County Councillor Julie Gibson and seconded by County Councillor Shaun Turner that:**

Lancashire Nurses Pay Award

Since 2018 Nurses in Lancashire who work within our National Health Service have only received pay rises of just 1%.

They have clearly demonstrated their worth during the Covid 19 Crisis, which has been supported by people and politicians right across Lancashire.

The council requests that the Chief Executive and Director of Resources writes to the Prime Minister asking that the government reconsiders its decision not to increase NHS Nurses pay in Lancashire and awards them a pay increase in recognition of the fantastic work they are doing in support of the people of Lancashire.

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**Resolved: - That:**

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Angie Ridgwell  
Chief Executive and Director  
of Resources

County Hall  
Preston



## Meeting of the Full Council

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 December 2020

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

**Part A**

Electoral Division affected:  
None;

## Independent Remuneration Panel - Membership and Terms of Reference

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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### Executive Summary

The Independent Remuneration Panel terms of reference have been reviewed to ensure they remain relevant and consistent with regulations and guidelines.

In addition, it is proposed that the existing three experienced members of the Independent Remuneration Panel are re-appointed for a further term of office.

### Recommendation

Full Council is asked to:

- (i) Approve the revised terms of reference of the Independent Remuneration Panel, as set out at Appendix 'A' to this report.
- (ii) Subject to the approval of (i) above, approve the re-appointment of Keith Leaver, Irene Divine and Terry Whitehead to serve on the Independent Remuneration Panel for a four year term with effect from 28 March 2021.

### Background and Advice

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 make provision for a scheme of allowances and the amounts to be paid under that scheme. Councils are required to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel which provides the local authority with advice on its scheme and the amounts to be paid.

## 1. Terms of Reference for the Independent Remuneration Panel

Central Government guidance has been reviewed to ensure that the terms of reference for the panel are up to date in advance of the next review of the Members' Allowances Scheme. The guidance has been considered and the terms of reference amended to reflect the following advice:

- The Regulations require that Independent Remuneration Panels have at least three members and should avoid unduly large membership which would not be able to be an effective and publicly accountable source of clear recommendations.
- Members are subject to the same regulations as county councillors in respect of disqualification criteria.
- Options for the appointment of the Chair.
- The effectiveness of the panel improves as knowledge and understanding of members' allowances increases.
- Regulations provide that a meeting of the panel is not required if the only change to the Members' Allowances Scheme for that year is an increase to allowances in line with approved indices.
- Councils may pay panel members allowances or expenses incurred in carrying out the panel's functions.

The proposed new terms of reference are set out at Appendix 'A'. The relevant amendments made are as follows:

1.1 – References to pensions have been removed, as since 2014, councillors are no longer able to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

2.1 – The reference to the size of the panel has been changed from "at least 5 members" to "between 3 and 5 members".

2.2 – Amended to provide clarity on serving multiple terms. It is suggested that, from 1 April 2021, members serve a maximum of two terms. Current members who have exceeded this would be able to complete their existing terms. It is proposed that this rule is brought in on this phased basis to ensure there is continuity of expertise on the panel.

3.1 – Makes the appointment of a Chair of the panel a decision for the panel itself rather than Full Council, and extends the Chair's term to four years rather than one.

4.1 – clarifies that the panel does not need to meet where there are no changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme, other than up-rating in line with previously approved indices.

## 2. Membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel

The panel is currently made up of four members independent of the county council and recruitment is underway to source a fifth.

Irene Divine, Keith Leaver and Terry Whitehead have served on the panel since 2013 and their current term of office will end on 28 March 2021. All have confirmed that they are willing to be re-appointed for a further four year term. In line with Government guidance, which states that effectiveness of a panel increases with experience, it is recommended that they be re-appointed. They have considerable knowledge and experience of the county council and also serve as Independent Persons in relation to councillor Code of Conduct matters. Their re-appointment will ensure that the panel has the necessary expertise and knowledge to be able to review and make recommendations on any changes to the 2021/22 Members' Allowances Scheme following the county council elections in 2021.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

Finance

The Independent Remuneration Panel provides impartial advice with regard to allowances paid to county councillors, to ensure payments are fair and appropriate. Regulations provide that county councils may pay panel members allowances or expenses incurred in carrying out the panel's functions. This is currently £398 per annum, per member (currently four) and is increased annually in line with the council employees' pay increase. This covers time and travel costs and no other expenses can be claimed.

Legal

It is a statutory requirement as part of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, that county councils have regard to recommendations made by an Independent Remuneration Panel, when establishing a Members' Allowances Scheme. The regulations also specify how the panel should be established and the functions it undertakes. These are reflected in the panel's terms of reference.



## Lancashire County Council

### Remuneration Panel

#### Constitution and Terms of Reference

##### 1. Terms of Reference of the Panel

- 1.1 The panel shall make recommendations on schemes of payments to councillors and produce a report in relation to Lancashire County Council making recommendations as to:
- a) the amount of the basic allowance;
  - b) the responsibilities and duties for which; special responsibility allowance, travel and subsistence allowance and co-optees allowance may be payable and setting the amount of such allowances;
  - c) whether dependants' carers' allowance should be payable to members and the amount of that allowance;
  - d) whether if a scheme is amended during the year to affect the amount of allowance any payment may be backdated to the beginning of the year;
  - e) whether adjustments should be determined by reference to an index, which index should apply and for how long, subject to a maximum period of four years before application of that index is reviewed;

##### 2. Membership of the Panel

- 2.1 The panel shall consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of five members appointed by Lancashire County Council.
- 2.2 The appointment of a panel member shall continue for a period of four years unless the member resigns from his appointment to the panel or is disqualified<sup>1</sup>. Members may continue for a further term of four years and reappointments will be approved by Full Council. From 1 April 2021, members of the Panel will be able to serve a maximum of two terms.

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<sup>1</sup> The members of the independent remuneration panel cannot be members of any local authority in respect of which that panel makes recommendations. Anyone who would be disqualified from being an elected member of a local authority (see section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972) is also disqualified from being a member of an independent panel (Local Government Councillors and civic dignitaries in England: ODPM guidance: Part One: members' allowances, 2020)

2.3 If a panel member should commit a criminal offence or engage in conduct such that by association Lancashire County Council might be brought into disrepute that member shall at the request of Lancashire County Council resign from the panel.

### **3. Chair**

3.1 The panel shall nominate one of the members to be the Chair of the panel for a four year period from the date of appointment.

### **4. Conduct of Meetings**

4.1 The panel shall meet once a year to consider their report to be produced to the authority. However a meeting is not required if the only change to the Members Allowance Scheme is to increase allowances in line with the agreed indices set out in the scheme.

4.2 Additional meetings of the panel will be convened by Lancashire County Council or the Chair of the panel as appropriate.

### **5. Quorum**

5.1 No business shall be transacted at a panel meeting unless at least three members are present, including the Chair.

### **6. Casting Vote**

6.1 The Chair of the panel shall be able to exercise a casting vote upon any matter that the panel considers.

### **7. Secretarial support**

7.1 Lancashire County Council will provide secretarial support to the Panel as required and will provide the Panel with all the information which it has to enable the Panel to fulfil its responsibilities.

### **8. Expenses of Panel Members**

8.1 Lancashire County Council will reimburse panel members for their time and travel expenses by way of annual payment of £398, to be increased annually in line with the council employees' pay increase.

# Agenda Item 7

## Meeting of the Full Council

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 December 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 5 November 2020 and 3 December 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>.

### 5 November 2020

#### Part I (Open to Press and Public)

- **Money Matters 2020/21 Position - Quarter 2**

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The current forecast underspend of £2.017m on the revenue budget in 2020/21, be noted;

- ii. The revised funding gap of £78.791m covering the period 2021/22 to 2023/24 as set out in the revised financial outlook forecast for the council, be noted;
- iii. The contents of the county council's reserves position, be noted; and
- iv. The revised 2019/20 capital delivery programme of £157.929m as presented within the body of the report and the forecast outturn of £128.475m, be noted.

- **Procurement Report**

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The commencement of procurement exercises for the following be approved:
  - a. Agency Staff Neutral Vendor Managed Service; and
  - b. Framework Agreement for Professional and Technical Services.
- ii. The amendment to the plant and vehicle hire report approved by Cabinet on 3 October 2019, be noted.

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

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The extension of the contracts as set out in this report and detailed in Appendix 'A' be approved; and
- ii. Directors and Heads of Service be authorised to determine the length and number of extensions within the maximum scope permitted by this report.

- **Blackburn Cathedral Council - Appointment of a County Council Representative**

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The addition of Blackburn Cathedral Council to the list of outside bodies to which the county council makes appointments, be approved; and
- ii. Subject to (i) above, the appointment of County Councillor Jayne Rear as the county council's representative to the Blackburn Cathedral Council until the next county council elections in 2021, be approved.

- **Transport Asset Management Plan End of Phase 1 Review**

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The update on progress outlined in the Progress Transport Asset Management Plan Phase 1 Breakdown as set out at Appendix 'A', be noted; and
- ii. The Director of Strategy and Performance be authorised to approve and publish the 'Transport Asset Management Plan – End of Phase One Review' full document 2019/20 in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

- **Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2020/21**

**Resolved:** That, the county council's Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2020/21 as set out at Appendix 'A', be approved.

- **Clean Energy and Technology Diversification Fund**

Following the advice of the Director of Corporate Services (the Monitoring Officer), the Leader of the County Council agreed that this report would be considered in Part I of the meeting. A copy of the report was subsequently published on the council's website.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. A county council £10 million loan fund to support Lancashire to attract inward investment in new and emerging growth sectors as detailed in the report, be approved; and
- ii. The Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport & Community Services, the Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Services be authorised to conclude all necessary processes and sign off such loans in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Environment and Planning.

## **Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)**

- **Proposal for a New Sporting Campus in Central Lancashire**

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

- **Operational Premises**

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

- **Eden Project North**

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

## **3 December 2020**

### **Part I (Open to Press and Public)**

- **Procurement Report**

**Resolved:** That, the commencement of a procurement exercise for the provision of Lancashire Enterprise Zone Commercial Agency Services be approved.

- **Approval for the Introduction of Bus Stop Clearway, Liverpool Road, Penwortham**

**Resolved:** That, the proposals for Bus Clearways along Liverpool Road, Penwortham as shown in Appendix 'A' of the report and for the reasons outlined in the report, be approved.

- **Stanhill Lane, Oswaldtwistle - Bus Stop Clearway**

**Resolved:** That, the construction of the permanent bus stop and clearway on Stanhill Lane, Oswaldtwistle be approved.

- **Cottam Parkway - Approval for Use of Powers and Preparation of Various Orders and Schemes including Compulsory Purchase Order**

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The use of the county council's powers of Compulsory Purchase contained in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Highways Act 1980, and all and any other enabling legislation, to acquire all the necessary land and rights for the construction/improvement and future maintenance of a new station and associated highway and access infrastructure at Cottam, referred to as Cottam Parkway, be approved;
- ii. Both the preparation of Compulsory Purchase and Side Road Orders for the scheme and other appropriate Notices, Orders and Schemes under the relevant statutes and the taking of all other procedural steps in connection with the making of the Orders and Schemes, prior to approval and sealing and making of the formal Orders and Schemes be authorised; and the acquisition by agreement in advance of Compulsory Purchase powers of all rights, interests, enabling arrangements to facilitate the scheme be approved;
- iii. The acquisition by agreement in advance of Compulsory Purchase powers of all rights, interests, enabling arrangements to facilitate the scheme be approved; and
- iv. The taking of procedural steps to facilitate the delivery of the scheme utilising Network Rail land and property be authorised.

- **Ormskirk Highway Improvements, St Helens Road, Ruff Lane**

**Resolved:** That, the proposals to improve the traffic signal controlled junction of St Helens Road with Ruff Lane, Ormskirk, as detailed in Appendices 'A' and 'B' of the report and to make the Traffic Regulations Orders set out at Appendices 'C' and 'D' of the report, be approved.

- **Asset Management Plan - Phase 2 2020/21 - 2024/25**

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The approach to funding of Phase 2 of the Transport Asset Management Plan, as laid out in this report and in Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved;

- ii. The revised standards for Phase 2 of the Transport Asset Management Plan, as laid out in this report and in Appendix 'B' of the report be approved; and
- iii. The Director of Strategy & Performance be authorised to approve and publish the Transport Asset Management Plan - Phase 2 2020/21 - 2024/25 in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

- **Lancashire Religious Education Agreed Syllabus Conference**

**Resolved:** That, an Agreed Syllabus Conference be convened and that any person who sits on the representative groups on the Lancashire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education, excluding the Co-opted Members, can be appointed as members of the Agreed Syllabus Conference, be approved.

- **Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers**

**Resolved:** That, the recommendations set out in the report for a strategy to support the recruitment and retention of foster carers in Lancashire be approved.

- **Statutory Social Care Annual Report for 2019/20 - Complaints and Customer Feedback**

**Resolved:** that, the statutory social care complaints and customer feedback annual report for children and young people and adults be accepted, acknowledging the associated learning in 2019-2020, and the publication of the report be approved.

## **Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)**

- **Schools Basic Need Programme Update**

**Resolved:** That the recommendations as 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 urgent Key Decision was taken by the Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing on Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing on **25 November 2020**:

- [Department of Health and Social Care \(DHSC\) led Mass Testing by Lateral Flow Device in the Lancashire County Council Upper Tier Local Authority Area](#)

The following urgent Key Decision was taken by the Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Adult Services on Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing on **27 November 2020**:

- [COVID-19 Designated Settings](#)

The following urgent Key Decision was taken by the Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools on **7 December 2020**:

- [COVID-19 Winter Grant](#)

**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**  
**Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 December 2020**

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

**Part B**

Electoral Division affected:  
None;

**The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

The report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting held on 19 October 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.

**Recommendation**

That the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee, as now presented, be noted.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



# Appendix A

## **Meeting of the Full Council - 17 December 2020**

### **Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee**

**Meeting held on 19 October 2020**

**Chair: County Councillor Alan Schofield**

### **Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference 2020/21**

Paul Bond, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, presented a report setting out the constitution, membership, Chairmanship, Deputy Chairmanship and terms of reference of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2020/21.

**Resolved:** That

- (i) The appointment of County Councillors A Schofield and E Nash as Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee for the 2020/21 municipal year; be noted.
- (ii) The membership of the committee following the county council's annual meeting on 16 July 2020, as presented, be noted.
- (iii) The terms of reference of the committee, as presented, be noted.

### **External Audit - Lancashire County Council Audit Findings Report 2019/20**

Stuart Basnet, Audit Manager, Grant Thornton presented the Lancashire County Council Audit Findings Report 2019/20, for the year ending 31 March 2020.

**Resolved:** That the findings of the 2019/20 Lancashire County Council Audit report, amendment made to the financial statements and the issues raised by the auditor, as presented, be noted.

### **External Audit - Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Findings Report 2019/20**

Andy Ayre, Audit Manager, Grant Thornton presented the Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Findings Report for 2019/20, for the year ending 31 March 2020.

**Resolved:** That the findings of the 2019/20 Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit report, including the adjustments made to the financial statements and other issues raised by the auditor, as presented, be noted.

### **Approval of the Council's Statement of Accounts 2019/20**

Khadija Saeed, Head of Service, Corporate Finance, presented the council's Statement of Accounts for 2019/20.

**Resolved:** That

- (i) The 2019/20 statement of accounts, at Appendix A, for Lancashire County Council and Lancashire County Pension Fund, as presented, be approved.
- (ii) The management representation letters at Appendices B and C be signed by the Chief Financial Officer and the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee prior to them being made available to the external auditor.

### **Treasury Management Activity**

Mike Jensen, Director of Investment, Financial Services presented a report detailing a review of treasury management activity for 2019/20 and an update of 2020/21 activity up to August 2020, including a financial outlook.

**Resolved:** That the review of treasury management activities for 2019/20 and 2020/21, as presented, be noted.

### **Update Regarding the Internal Audit Plan for 2020/21**

Ruth Lowry, Head of Internal Audit, presented a report explaining how a request for support from the Internal Audit team to support the council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, had necessitated a reduced internal audit plan for 2020/21.

**Resolved:** That the reduced internal audit plan for 2020/21, as presented be approved.

### **Code of Conduct**

Josh Mynott, Democratic and Members Services Manager, presented a report which provided an overview of the best practice recommendations of the Committee for Standards in Public Life in relation to local government standards.

**Resolved:** That

- (i) Officers look at best practice recommendations 13 and 15, as presented in Appendix A of the report, and put in place a process to address these.
- (ii) Officers engage with elected members regarding best practice recommendations 1, 2, and 6, as presented in Appendix A of the report, and report back to the next meeting of the committee with proposals to implement them.

**Meeting of the Full Council**  
**Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 December 2020**

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

**Part B**

Electoral Division affected:  
None;

**The Employment Committee**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

The report of the Employment Committee from its meetings held on 12 October and 9 November 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**

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None		
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



## **Meeting of the Full Council - 17 December 2020**

### **Report of the Employment Committee Meeting held on 12 October 2020**

**Chair: County Councillor Keith Iddon**

#### **Part I (Open to Press and Public)**

##### **Revised Grievance and Harassment Policies and Procedures**

The committee considered a report from Deborah Barrow, Head of Service for Human Resources, regarding the council's Grievance and Harassment Policies and Procedures which have been reviewed and revised as part of the Human Resources policy review program.

**Resolved:** That, the revised Grievance and Harassment Policies and Procedures, set out in Appendices 'A' and 'B' of the report, be approved.

## **Report of the Employment Committee meeting held on 9 November 2020**

**Chair: County Councillor Keith Iddon**

#### **Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)**

##### **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 and discussed a report from Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services, regarding pay proposals made by the Local Pensions Partnership.

**Resolved:** That

- (i) The Local Pension Partnership pay proposals and establishment of two new roles, as presented, be approved.
- (ii) The agreement of the final pay for the roles be delegated to the Head of Fund, if the review from the London Pension Fund Authority led to a recommended salary within a 5% threshold of the proposed salary set out in the report.



## Meeting of the Full Council

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 December 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 from the Pension Fund Committee meeting held on 27 November 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 the officer specified in individual reports for further information about that item.

### Recommendation

That the report of the Pension Fund Committee from the meeting on 27 November 2020, as set out at Appendix 'A' to this report, be noted.

## Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

### List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



# Appendix A

## **Meeting of the full Council - 17 December 2020**

### **Report of the Pension Fund Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2020**

**Chair: County Councillor Eddie Pope**

**Part I** (Open to the Press and Public)

#### **Interim Head of Pension Fund**

The Committee was introduced to Michelle King, the recently appointed Interim Head of the Pension Fund.

#### **Lancashire County Pension Fund - External Audit Findings Report**

The Committee considered a report on the findings of the external audit of the Lancashire County Pension Fund Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 and noted that the accounts had been considered by the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee on the 19<sup>th</sup> October and all items identified as outstanding as at the date of issue of the audit findings report had subsequently been completed. In addition once the post balance sheet events had been updated and the management representation letter received the accounts would be signed off.

The Committee noted that the auditors had provided an unqualified audit opinion, including an 'Emphasis of Matter' paragraph highlighting asset valuation material uncertainties on the pension fund accounts and a 'consistency' opinion on the Annual Report of the Fund.

**Decision taken:** That the findings of the external audit of the Lancashire County Pension Fund Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020, together with the adjustments to the financial statements and the updates given by the auditor at the meeting, are noted.

#### **Lancashire County Pension Fund 2020/21 Q2 Budget Monitoring**

The Committee considered a report on the financial performance of the Fund during the 6 months to 30th September 2020 together with a comparison of the results with the approved budget for the same period and an updated forecast for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

It was noted that the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic was reflected in the position at 6 months and that the Investment Panel expected the Fund to have almost fully recovered by 12 months. In addition the full year forecast was for net funds of £216.9m against a budget of £219.1m, a reduction of £2.2m.

**Decision taken:** That the financial results of the Fund for the 6 months to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, together with the budget and forecast variances set out in the report presented and the updates given at the meeting, are noted.

## **Admissions and Termination Policy**

The Committee considered a report on the Admissions and Termination Policy for the Fund, which had been updated following a consultation with employers to include recent changes to legislation on exit credits, allowances for the on-going effects of the McCloud judgement and to bring the policy in line with the Funding Strategy Statement which had been amended in March 2020.

**Decision taken:** That the updated Admissions and Termination Policy for the Fund, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report presented, is approved.

## **Local Pensions Partnership: Governance Charter**

The Committee considered a report on the Local Pensions Partnership Governance Charter which had been developed in consultation with the Pension Fund Committee and the Pension Board.

**Decision taken:** That the Governance Charter for the Local Pensions Partnership, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report presented, is noted.

## **Local Pensions Partnership 2019/20 Annual Report and Accounts**

The Committee considered a report on the Local Pensions Partnership Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 which had been approved by the Partnership Board and published on the Company website.

**Decision taken:** That the content of the 2019/20 Annual Report and Accounts for the Local Pensions Partnership, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report presented, is noted.

## **Feedback from members of the Committee on pension related training**

The Committee considered a report on virtual pension related events that members of the Committee had participated in and received feedback from individual members. The members of the Committee who had participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 presentation on divestment were also confirmed at the meeting.

**Decision taken:** That the report and the updates from members of the Committee in connection with their participation at virtual pension related conferences/events is noted.

## **Responsible Investment Report**

The Committee considered a detailed report on responsible investment activity during Q3 of 2020

The Fund's current brown/green exposures were discussed and it was noted that that 95% (by value) of holdings were rated highly when measured against the Transition Pathway Initiative, demonstrating integration of climate change into operational planning and/or strategic planning. It was reported that Local Pensions Partnership Investments (LPPI) had taken action to liquidate shares in British American Tobacco and that energy/tobacco accounted for less than 1% of the portfolio. LPPI was also working with investor groups and partnerships to increase engagement (and in some cases take the lead) in areas such as diversity and workforce management.

The Committee was also informed that following the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 presentation on divestment arrangements would be made for an officer meeting to further discuss the 7 principles of sustainable and how they may relate to the investments of the Fund.

**Decision taken:**

1. That the updates on responsible investment activity, as set out in the Appendix to the report presented, and given at the meeting are noted.
2. That the Committee congratulate Frances Deakin, the Head of Responsible Investment, on winning Investment Manager of the Year at the Professional Pensions - Women in Pensions Awards 2020.
3. That a report be presented to the next meeting of the Committee on the outcome of the officer meeting to be held in December 2020 to discuss the 7 principles of sustainable development and how they may relate to the investments of the Fund.

**Programme of meetings 2021/22**

**Decision taken:**

1. That the 2021/22 programme of meetings of the Pension Fund Committee, as set out below and approved by full Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, is noted.  
18th June 2021  
17th September 2021  
26th November 2021  
11th March 2022
2. All the above meetings to start at 10.30am and be held remotely via Zoom or, subject to the relaxation of current Covid-19 restrictions, in Committee Room 'C' – The Duke of Lancaster Room at County Hall, Preston.

## **Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Decision taken:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as indicated against the heading of each item. It is considered that in all the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **Part II (Not open to the press and public)**

#### **Local Pensions Partnership - Balanced Scorecard Summary and Action Plan**

*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 outcomes of a balanced scorecard exercise which had involved interviews with a range of stakeholders as part of a review of the effectiveness of the service provided by the Local Pensions Partnership.

It was reported that the exercise had compared the Partnership against a number of established peer Pension Funds and providers and as a result the Partnership had achieved a relatively low rating. However, an improvement action plan based on the findings of the review had been developed and implemented and it was expected that a similar exercise in the future would result in an improved rating.

**Decision taken:** That the summary of the outcome of the balanced scorecard exercise regarding the Local Pensions Partnership and the associated improvement action plan are noted.

#### **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 activity by the Local Pensions Partnership which included reference to savings information requested by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, an update on shareholder matters and a statement on the financial position of the Local Pensions Partnership group up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. A quarterly update on the performance of the pension administration service was also presented.

**Decision taken:** That the updates on investment and administration activity, together with the financial position of the Local Pensions Partnership, as set out in the report presented and given at the meeting, 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, economies and other factors which influenced the investment market in which the Fund operated, including the recent US election, the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and development of associated vaccines and the approaching end of the Brexit transition period with the EU.

**Decision taken:** That the update on the performance of global markets and economies, as set out in the report presented, 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 September 2020 including key areas of interest such as the total portfolio return over different periods, the performance of individual assets and the current funding level.

**Decision taken:** That the performance of the Fund up to September 2020, as set out in the report presented, is noted.

### **Lancashire County Pension Fund Risk Register**

*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 updated Risk Register for the Fund together with the specific register regarding risks associated with the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Committee was informed of a change to the rating of the risk regarding the ongoing recruitment of a new Head of Fund and noted the addition of a new risk associated with the transition of the Employer Risk Service to the Fund. With regard to references in the Register to an expected report on the updated Investment Strategy Statement it was reported that the finalisation of certain benchmarks had delayed the report which would now be presented to the Committee in March 2021.

**Decision taken:**

1. That the Lancashire County Pension Fund Risk Register and summary, as set out in the Appendices to the report presented, are noted.
2. That a report on the updated Investment Strategy Statement, referred to in the Risk Register, be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

**Extension of the appointment of the Chair of the Lancashire Local Pension Board.**

*Exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 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 regarding the extension of the current contract between the County Council and the London Pension Fund Authority (LPFA) in relation to the independent Chair of the Lancashire Local Pension Board.

**Decision taken:**

1. That the extension of the current joint contract of Mr W Bourne as the independent Chair of the Lancashire Local Pension Board for a further 2 years, on the basis set out in Appendix 'A' to the report presented, is approved.
2. That full Council be recommended to approve the extension of the appointment referred to at 1 above for a further two years with effect from 1st April 2021.
3. That the LPFA Board be informed of the decision specified above and asked to pursue a similar approval through its own decision making process.

## Meeting of the Full Council

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 December 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 October 2020 to December 2020.

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

Appendix 'A' - Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Appendix 'B' - External Scrutiny Committee

Appendix 'C' - Health 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.



## Meeting of the Full Council - 17 December 2020

### Reports on the Education and Children's Services Committee Meetings held on 14 October 2020 and 10 November 2020

**Chair: County Councillor Andrea Kay**

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

[Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee](#)

#### 14 October 2020

##### **Preparing for an Increase in Demand in Children's Social Care**

A presentation updating the committee on the plans in place to manage the increase in children's social care referrals was delivered.

**Resolved:** That the information presented be noted.

#### 10 November 2020

##### **Education in Lancashire - Digital Challenges and Opportunities**

The report presented sought to provide members of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee with information on the digital challenges and opportunities faced by schools in Lancashire as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The continuing digital opportunities and challenges faced by schools across Lancashire be recognised.
- ii. The work undertaken by the county council to further support schools be noted.



## Meeting of the Full Council - 17 December 2020

### Report on the External Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 17 November 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](#)

### 17 November 2020

#### **Decarbonisation Pathway for Lancashire**

A presentation was delivered on the decarbonisation pathway for Lancashire by representatives of Electricity North West and Cadent Gas.

**Resolved:** That relevant officers be requested to attend a future scheduled meeting of the External Scrutiny Committee to present on the Greater Lancashire Plan and progress made towards a green summit for Lancashire as previously agreed with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Environment and Planning to bring together all councils, public sector, the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership and the private sector into a cohesive, planned effort.

#### **Universal Credit: Citizen's Advice in Lancashire – The Impact of Covid 19**

Representatives from Citizen's Advice attended the meeting and presented an update on the impact of Covid 19 on the people of Lancashire and the issues they faced.

**Resolved:** That;

1. The report be noted.
2. Additional recommendations as referred to in the minutes be formulated when the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing attends and presents at the next scheduled meeting of the committee on 12 January 2021.



## **Meeting of the Full Council - 17 December 2020**

### **Report on the Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 3 November 2020**

**Chair: County Councillor Peter Britcliffe**

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

[Health Scrutiny Committee](#)

### **3 November 2020**

#### **LCC Adult Social Care Winter Plan**

The report presented provided details of the Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2020-21, and the additional capacity that would be mobilised to meet the anticipated demand. The Winter Plan would be considered by Cabinet when it met on 5 November 2020.

**Resolved:** That:

1. The report presented be noted.
2. The Health Scrutiny Committee supported the ongoing work of Adult Social Care to ensure vulnerable people who need social care support across the winter period and continuing pandemic, receive the right support at the right time.

#### **Update on Suicide Prevention in Lancashire and South Cumbria**

An update on suicide prevention activity across Lancashire and South Cumbria was presented to the committee. The update also provided members with information on actions taken against recommendations previously made by the committee at its meeting in December 2017.

**Resolved:** That the update on Suicide Prevention in Lancashire and South Cumbria be noted.



## **Meeting of the Full Council - 17 December 2020**

### **Report on the Internal Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 13 November 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 November 2020**

#### **Speeding Traffic and the Lack of Enforcement**

A presentation from Highways and Transport was provided to the Internal Scrutiny Committee on speeding traffic and the lack of enforcement. Colleagues from Lancashire Constabulary also attended the meeting to provide an update to the committee.

**Resolved:** The Internal Scrutiny Committee noted the update presented.

#### **Task and Finish Group Request - Health Scrutiny Committee**

The report presented set out the request from the Health Scrutiny Committee for a task and finish group to be established to review the forthcoming proposals from the local NHS on the future of Chorley and South Ribble A&E.

**Resolved:** The Internal Scrutiny Committee approved the task and finish group request.



**Meeting of the Full Council**  
**Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 December 2020**

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

**Part B**

Electoral Division affected:  
None;

**The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

The report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board from its meeting held on 3 November 2020 is attached at Appendix 'A'.

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

Members can also contact officers specified in individual reports for further information.

**Recommendation**

That the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, as now presented, be noted.

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

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



# Appendix A

## Meeting of the Full Council - 17 December 2020

### Report on the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting held on 3 November 2020

**Chair: County Councillor Shaun Turner**

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

[Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board](#)

#### **Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board - SEND Sub-Committee**

The Board received an update from the SEND Sub-Committee which had been held on 24 September 2020 to discuss the monitoring of the Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) going forward. The Board also agreed an amendment to the Terms of Reference membership for the Sub-Committee.

**Resolved:** That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- i) Noted the Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) submitted to the Department for Education (Appendix 'A') to address the five areas where it had been judged that sufficient progress had not yet been achieved;
- ii) Noted the establishment of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sub-Committee of the Health and Wellbeing Board, which met for the first time on 24 September 2020;
- iii) Received a verbal update on the progress of actions in the Accelerated Progress Plan due to be completed at the end of October 2020.
- iv) Approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sub-Committee as set out in Appendix 'B' of the report.

#### **Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report 2019-20**

An overview was given to the Board of the work undertaken by the pan-Lancashire Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) during 2019/20, which included key findings from child death data, progress made on last year's recommendations (2018/19), partnership achievements, and priorities and recommendations for 2020/21.

**Resolved:** That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- i) Noted the update and priorities identified.
- ii) Sought confirmation from each organisation that Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) forms are returned within the statutory three week deadline and are completed as fully as possible, including details of father or other male carers in the household, before they are submitted to Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP). (The CDOP Business group monitors this on a monthly basis. Whilst there have been measureable improvements over the course of the year, there are still gaps in information which are being followed up).
- iii) Assured themselves that there are relevant interagency initiatives in place to reduce the prevalence of modifiable factors, identified in the under one population including:
  - Safe sleeping
  - Risk factors for reducing premature births including:
    - High body mass index (BMI) (including healthy diet and physical activity)
    - High blood pressure (linked to high BMI)
    - Smoking
    - Alcohol use
    - Substance misuse
    - Domestic violence
    - Mental health
    - Diabetes (often linked to BMI)
    - Lack of physical activity

### **Integrated Care Fund and Winter Grant Spending Plan 2021/2021**

The Board received an overview of the funding arrangements as detailed in the report, to support additional health and social care winter capacity in Lancashire to the Board.

**Resolved:** That the Health and Wellbeing Board recognised the validity of the decision making process, under current arrangements, and supported the spending plan as outlined in the report.

### **Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2020/21**

Details were outlined to the Board of the Council's Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2020-21 (Appendix A) and the additional capacity that would be mobilised to meet the anticipated demand. The Winter Plan 2020-21 would be considered by Cabinet on 5 November 2020. Further context around the plan were detailed in the report and the presentation covered the following in more detail:

- Winter Planning
- Context
  - Funding
  - What is in the Plan
  - Next Steps

**Resolved:** That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- i) Noted the report.
- ii) Supported the ongoing work of Adult Social Care to ensure that vulnerable people who needed social care support across the winter period and throughout the pandemic, received the right support at the right time.
- iii) Louise Taylor, Executive Director for Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing would circulate a list of homes who would be actively accepting people with COVID-19 when it was finalised.

### **Lancashire COVID-19 Outbreak Management Update**

The Board received a current overview on the COVID-19 outbreak for Lancashire.

The Board was signposted to the single source of weekly updates for Lancashire's COVID-19 statistics, which can be found via the following link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/covidweekly/>.

**Resolved:** That the Board noted the update.



# Agenda Item 9

## Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36

### 1. By County Councillor Collinge

Full Council, having in February 2019 recognised the need for urgent action on climate change, welcomes the publication of the recommendations of the Lancaster district Climate Change People's Jury.

The question considered by the Lancaster district Climate Change People's Jury was 'What do we need to do in our homes, neighbourhoods and district to respond to the emergency of climate change?'

The report, published on 23 November 2020, makes recommendations across four areas of action:

- Communications, Education And Council Leadership
- Food/Farming And Waste/Recycling
- Housing
- Transport

The report can be viewed at: <http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/climate-emergency/people-s-jury-recommendations>

This council commits to:

- (i) Understanding which recommendations are directly under the control of the county council.
- (ii) Understanding which recommendations are within the county council sphere of influence, whether directly or indirectly.
- (iii) Implementing the recommendations where we have direct control.
- (iv) Making actions plans on how to influence others to implement the rest of the recommendations.
- (v) Enacting those action plans.

### 2. By County Councillor Ali

Lancashire County Council notes that Rolls-Royce sites at Barnoldswick contribute £1 billion to the region's GDP and that the company has received hundreds of millions of pounds from the government to support research and development in order to support British jobs.

Lancashire County Council notes with great concern that the company has announced it is offshoring British jobs to Singapore with the loss of wide-chord fan blade production and has now announced the loss of jobs from Barnoldswick to Spain.

If Rolls-Royce implements these decisions in full, little more than one hundred people will be left at the birthplace of the jet engine at Barnoldswick site, down from over 1,000 just a few

years ago. This will have an immediate and devastating impact on the supply chain and wider economy of the county and, in the longer term, lead to the loss of advanced manufacturing capabilities and skilled job opportunities.

This Council expresses solidarity with the generations of skilled workers at the Barnoldswick sites since the jet engine was developed there, the current workforce, their families, and the wider community suffering so badly as a result of the company's actions and Government's inaction and instructs the Chief Executive as a matter of urgency:

- (i) To write to the Prime Minister asking for the government to immediately intervene in this misguided decision by Rolls Royce to shut down large parts of its operation on its Barnoldswick site in Pendle which affects the strategic capabilities of the country as a whole.
- (ii) To ask the Prime Minister for a meeting with group leaders, Unite the Union, Chair of the Lancashire LEP and the Chief Executive of Rolls Royce.
- (iii) To write to Ben Wallace as Secretary of State for Defence to request consideration of ways in which defence contracts could be transferred to Barnoldswick to utilise the world class skills of the engineers at the site, and a meeting with group leaders and Unite the Union.
- (iv) To ask all Lancashire MPs to actively support the Battle for Barnoldswick campaign.

### **3. By County Councillor Dowding**

#### **Lancashire Climate, Biodiversity and Decarbonisation Strategy**

##### **Lancashire County Council notes:**

That while Lancashire County Council has begun to reduce its own operational carbon emissions, at current emissions levels Lancashire will use its entire carbon budget for the future within around seven years, according to the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. (1)

The scale of the challenge of moving towards a low carbon economy has increased considerably since Lancashire wrote its Climate Change Strategy 2009 – 2020. (2)

In February 2019, Lancashire County Council acknowledged that answering the challenge of climate change is not work that can be done individually and committed to working in partnership with councils, businesses, organisations and residents across the county to meet this challenge. (3)

That the direction of travel of Government policy is now towards stronger measures for decarbonisation. The Climate Change Committee (CCC) is urging PM Boris Johnson to commit to reducing the UK's emissions by at least 68% by 2030, through its updated Paris Agreement pledge for COP26.

The Government accepts that plans announced so far, (4) close less than half the emissions gap needed to meet its own commitments. That future government spending contained in the Treasury's Green Book is moving towards a zero-carbon test, and that "*it is inevitable that governments will be forced to act more decisively than they have so far*". (5)

That a Lancashire wide decarbonisation strategy will ensure Lancashire is ahead of the policy curve; and with identified green, inclusive and climate resilient projects for further investment, will be able to more adequately compete for Government funding and respond to 'getting to zero carbon' policies as they are formulated.

**Lancashire County Council therefore resolves:**

1. To work together with the Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to create a coherent Lancashire Climate, Biodiversity and Decarbonisation Strategy within the next four months which meets year-on-year minimum emissions reduction targets such as advised by professional and scientific bodies including the Tyndall Centre, and the government's own committee on climate change.
2. To ensure that such a strategy incorporates a plan for transitioning the Lancashire economy away from carbon by 2030, addresses the biodiversity crisis; while also protecting against poverty and improving social inclusion.
3. To ask the LEP to integrate the Lancashire Climate, Biodiversity and Decarbonisation Strategy into workstreams of the LEP such as the Local Industrial Strategy, and its sector plans including the Energy and Low Carbon, Food and Agriculture, and Transport sector plans.
4. To ensure that the strategy will support the LEP to embrace and/or continue its work supporting the following:
  - i. Local production of renewable energy, including infrastructure for a decentralised grid and peer-to-peer trading where regulation allows.
  - ii. Access to training for employees and prospective employees in industries which are at risk of shrinking due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the climate crises, such as the civil aerospace industry, encouraging alternative employment and the chance to retrain for work in renewable energy engineering or other sectors needed for a zero-carbon economy.
  - iii. Decarbonisation of energy-intensive manufacturers.
  - iv. Chemicals manufacturers, where appropriate, to evaluate the impact of chemicals produced in Lancashire on biodiversity and on local health outcomes and taking steps, when necessary, to reduce or eliminate any adverse environmental impact.
  - v. Transport investment to reduce carbon emissions, and for public transport and active travel (walking and cycling) links in the county.
  - vi. Local financial services to stimulate investment in local highly- skilled low carbon businesses.
  - vii. The development of high-quality modular building in Lancashire to accelerate the delivery of low-carbon, high-quality homes.

- viii. Funding for a programme of retrofitting of existing housing stock to reduce energy waste and fuel poverty, including working with local education providers to train the necessary workforce to meet the skills gap in the retrofitting sector.
- ix. The localisation of food production, and by working with community groups and developers to increase access to urban-grown local produce.
- x. The reversal of species loss by working with landowners and property owners to provide space for nature.
- xi. Businesses to reduce and eliminate material, water and energy waste, and the development of a circular economy.
- xii. The views and priorities of diverse communities, trades unions, the voluntary sector and local groups of Lancashire are represented in the LEP's decision making processes, and are represented at the earliest stage of development of decarbonisation plans.

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  - [Energy White Paper, Heat Strategy & Buildings Strategy](#)
  - [UK Hydrogen Strategy](#)
  - [Environment Bill](#)
  - [post-Brexit Agriculture subsidy changes](#)
  - [post-Brexit emissions trading or carbon tax decision](#)
  - [Future Homes Standard r](#)
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# Agenda Item 11

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