

# **Lancashire County Council**

## **Cabinet**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 4th February, 2021 at 2.00 pm in Teams Virtual Meeting - Teams**

#### **Present:**

County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE

Leader of the Council  
(in the Chair)

#### **Cabinet Members**

County Councillor Keith Iddon  
County Councillor Albert Atkinson  
County Councillor Michael Green  
County Councillor Phillippa Williamson  
County Councillor Peter Buckley  
County Councillor Graham Gooch  
County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillor Azhar Ali OBE and County Councillor John Fillis were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. C14(2).

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies received.

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

None

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2021**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **4. Procurement Report**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to commence the following procurement exercises in accordance with the county council's procurement rules:

- i. Provision of Reablement Services in East Lancashire;
- ii. Vehicle Restraint Systems Framework Agreement;
- iii. Safer Roads Programme; and
- iv. South Lancaster Housing Infrastructure.

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

- i. Provision of Reablement Services in East Lancashire;
- ii. Vehicle Restraint Systems Framework Agreement;
- iii. Safer Roads Programme; and
- iv. South Lancaster Housing Infrastructure.

**5. M6 Junction 33 Reconfiguration with Link Road and Lancaster City Movement and Public Realm Strategy**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to take forward the preferred option for the M6 Junction 33 Reconfiguration with Link Road and the three options for the Lancaster City Centre Movement and Public Realm Strategy.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. The preferred option for the M6 Junction 33 Reconfiguration with Link Road be approved;
- ii. The route, as set out in Appendix 'C' of the report, be approved and adopted as the route for the M6 Junction 33 Reconfiguration with Link Road; and
- iii. The proposed three options for the Lancaster City Centre Movement and Public Realm Strategy for the purpose of further analysis and consultation, be approved.

**6. M6 Junction 33 Reconfiguration with Link Road - Approval for use of Powers and Preparation of Documentation for Land Assembly and Planning under a Development Consent Order**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the use of powers and preparation of documentation for land assembly and planning in respect of this part of the South Lancaster to M6 Road Scheme.

It was noted that a further report in relation to the full scheme will be brought to a future Cabinet meeting.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The use of the county council's powers of compulsory acquisition of land or rights over land contained in the Planning Act 2008 and all and any other enabling legislation, for the construction and future maintenance of the proposed M6 J33 reconfiguration with link road and realigned footpath network, as part of the South Lancaster to M6 Road Scheme as illustrated on the plan at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved;
- ii. The preparation of relevant documentation and the taking of other procedural steps towards the drafting of a Development Consent Order prior to submission of any application be authorised; and
- iii. The acquisition by agreement in advance of these powers of all rights, interests, enabling arrangements to facilitate the scheme be approved.

**7. Lancashire County Council (Bus Station South Access, Lord Street and Tithebarn Street, Preston, Preston City) (Suspension, Bus Only Street and Bus Gate) Experimental Order 2020**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the making permanent of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for the bus only street on Tithebarn Street, Lord Street and Bus Gate on Lord's Walk.

**Resolved:** That, the making permanent of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for the bus only street on Tithebarn Street, Lord Street and Bus Gate on Lord's Walk as set out in the attached Order (Appendix 'A') and plan (Appendix 'B') of the report, be approved.

**8. Determination of Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Lancashire Maintained Schools and Academies for Academic Years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26**

Cabinet considered a report that provided details of the consultation within the County of Lancashire, representatives of the local Diocesan Church Education Authorities and the governing bodies of all Lancashire maintained schools, Free Schools and Academies on the establishing of the relevant area for consultation on admission arrangements.

It was noted that the Authority proposed no changes, and no responses were received by the Local Authority to this consultation.

**Resolved:** That, the definition of the relevant areas remains unchanged for the 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years, be agreed.

**9. Determination of Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary and Secondary Schools and Sixth Forms for the School Year 2022/2023**

Cabinet considered a report on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled primary and secondary schools and sixth forms schools for the school year 2022/2023.

During the presentation of the report, it was noted that there were changes that had been made to the criteria as set out in Appendix 'D' of the report, following the report's publication. These changes were that criteria 1 had been changed to (1a) and the following had been added as (1b), "Looked after children and those who have been previously looked after who are legally adopted from overseas (see note (x) below."

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The admission numbers and admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled primary schools, secondary schools and sixth forms for 2022/2023 as set out at Appendices 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' of the report, subject to the change outlined above, be approved;
- ii. The issues raised by Community and Voluntary Controlled Governing Bodies, and the Community, and approve the recommendations set out in response, as set out in Appendix 'E' of the report be noted; and

- iii. The admission numbers and criteria for admission as set out at Appendices 'A' and 'B' of the report, to constitute the Authority's admission arrangements for 2022/2023, be approved.

#### **10. Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme 2022/2023 - Determination of the Qualifying Scheme**

Cabinet considered a report on the determination of the statutory scheme and the mandatory timetable for co-ordinating admissions for Lancashire's primary and secondary schools and academies for 2022/2023.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The scheme set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, and its accompanying timetable as set out in Appendix 'B' of the report, be adopted as the qualifying scheme for admissions to Lancashire primary and secondary schools and academies for 2022/2023, be approved; and
- ii. The Executive Director of Education and Children's Services be approved to secure the adoption of the scheme by the governing body of each Lancashire voluntary aided and foundation school and academy, in order to inform the Secretary of State for Education that a scheme has been introduced in Lancashire.

#### **11. Determination of Home to School Transport Policy - Academic Year 2022/2023**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the Home to School Transport Policy for the academic year 2022/2023.

**Resolved:** That, the Home to School Transport Policy for the academic year 2022/2023 as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

#### **12. Adult Social Care - Fees and Charges 2021/2022**

Cabinet considered a report setting out the county council's proposed fee uplifts for adult social care services for 2021/22 and the increases in charges for service users, the financial impact of which have been reflected in the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

**Resolved:** That, the fee uplifts as set out in report for adult social care services for 2021/22, be approved with effect from 5 April 2021.

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

It was noted that there had been an urgent decision taken by the Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools since the publication of the agenda for this meeting. This decision was in relation to Supporting Remote Learning by Providing Laptops to Lancashire Schools which aimed to provide free laptops for pupils who have not been able to access remote learning through any of the national or local schemes currently available.

**Resolved:** That the urgent decision taken by the Leader of the County Council and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, be noted.

**14. Urgent Business**

There were no items of Urgent Business.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 4 March 2021 as a virtual meeting.

**16. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private**

Cabinet noted the Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private and that no representations had been received.

**17. Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Resolved:** That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated against the heading to the item.

**18. Capital Strategy for Schools - 2018/19 to 2021/22**

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.

Cabinet considered a report on the Capital Strategy for Schools for 2018/19 to 2021/22.

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

Angie Ridgwell  
Chief Executive and  
Director of Resources

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