

Full Council

Thursday, 16th December, 2021 at 1.00 pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston

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Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive and
Director of Resources

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07 December 2021

Agenda Item 3

Questions submitted under Standing Order B28

No.	To be asked by:	Question:	For answer by (Cabinet Member):
1.	CC Ashton	Can the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport provide an update on the research that has been carried out by Lancashire County Council on 'Quiet Streets' which is being used successfully in Tameside and other council areas?	CC Edwards
2.	CC Smith	With the Government recently publishing its comprehensive Net Zero Strategy, can the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change outline what Lancashire County Council is doing to plan to meet its own Net Zero pledge?	CC Turner
3.	CC Dowding	<p>Lancashire County Council committed to address congestion, air pollution and support modal shift in Lancaster through investment in sustainable transport infrastructure as a key element of the South Lancaster Growth Catalyst's Housing Infrastructure Fund, a funding package designed to facilitate a new town on the fields south of Lancaster of over 9,000 homes with a population of 30,000. Can the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport please confirm that delivery of the sustainable transport infrastructure, as per the timetable presented to the city council this summer, is still on track as below? If not, can he confirm by how much it has slipped and why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- May 2023 - Cycling/Walking superhighway completed- January 2024 - City Centre schemes/ gyratory completed- March 2024 - Canal bridge works completed- June 2024 - Bus Rapid transit including park and ride completed- October 2024 - A6 Junction and rail tie in completed	CC Edwards

Agenda Item 4

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 14th October, 2021

Present:

County Councillor Barrie Yates (Chairman)

County Councillors

T Aldridge	J Fillis	M Pattison
A Ali OBE	A Gardiner	E Pope
U Arif	J Gibson	J Potter
T Ashton	G Gooch	J Purcell
N Aziz	M Goulthorp	J Rear
R Bailey	M Green	P Rigby
S Barnes	H Hartley	S Rigby
L Beavers	C Haythornthwaite	A Riggott
J Berry	N Hennessy	M Salter
P Britcliffe	S Hind	S Serridge
M Brown	A Hindle	J Shedwick
P Buckley	S Holgate	J R Singleton JP
J Burrows	A Hosker	S Smith
A Cheetham	T Hurn	K Snape
S Clarke	S Jones	A Sutcliffe
A Clempson	A Kay	R Swarbrick
M Clifford	H Khan	M Tomlinson
L Collinge	N Khan	C Towneley
J Couperthwaite	E Lewis	S Turner
L Cox	M Maxwell-Scott	A Vincent
A Cullens	J Mein	D Westley
M Dad BEM JP	G Mirfin	S Whittam
F De Molfetta	S C Morris	P Williamson
G Dowding	D O'Toole	R Woollam
C Edwards	J Oakes	
A Fewings	J Parr	

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors David Howarth, Keith Iddon and Alan Schofield.

County Councillors Mohammed Iqbal MBE, Sobia Malik, Yousuf Motala and Lian Pate joined the meeting virtually.

Announcements

Deaths

The Chairman reported the recent death of former County Councillor David Nelson who sadly passed away on Saturday 28 August 2021.

The Council observed a one-minute silence.

Recognitions

- Lancashire Care Capacity Tracker

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Graham Gooch, Cabinet Member for Adult Services, drew Full Council's attention to Adult Social Care being recently recognised with the Association for Public Service Excellence Award in the 'Best Health and Wellbeing Initiative (including Social Care)' category.

- Lancashire Trading Standards Service

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Peter Buckley, Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services, drew Full Council's attention to the Trading Standards Service being recently recognised at the Anti-Counterfeiting Group 2021 Awards for Excellence in Anti-Counterfeiting Enforcement at a virtual event. The team and senior officer, Lara Mason, both received 'highly commended' at the event.

- Children's Services, Residential and Outreach Workers

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Cosima Towneley, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, drew Full Council's attention to the service being recently recognised as the Best Council Services Team of the Year at the Municipal Journal Awards.

- Schools and Residential Care Catering Service

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Jayne Rear, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, drew Full Council's attention to the service being recently shortlisted for two industry awards; the Public Sector Catering Awards, with the service being shortlisted in the Marketing Award category; and the Association for Public Service Excellence, Service Awards for Best Service Team of the Year (Catering Service).

Full Council congratulated and thanked all those involved in the achievement of these awards.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

3. Question Time

County Councillors Jackie Oakes, Anna Hindle, Jeff Couperthwaite, Anne Cheetham and Andy Fewings asked their respective questions as follows:

No.	Question From	Subject	For Answer By
1.	County Councillor Jackie Oakes	Flooding in Winter Months	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
2.	County Councillor Anna Hindle	Environment Bill	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
3.	County Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite	Fostering Allowances	Cabinet Member for Children and Families
4.	County Councillor Anne Cheetham	Citizenship Ceremonies	Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services
5.	County Councillor Andy Fewings	Sales of Lancashire County Council Land in Burnley	Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader)

County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change; County Councillor Cosima Towneley, Cabinet Member for Children and Families; County Councillor Peter Buckley, Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services; County Councillor Alan Vincent, Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader), replied respectively.

Due to a limit of 30 minutes for Question Time, the following question was not asked and was subject to a written response copied to all councillors.

6.	County Councillor Gina Dowding	Cycling and Walking Infrastructure	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
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4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meetings held on 15 July 2021

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meetings held on 15 July 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Report of the Cabinet (Part A) - Corporate Priorities 2021 - 2025 and Communications Strategy 2021 - 2025

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report asking Full Council to consider the recommendations of the Cabinet in relation to the Corporate Priorities 2021 - 2025 and Communications Strategy 2021 - 2025.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The Corporate Priorities 2021 - 2025, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the Cabinet report, now presented, be adopted.
- (ii) The Communications Strategy 2021 - 2025, as set out at Appendix 'B' to the Cabinet report, now presented, be approved.
- (iii) The Chief Executive and Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, be authorised to undertake an update of the corporate strategy, as set out in the report, now presented.

6. Report of the Cabinet (Part A) - Cabinet Meetings - Questions for Cabinet

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report asking Full Council to consider the recommendation of the Cabinet in relation to adopting the rules for Questions for Cabinet.

Resolved: - That the Cabinet's recommendation to adopt the rules for Questions to Cabinet and to authorise the Director of Corporate Services to make the necessary changes to the county council's constitution, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

7. Proposal to Change the School Transport Appeals Process

It was noted that this report had been withdrawn.

8. Lancashire County Pension Fund Annual Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2021

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report asking Full Council to consider the Lancashire County Pension Fund Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2021.

Resolved: - That the performance and state of the Lancashire County Pension Fund and investment activities for the year ended 31 March 2021, as set out in the report and detailed in the Lancashire County Pension Fund Annual Report 2021/21, now presented, be noted.

9. Lancashire County Council Timetable of Meetings 2022/23

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report asking Full Council to consider a draft timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for the period 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023.

Resolved: - That the timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for the period 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023 inclusive, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be approved.

10. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

11. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 8 July 2021 and 2 September 2021, 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.

12(a) The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick moved the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 26 July 2021.

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

12(b) The Employment Committee

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Employment Committee from its meeting on 13 September 2021.

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

12(c) The Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 17 September 2021.

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

12(d) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – 1 September 2021

Health Scrutiny Committee – 14 September 2021

Internal Scrutiny Committee – 10 September 2021

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

13. Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor David O'Toole moved the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meeting on 13 September 2021.

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

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

1. It was moved by County Councillor Jean Parr and seconded by County Councillor Samara Barnes that:

Women and girls of Lancashire are suffering from misogyny, expressed in sexual harassment, domestic abuse and death. Lancashire women suffer a higher than average rate of deaths – the femicide census ranks Lancashire as 13th highest for female killings in a list of 42 police forces in the UK. There is evidence of a link between domestic abuse and terrorism: misogyny affects everyone, not just women.

Council therefore resolves that the Chief Executive and Director of Resources writes to the Minister of State for Crime and Policing, Kit Malthouse MP, with the following requests:

- (i) That he prepares legislation to make misogyny a hate crime, to be recorded as such by all police forces across the UK, and be prosecuted by the Crown Prosecution Service with as much vigour as other hate crimes.
- (ii) That police forces should be required to record all instances of femicide, the killing of a woman or girl by a man, with immediate effect.
- (iii) That a task force be set up before the end of this year to assess the extent and impact of incel (involuntary celibate) groups both online and offline, and to work with voluntary groups and experts who have already begun work in this field.
- (iv) That all incidents of domestic violence should be treated as violent assault or grievous bodily harm, to be prosecuted automatically without the victim being required to make a formal complaint.

- (v) That policing resources should be increased to ensure that police forces are able to deal with these new responsibilities. At the very least they should return to pre 2010 strength.
- (vi) That resources be made available to further study the links between domestic abuse and the perpetrators of terrorist actions.

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

Women and girls in Lancashire are suffering from misogyny manifested in sexual harassment domestic abuse and death. This type of misogyny affects a wider circle than the women involved and the impact on children can be considerable. 62% of children living in an abusive household are harmed directly, with 90% being witness to the abuse between parents.

There is no excuse for misogyny or indeed misandry or gender based sexual harassment or abuse of any sort.

This council offers its wholehearted support to the victims of such harassment, abuse and violence, as well as to the police officers who protect and support our communities and resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to Andrew Snowden, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, to request he make personal representation on the following:

1. That legislation regarding domestic violence and coercive control be strictly and robustly applied by all police forces across England and Wales and be prosecuted by the Crown Prosecution Service whenever there is sufficient evidence to make a conviction likely, even if the prosecution is not supported by the victim.
2. That he liaises with the Secretary of State, Kit Malthouse MP, to direct police forces to include in their Annual Report details of all cases where a person of one sex commits an offence of homicide against a person of another sex and for Government to consider defining misogyny and misandry as a hate crime.
3. That a task force be set up before the end of the year to assess the extent and impact of online threats (including by so called "incels") and the effect on the behaviour of women and girls, and to work with voluntary groups and experts who have experience in this field.
4. That all incidents of domestic violence be treated as offences against the person and prosecuted in a form commensurate with the harm or injury caused.
5. That policing resources be put into training in the recognition and victim support in cases of suspected domestic abuse and / or suspected coercive control.
6. That resources be made available to further study the links between domestic abuse and the perpetrators of terrorist actions.

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

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

Resolved: - That:

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1. **It was moved by County Councillor Anna Hindle and seconded by County Councillor Azhar Ali that:**

Early Diagnosis Brain Tumour symptom cards – Awareness for babies, children, and teenagers

HeadSmart is an awareness campaign which informs and empowers parents and healthcare professionals to recognise the signs and symptoms of brain tumours in babies, children, and teenagers to reduce diagnosis times.

Early diagnosis of brain cancer can reduce long-term disabilities and save lives. Diagnosis of brain tumours is not always easy as the initial symptoms can mimic those of less serious illnesses.

We are told that brain tumours are rare. However, 10 children and teenagers are diagnosed with a brain tumour every week in the UK. That is more than 1 a day.

Only 12% of people diagnosed with a brain tumour survive beyond five years. Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer. Since national cancer spend records began in 2002, £680 million has been invested in breast cancer, compared to £96 million on brain tumours. This is a difference of £35 million a year over 17 years.

To help overcome such issues HeadSmart have developed several resources to raise awareness and provide support for parents, carers, teenagers, and healthcare professionals. There is a website, animation video, clinical posters, and quick reference guide for GPs. There are also small symptoms cards, which are a practical way of providing advice to parents about the signs to look out for regarding brain tumours.

If Lancashire County Council sent these HeadSmart cards to Lancashire wide educational settings and medical practices it could be meaningful and potentially save lives.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- (i) Support the HeadSmart initiative to raise awareness of brain cancer in Lancashire through all appropriate routes, including with partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board and the local Cancer Network.
- (ii) Work with the local NHS and partners to distribute HeadSmart diagnosis cards across all relevant settings in Lancashire, including:
 - a. GP Surgeries and Health Clinics
 - b. Schools and Education Settings
 - c. Other Children's Service settings
- (iii) Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister to ask for support for more funding for Brain Tumour research.
- (iv) Ask the Chief Executive to write to Lancashire MPs and encourage them to engage with this issue and support the work of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Brain Tumours.

On being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was therefore:

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2. It was moved by County Councillor Scott Smith and seconded by County Councillor Mike Goulthorp that:

Lancashire County Council welcomes the introduction of T-Levels, which widen opportunities for post-16 education by placing technical and academic qualifications on equal footing.

This Council further notes that 311 young people are already currently undertaking this new qualification at colleges across the County. September of this year represented one year of T-Levels, as well as their expansion to encompass a much wider range of industries including construction, healthcare, digital and science.

Therefore, Lancashire County Council resolves to support T-Levels, providers and students by:

- (i) Asking the Chief Executive to write to teaching and leadership staff of providers across the County to thank them for their work in delivering this new qualification.
- (ii) Encouraging as many new providers as possible to consider providing T-Levels; and
- (iii) Congratulating all students who have undertaken their first year of T-Levels.

On being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was therefore:

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3. It was moved by County Councillor Gina Dowding and seconded by County Councillor Andy Fewings that:

Supporting Lancashire's low carbon businesses: including a call for a comprehensive carbon tax with a citizen dividend

Lancashire County Council notes:

1. The stark conclusions from the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, released on 9 August 2021:

“Man-made climate change is widespread, rapid and intensifying, affecting every part of the globe. Since the second half of the 19th century, the release of greenhouse gases (GHGs) from human activities has warmed the planet by 1.1C. Rapid reductions in GHGs are needed immediately, otherwise limiting global warming to 1.5C or even 2C will be beyond reach.”

The report presents the findings from years of in-depth work from over 200 scientists in 66 countries. It provides key evidence for the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, which is hosted by the UK Government and is taking place in Glasgow next month.

2. That Lancashire is home to a number of excellent innovations across its business sectors that are reducing carbon use in industry and production, including those based at the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone site; but
3. In order to achieve Lancashire’s ambitions for carbon neutrality there is a need for policy support from government for a shift at pace and scale to a low carbon economy, which will give certainty to Lancashire’s businesses who wish to quickly move to low carbon production methods.
4. The broad support for a comprehensive carbon tax with a citizen dividend, based on the polluter pays principle, to help achieve carbon targets.
 - Currently the costs of climate breakdown are not borne by the industries and activities that are causing the damage but by people and communities coming under increasing pressure and danger. Outdoor air pollution from fossil fuels causes three million deaths globally each year, and 30,000 deaths in the UK.
 - A carbon tax, set at the right level, will drive fossil fuel burning out of the economy and promote investment in clean alternatives, and therefore support Lancashire’s renewable energy sector and put clean technologies at the heart of the low carbon economy.
 - A citizen dividend from the carbon tax, returned directly to UK citizens through equal lump sum rebates, would ensure that the less well-off actually benefit financially, and would reduce inequalities across Lancashire's communities.

Lancashire County Council therefore resolves:

1. To write to the UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson MP and Alok Sharma MP, President of the COP26 conference (and to notify all of Lancashire's MPs), asking them:
 - To propose an international carbon tax framework to the COP26 talks.
 - If no such agreement is reached in Glasgow, to introduce a UK wide carbon tax as soon as possible and apply this tax to imports as well as to domestic production (and/or 'carbon border adjustment mechanisms').

- To incorporate the citizens' dividend mechanism to fairly return carbon tax earnings to those who require financial support in the transition to a cleaner economy.
2. To explore and expand other avenues for supporting Lancashire's growing renewable and clean technology industries to ensure reduction in carbon, and that Lancashire's disadvantaged residents benefit from the new low carbon economy.

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

Supporting Lancashire's low carbon businesses: including a call for a comprehensive carbon tax with a citizen dividend

Lancashire County Council notes:

The stark conclusions from the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report – that emissions of gases from human activities are responsible for approximately 1.1 degrees centigrade since the end of the 19th century – and finds that averaged over the next 20 years, global temperature is expected to reach or exceed 1.5 degrees.

The report provides key evidence for the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP26, which is hosted by the UK Government in partnership with Italy and takes place in Glasgow next month.

The council also notes that Lancashire is home to a number of cutting edge, innovative low carbon technology manufacturing businesses as well as many other forward thinking businesses and organisations who are actively reducing or seeking to reduce their own environmental footprints. We acknowledge that these businesses currently have access to a broad package of support in order to help them achieve this such as REDCAT and the Lancashire Green Rose programme amongst others and would like to see these continue and grow going forward.

We are also acutely aware that some organisations and individuals will, in financial terms, find it much easier than others to make the necessary changes in order that the UK can meet its net zero target. Therefore, some will need more support than others.

In order to achieve Lancashire's own ambitions for carbon neutrality there is a need for both equitable policy, fiscal measures and financial support from government to enable a shift at pace and scale to a low carbon economy. This should look to support Lancashire residents and businesses to reduce their carbon footprints and move to low carbon production methods without any individuals or businesses being left behind.

Lancashire County Council therefore resolves:

1. To write to the UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson MP and Alok Sharma MP, President of the COP26 conference (and to notify all of Lancashire's MPs), asking them to propose a fair and proportionate international fiscal framework which recognises the complexity around carbon embodied goods and services. That ensures everybody is supported to transition to Net Zero.
2. To continue supporting and invest further in Lancashire's growing renewable and clean technology industries to ensure reduction in carbon, more high skilled jobs and that Lancashire's residents benefit from the new low carbon economy.

Following a brief adjournment, the friendly amendment was accepted by County Councillor Dowding and became the substantive motion.

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

Resolved: - That:

Supporting Lancashire's low carbon businesses: including a call for a comprehensive carbon tax with a citizen dividend

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Chief Executive and Director
of Resources

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Meeting of the Full Council

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 December 2021

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Caring for the vulnerable;
Protecting our environment;

Report of the Cabinet (Part A) - Local Member Grants (Appendix 'A' refers)

Contact for further information:

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Brief Summary

Attached at Appendix 'A' is the report considered by Cabinet on 4 November 2021 in respect of the Local Member Grant Scheme.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to consider the recommendations of Cabinet in respect of the Local Member Grant Scheme.

Detail

Attached at Appendix 'A' is the report considered by Cabinet on 4 November 2021 in respect of the Local Member Grant Scheme.

At that meeting, Cabinet recommended that Full Council be asked to approve the recommendations as set out in the report at 'Appendix 'A'.

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

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 4 November 2021

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance Services

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Caring for the vulnerable;
Protecting our environment;

Local Member Grants

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Brief Summary

In order to help support the Corporate Priorities, in particular "Caring for the Vulnerable" and "Protecting our Environment", and to facilitate and empower all county councillors to support their communities, it is proposed to re-introduce the Local Member Grant Scheme from 1 January 2022.

Recommendation

That Cabinet is asked to agree that:

- (i) Full Council be asked to approve that:
 - a. The Local Member Grant Scheme is re-introduced from 1 January 2022.
 - b. Each member be allocated a full year budget of £2,000 for grant within their division, with a pro rata amount of £500 for the period January to March 2022.
 - c. Appropriate officer support is put in place to ensure the effective administration of Local Member Grants.
- (ii) Subject to Full Council approval above, that:
 - a. In accordance with section 236 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, all county councillors be authorised to take formal decisions on behalf of the county council, in relation to the awarding of Local Member Grants within their own divisions with effect from 1 January 2022.
 - b. The rules and conditions of the grant scheme are as set out in the report.

Detail

From 2006 to 2017, the county council had in place a Local Member Grant scheme. Under the scheme, each county councillor was awarded a sum of money that they could allocate to smaller Voluntary, Faith and Community Sector Groups within their own area. It is proposed that the scheme be re-introduced from 1 January 2022 to support individual councillors in their local area work and to contribute towards the delivery of the Corporate Priorities, in particular:

- Caring for the Vulnerable
- Protecting Our Environment

The intention of the scheme is to support smaller groups and groups looking for relatively small sums of money to support their valuable work, with a minimum grant level set at £100. Although larger charities and organisations are very welcome to apply, this scheme is also open to groups with less capacity and resource, and who sometimes might find applying for grants daunting or difficult. The difference that such groups can make in their communities with relatively small amounts of money is well understood and something the council can support further through this scheme.

To facilitate this scheme, the Cabinet is asked to utilise powers granted by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Section 236, whereby decisions affecting specific electoral divisions that would normally be a function of the Cabinet can be delegated to the councillors who represent that electoral division.

Individual councillors will be asked to promote the scheme in their area and work with groups to help them through the application process. The council will promote the scheme through traditional and social media. A guide for prospective applicants will be produced to help them understand the scheme and how to apply.

Rules of the Scheme

The full details and criteria are set out below:

1. Grant amounts:

- Each county councillor will have £2,000 per year to award to organisations in their own area. This could be a single award of the full amount or multiple awards of smaller sums.
- For the partial year January to March 2022, each county councillor will have £500 to spend.
- The minimum award is £100.
- Councillors will be allowed to carry over up to £200 to the following year.
- Groups may apply for multiple grants in a year, but only once for each event/project.
- Groups may apply to more than one councillor as long as the event/project benefits the area of each councillor applied to.
- Organisations may apply for full or partial funding for their event or project. Councillors may decide to award a different amount to that applied for.

2. Decisions:

- As long as application for grants meet the criteria, individual councillors will be authorised to make the decision themselves – there is no need for approval by Cabinet or any other body.

3. Criteria:

- Groups applying must:
 - Be Not for Profit
 - Have a bank account
 - Have some form of Constitution, Articles of Association or other similar rules
- Grants cannot be awarded to fund county council services.
- Grants cannot be awarded to District or Parish Councils, NHS organisations, the Constabulary or Fire and Rescue Service.
- Grants cannot be awarded directly to schools, although may be awarded to Parent and Staff Associations.
- Funding cannot be for "core funding" – eg staffing/salary costs, office rental etc.
- Political and religious activity may not be funded, although political and religious groups may apply for funding for other community activities.
- Individuals cannot receive funding.
- Funding cannot be for research.
- Grants cannot be awarded retrospectively.
- Projects or activities that run contrary to county council policies or are unlawful cannot be funded.
- Where the funding is in relation to supporting vulnerable children or adults, the groups would be expected to have appropriate safeguarding policies in place and be able to demonstrate that.

4. Monitoring:

- Groups are expected to keep receipts and records for monitoring purposes.
- Monitoring will be appropriate to the level of grants awarded.

Financial

The full year costs of the scheme will be c£195,000 including an additional officer post (grade 5) in Democratic Services to support the administration of the scheme. The c£49,000 cost of the scheme in 2021/22 can be met from existing uncommitted budget provision with the full cost from 2022/23 then included in the medium-term financial strategy as an additional funding requirement.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Although individual sums awarded will be relatively small, there will need to be an effective audit trail of the money allocated to groups. Monitoring will be conducted by Democratic Services and there will be an annual report to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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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 December 2021

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
Caring for the vulnerable;

Report of the Cabinet (Part A) - Health and Wellbeing Board Revised Terms of Reference

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

Attached at Appendix 'A' is the report considered by Cabinet on 2 December 2021 in respect of the Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to consider the recommendations of Cabinet in respect of the Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Detail

Attached at Appendix 'A' is the report considered by Cabinet on 2 December 2021 in respect of the Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

At that meeting, Cabinet recommended that Full Council be asked to approve the proposed changes to the membership of Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in the report at 'Appendix 'A'.

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

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Appendix A

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 2 December 2021

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance Services

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
Caring for the vulnerable;

Health and Wellbeing Board Revised Terms of Reference

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

In order to ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board remains focussed and effective in tackling health inequalities in Lancashire, it is proposed to change the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to recommend that Full Council considers the proposed changes to the membership of Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out at Appendix 'A'.

Detail

The Health and Wellbeing Board is a statutory committee of the Full Council. Its role is to build strong and effective partnerships, which improve the commissioning and delivery of services across NHS and local government, leading in turn to improved health and wellbeing for local people.

The Health and Wellbeing Board has certain specific statutory functions, notably the development of a Joint Strategic Needs Analysis and Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and a more general responsibility to develop health and care services across different agencies.

The public health landscape has clearly changed over the last 18 months, and the period of change will continue with structural reforms to the health service. In

response to these challenges, discussions about the future shape of the Health and Wellbeing Board have taken place.

The existing Health and Wellbeing Board has a large membership, reflecting a desire to engage with as many partners as possible, as well as the complex organisational landscape in health and local government in Lancashire. This approach has brought benefits to ensuring that different perspectives were heard within the meeting. However, it has also meant that the Board was occasionally unwieldy and not sufficiently focussed and was not able to lead and influence as it would have wished.

It is therefore proposed that the core membership of the Board is reduced significantly from 32 members to 12.

Membership

The Health and Social Care Act 2012, which set up Health and Wellbeing Boards, set out certain specific statutory membership – i.e. individuals who had to have a seat on the Board. These were as follows:

- at least one councillor of the local authority, which must be the Leader or their nominated alternative,
- the director of adult social services for the local authority,
- the director of children's services for the local authority,
- the director of public health for the local authority,
- a representative of the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area of the local authority,
- a representative of each relevant clinical commissioning group (the clinical commissioning groups could agree a single nominee to represent them all).

The rest of the membership was a matter for local determination. The Board is unusual for a local authority committee in that officers serve on it in the same capacity as councillors – i.e. with full voting rights.

Lancashire added representatives from the district councils, police and fire, the Acute NHS Trusts, housing providers and the voluntary, community and faith sector.

The proposal is now to make the Board more responsive and dynamic by reducing the membership to the statutory members plus two additional councillors and four representatives from the district councils, three councillors and a Chief Executive. The proposed complete list of full members is included in the revised Terms of Reference at Appendix 'A'.

In recognition of the fact that the other partners still have a crucial part to play, it is proposed that the Board can invite any other representatives to attend and participate (though not vote) as is considered necessary for a particular task or meeting.

Other changes

There are no other substantive changes to the Terms of Reference, although some aspects of the "meeting arrangements" section have had minor changes made to reflect the membership changes.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The Health and Wellbeing Board is a statutory committee, and various provisions relating to its functions and membership are set out in legislation. The proposed changes are in line with those requirements.

There are no financial implications.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

To achieve the best possible health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce health inequalities in Lancashire.

2. Functions

To achieve the purpose outlined above, the Health and Wellbeing Board will deliver the following key functions:

Enable shared understanding - to lead the development of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and ensure that it is informing the development of plans and priorities of the Board and its partners.

Develop a Health and Wellbeing Strategy – to agree a Health and Wellbeing Strategy and work in partnership with our system partners to support the delivery of this Strategy.

Provide System Leadership – to lead and direct the health and wellbeing system to ensure we continuously improve our services and make the best use of resources that deliver better outcomes for people.

Seek Assurance through monitoring and evaluation of the health and wellbeing strategy and where necessary provide appropriate and effective challenge.

Accountability – to be able to demonstrate and evidence that the decisions of the Board, and their subsequent outcomes, are clearly focused on improving the health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities in Lancashire.

Commissioning - to enable collaboration between commissioners, joint commissioning and pooled budgets, where this provides better integrated service delivery and outcomes.

Engagement – listen to and understand the needs of local people; to ensure there is effective dialogue and engagement with our communities, and joint working between the county council, our district councils, local NHS and with other key strategic partnerships via. Safeguarding Boards, Local Economic Partnership, Children and Young People Partnership, Community Safety Partnership etc.

Integration – to promote integration and partnership working between the NHS, local government and wider public, private, voluntary, community and faith sector.

3. Principles

The Health and Wellbeing Board members recognise shared values as the foundation of a strong partnership and through trust, openness, equality and fairness

will ensure a strong and sustainable partnership that delivers improved health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce health inequalities in Lancashire.

Trust – to have confidence in the integrity and ability of all partner organisations working collaboratively through the Health and wellbeing Board.

Openness – demonstrating transparency and openness between partners in how decisions are made and in sharing activities, plans and ambitions.

Equality – each partner organisation/sector has an equal standing within the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Fairness – commitment throughout the Health and Wellbeing Board that the behaviour and actions of partners is equitable, impartial and objective.

4. Membership

The membership of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board is comprised of the following:

- The Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing (Chair)
- The Leader of the Council*
- The Lead Member for Health
- Executive Director of Adult Services and Health & Wellbeing*
- Executive Director of Education and Children's Services*
- Director of Public Health*
- 1 member (Chair, CEO or Executive Director) to be nominated by NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board*
- Three District Councillors (one from each of the sub areas of Lancashire, to be nominated by the Lancashire Leaders Group)
- One District Council Chief Executive (to be nominated by the Lancashire Chief Executives Group)
- The Chair of Healthwatch*

*Members marked with an asterisk are statutory members who must be on the Board to meet the requirements of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

All Board members to have one vote each.

The Board may invite any other representatives to meetings of the Board as it deems appropriate. Such representatives will not be formal members of the Board and they shall not have a vote, but may participate in the debate with the consent of the Chair.

5. Meeting Arrangements

The Health and Wellbeing Board is a committee of the County Council and unless specified below, meeting arrangements are subject to the County Council's procedural Standing Orders:

- The Board will appoint the Deputy Chair annually from amongst the voting membership.
- The Board will meet at least four times a year. Additional meetings may be arranged by resolution of the Board or with the agreement of the Chair.
- Meetings will be at County Hall, Preston, unless otherwise agreed by the Board.
- Decisions will be made by consensus where possible, or when appropriate by a majority vote.
- In the event of a tied vote, the Chair has a second or casting vote.
- The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be a quarter of the whole number of voting members of the Board with at least one Cabinet Member being present.
- Substitutes for Board members are permitted with written notification being given to the Clerk by the relevant nominating body in advance of the meeting.
- The Board may invite any other representatives to meetings of the Board as it deems appropriate. Such representatives will not be formal members of the Board and they shall not have a vote, but may participate in the debate with the consent of the Chair.
- Meetings of the Board are open to the public but they may be excluded where information of an exempt or confidential nature is being discussed – see Access to Information Rules set out at Appendix ‘H’ in the County Council's Constitution.
- The Board cannot discharge the functions of any of the Partners.

Meeting of the Full Council

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 December 2021

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee - Appointment of External Auditors

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

This report presents the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 18 October 2021 regarding the process to appoint an external auditor for Lancashire County Council and Lancashire County Pension Fund for a five-year period commencing 1 April 2023.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to:

- (i) Consider the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.
- (ii) Approve that Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited be recommissioned to act as the appointing person for the appointment of an external auditor for Lancashire County Council and Lancashire County Pension Fund for the five financial years commencing 1 April 2023.

Detail

Attached at Appendix 'A' is the report on the Appointment of External Auditors, which was considered by the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee at its meeting on 18 October 2021.

At that meeting, the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee resolved that Full Council be recommended to agree to option 3 set out in the report, to re-commission Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited to act as the appointing person for the appointment of an external auditor for Lancashire County Council and Lancashire County Pension Fund for the five financial years commencing 1 April 2023.

Full Council is therefore asked to consider the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

Please refer to the original report considered by the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee, which is attached at Appendix 'A'.

Risk management

Section 12 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 makes provision for the failure to appoint a local auditor: the authority must immediately inform the Secretary of State, who may direct the authority to appoint the auditor named in the direction or appoint a local auditor on behalf of the authority.

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

Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

Meeting to be held on Monday, 18 October 2021

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Appointment of External Auditors

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Executive Summary

Following the abolition of the Audit Commission, the council took advantage of the national collective scheme administered by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (PSAA) for the appointment of external auditors for the five consecutive financial years commencing 1 April 2018. This covers the audits of accounts for Lancashire County Council and Lancashire County Pension Fund for the financial years 2018/19 to 2022/23.

The second appointing period is to span the five consecutive financial years commencing 1 April 2023 and cover the audits of accounts for the financial years 2023/24 to 2027/28.

The council is required to consider the options available and put in place arrangements to appoint an external auditor by 31 December 2022. If the council's preferred option is to re-commission PSAA to undertake the appointment process, the council must inform PSAA of this decision by 11 March 2022 following a decision of the Full Council.

Recommendation

The committee is asked to agree **to recommend to Full Council** to opt into an approved sector led body, specifically Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited, to act as the appointing person for the appointment of external auditors for Lancashire County Council and Lancashire County Pension Fund.

Background and Advice

The appointment of the council's current external auditors is administered by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (PSAA) and the appointment covers the audits of accounts for Lancashire County Council and Lancashire County Pension Fund for the financial years 2018/19 to 2022/23.

The second appointing period is to span the five consecutive financial years commencing 1 April 2023 and cover the audits of accounts for the financial years 2023/24 to 2027/28.

The council is required to appoint an external auditor by 31 December 2022 to commence 1 April 2023. There are three options available to the council for appointing its external auditor:

Option 1

Establish its own independent auditor panel under part 3, section 9 and schedule 4 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The panel must be made up of a majority, or of wholly independent members and must be chaired by an independent member. It would therefore be necessary to undertake a selection process to appoint the panel, whose members may be remunerated. The panel's role would be to advise the council on the selection of its external auditor and therefore to oversee a procurement process.

Option 2

Establish a joint independent auditor panel to carry out the function on behalf of two or more councils which would therefore have to agree on the selection criteria firstly for the panel's members and then for the external auditor, and then oversee a procurement process.

Option 3

Opt into PSAA's sector led national scheme. Full Council approval would be required to opt into the sector led body approach as required by the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015. No significant further action would then be required by the council.

On 22 September 2021 PSAA invited all principal local government bodies to become opted-in authorities. Eligible bodies have until 11 March 2022 to formally respond and accept the opt-in invitation.

The national scheme is considered to represent the best option as the council will benefit from PSAA's experience of working within the context of the Regulations to appoint auditors, manage contracts with audit firms, setting and determining audit fees. It avoids the necessity to establish an independent auditor panel and undertake a procurement exercise and assures the independence of the auditor's appointment for the council.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

The external audit fee levels are likely to increase when the current contract through PSAA ends. The impact of any increase will be built into the updated medium-term financial strategy if this is in excess of the additional funding provided to councils to reflect the increasing cost of external audit following the outcome of the Redmond Review.

The recommendation to proceed with PSAA as the appointing body is expected to deliver the most economically advantageous option from the three available options, given the bargaining power and experience PSAA can bring to bear.

Legal

Section 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 requires a relevant authority to appoint a local auditor to audit its accounts for a financial year not later than 31 December in the preceding year.

Section 17 gives the Secretary of State the power to make regulations in relation to an 'appointing person' specified by the Secretary of State. This power has been exercised in the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015 (SI 192) and this gives the Secretary of State the ability to enable PSAA to be the 'appointing person'.

Risk management

Section 12 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 makes provision for the failure to appoint a local auditor: the authority must immediately inform the Secretary of State, who may direct the authority to appoint the auditor named in the direction or appoint a local auditor on behalf of the authority.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
N/A	N/A	N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 December 2021

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Appointment of a New Employer Representative on the Lancashire Local Pension Board

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Brief Summary

This report relates to the appointment of a new employer representative for the county council on the Lancashire Local Pension Board.

Recommendation

That Glyn Peach, Chief Digital Officer, Lancashire County Council, be appointed as the new Lancashire County Council employer representative on the Lancashire Local Pension Board to replace Tony Pounder, Director of Adult Services, with effect from 19 January 2022.

Detail

The Terms of Reference for the Local Pension Board state that the membership of the Board shall be 9 based on an independent Chair, 4 scheme member representatives drawn from the membership of the Fund, and 4 employer representatives as follows:

- 2 nominated by Lancashire County Council
- 1 nominated by the Unitary, City, and Borough Councils and the Police/Fire bodies
- 1 nominated following consultation with the other employers within the Fund.

At the Pension Board meeting on 6 July 2021, Tony Pounder, the Director of Adult Services and one of the current county council employer representatives, informed the Board that he intended to retire from the county council in January 2022. The Succession Plan for Board members was updated to reflect the announcement and the county council's Corporate Management Team was subsequently approached regarding identifying a replacement nominee to fill the future vacancy.

In September 2021, Glyn Peach, the county council's Chief Digital Officer, was confirmed as the nominee to replace Mr Pounder as one of the county council employer representatives on the Board. In accordance with the Terms of Reference the nomination complies with the requirements of the relevant regulations regarding the avoidance of conflict with the county council's role as Administering Authority for the Lancashire County Pension Fund.

As Mr Pounder is due to attend the next meeting of the Pension Board on 18 January 2022, the intention is to appoint Mr Peach to take over the role of employer representative with effect from 19 January 2022. In accordance with the Terms of Reference his appointment will be for an initial four-year term with an option to extend for a further 4 years, subject to approval by Full Council.

Other than because of his retirement, the term of office will come to an end during this period if Mr Peach:

- Ceases to be employed by the county council.
- Is appointed to a role with responsibility for the management or administration of the Fund.
- Has a conflict of interest which cannot be managed in accordance with the Conflict of Interests Policy.
- Fails to attend meetings, undertake any training, or otherwise comply with the requirements of being a member of the Pension Board.

Consultations

The Corporate Management Team, Head of the Pension Fund, and the Independent Chair of the Local Pension Board.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The early identification and appointment of replacement members of the Lancashire Local Pension Board in accordance with the Succession Plan will minimise the risk of disruption to the effective operation of the Board.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Succession Plan for members of the Lancashire Local Pension Board	2021	Mike Neville (01772) 533431

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 December 2021

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities: These are as set out in the individual reports considered by Cabinet;

Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

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Brief Summary

The report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 7 October 2021, 4 November 2021, and 2 December 2021.

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.

Detail

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

7 October 2021

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

- **Corporate Priorities 2021-2025 and Communications Strategy 2021-2025**

Resolved: That;

- i. The Corporate Priorities 2021-2025, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be recommended to Full Council for adoption;
- ii. Subject to the approval of Full Council of (i) above, the Communications Strategy as set out at Appendix 'B' of the report, be approved; and
- iii. Full Council be asked to authorise the Chief Executive and Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, to undertake an update of the corporate strategy, as set out in the report.

- **Cabinet Meetings - Questions for Cabinet**

Resolved: That, Full Council be asked to approve that the rules for Questions for Cabinet, as set out in Appendix 'A' of the report, be adopted.

- **Procurement Report**

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

- i. Provision of Extra Care Services at Tatton Gardens;
- ii. Pseudo dynamic purchasing system for the provision of children's home services;
- iii. Provision of an Early Support, Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service;
- iv. Acceptance and Composting of Green Waste;
- v. Provision of Equipment, Installation and Maintenance Services for Urban Traffic Management Control Systems;
- vi. Legionella Risk Assessment and Water Temperature Monitoring; and
- vii. Legionella Remedial Works Framework.

- **Introduction of Carbon Reduction Plans in Major Contracts**

Resolved: That, the adoption of Procurement Policy Note 06/21 from 1 January 2022 be approved. This would require companies bidding for county council contracts with an anticipated contract value above £5 million per annum and where the procurement policy note measures are related and proportionate, to provide a Carbon Reduction Plan as part of the tender selection criteria.

- **Hanson Cement Liaison Committee - Appointment of County Council Representative**

Resolved: That;

- i. The Hanson Cement Liaison Committee be added to the list of outside bodies to which the county council makes appointments; and
- ii. To appoint County Councillor Sue Hind as the county council's representative to Hanson Cement Liaison Committee until the next county council elections in 2025.

- **Clifton Drive North Project - Parts of Including Segregated Cycle Track**

Resolved: That, the following be approved:

- The alteration of the footway to use part of former carriageway width, construction of a segregated cycle track for cycles only, short sections of shared use cycle tracks, removal of footway on those short sections, the relocation of bus stop clearways, removal of a pelican crossing and reduction in speed limit, being some of the proposals shown in Appendix 'A' of the report;
 - The deferral of a decision on the Traffic Regulation Order introducing parking restrictions, which will be subject to further public consultation and to approve that work would be done to develop any revised parking proposals; and
 - The repurposing of various scheme budgets within the Road Safety and Cycle Safety programme to fund the county council's contribution towards the Clifton Drive North project.
- **Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Various Locations, Chorley, Fylde, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre) (Revocations, Amendment to Permit Parking and Various Parking Restrictions, March 20 (No1)) Order 202***

Resolved: That, the proposals for parking restrictions on the various lengths of road within the Chorley, Fylde, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre districts, as detailed within the report and as set out in the Draft Order (Appendix 'A2'), Plans (Appendices 'B' to 'I') with revised Site Notice (Appendix 'B1' 'G1' and 'H1') and Statements of Reasons (Appendices 'J' and 'J1'), be approved.

- **Proposed Traffic Calming Measures on Lightfoot Lane, Preston**

Resolved: That, the installation of the speed cushions and junction table as shown at Appendices 'A' and 'B' of the report, be approved.

- **Proposed Zebra Crossing, (A588) Hardhorn Road, Poulton-Le-Fylde**

Resolved: That, the report be deferred to the next meeting of Cabinet.

- **South Lancaster to M6 Road Scheme: M6 Junction 33 Reconfiguration with Link Road, Spine Road serving Bailrigg Garden Village, and Park and Ride Facility**

Resolved: That;

- The provision of a Spine Road serving a Bailrigg Garden Village (Appendix 'A') and site for a Park and Ride facility (Appendix 'B'), be approved;
- The route, as shown on Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved and adopted as the route for Bailrigg Garden Village Spine Road;
- The use of the county council's powers of Compulsory Purchase contained in the 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 for the South Lancaster to M6 Road Scheme (including the reconfiguration of M6 Junction 33 and a new Link Road), be approved;
- iv. The preparation of Compulsory Purchase and Side Road Orders for the South Lancaster to M6 Road 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 be authorised, prior to approval and sealing and making of the formal Orders and Schemes; and
 - v. The acquisition by agreement in advance of Compulsory Purchase powers of all rights, interests, enabling arrangements to facilitate the South Lancaster to M6 Road Scheme, be approved.
- **Introduction of a Parent and Child Foster Care Allowances Rate and Revisions to the Staying Put Allowances**

Resolved: That, the following be approved:

- i. The introduction of a Parent and Child Foster Care Allowance; and
- ii. The revisions to the Staying Put allowances.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

- **Works to Operational Premises**

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

4 November 2021

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

- **Local Member Grants**

Resolved: That;

- i. Full Council be asked to approve that:
 - a. The Local Member Grant Scheme be re-introduced from 1 January 2022.
 - b. Each member be allocated a full year budget of £2,000 for grant within their division, with a pro rata amount of £500 for the period January to March 2022.
 - c. Appropriate officer support be put in place to ensure the effective administration of the Local Member Grants.
- ii. Subject to Full Council approval above, that:
 - a. In accordance with section 236 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, all county councillors be authorised to take formal decisions on behalf of the county council, in relation to the

awarding of Local Member Grants within their own divisions with effect from 1 January 2022.

- b. The rules and conditions of the grant scheme, as set out in the report, be noted.

- **Money Matters 2021/22 Position - Quarter 2**

Resolved: That;

- i. The current forecast underspend of £16.441m on the revenue budget in 2021/22, be noted;
- ii. The revised funding gap of £58.563m covering the period 2022/23 to 2024/25 as set out in the revised financial outlook forecast for the council, be noted;
- iii. The budget adjustments for 2021/22, and following years' changes, included in the revised medium-term financial strategy, be approved;
- iv. The contents of the county council's reserves position, be noted; and
- v. The revised 2021/22 capital delivery programme of £164.751m and the forecast outturn of £165.407m, be noted.

- **Household Support Fund (06 October 2021 to 31 March 2022)**

Resolved: That;

- i. The principles of the funding options for the allocation of the Household Support Fund according to the criteria and process set out in the report, be approved;
- ii. The Director of Strategy and Performance be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, to approve the final detail of the scheme, including any other alternative options for the allocation of the grant in line with the principles set out and emerging government guidance; and
- iii. 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.

- **Procurement Report**

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

- i. Framework Agreement for the provision of cleaning materials; and
- ii. Acceptance and recycling of mixed inert waste from waste facilities located in Lancashire.

- **A601(M) Improvements - Revocation of Special Road Status**

Resolved: That, approval be given for the revocation of the special road designation of the remaining section of the A601(M) to the north of the Junction 35 roundabout and the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to carry out the necessary procedural steps and promote same for confirmation by the Secretary of State for Transport.

- **Parking Restrictions on D'urton Lane, Broughton**

Resolved: That, the proposal for the introduction of a prohibition of waiting restriction at the truncated end of D'urton Lane, Broughton, as set out in the plan attached at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

- **Extension of the Temporary Uplift to the Leaving Care Allowance**

Resolved: That;

- i. The continued temporary uplift of Leaving Care Allowance of £20.00 per week, for eligible and relevant care leavers living in (semi-) independent accommodation until 31 January 2022, and for former relevant care leavers for a period of 5 weeks, to cover the waiting period after having made their first ever Universal Credit claim before 31 January 2022, be approved; and
- ii. The decision be implemented immediately for the purpose of Standing Order C28(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the county council's responsibilities.

- **Developing Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - Proposal for the Expansion of Thornton Cleveleys Red Marsh School**

Resolved: That;

- i. After considering the results of the formal consultation, following the publication of the statutory proposal and, subject to the detailed analysis of the consultation responses and the Equality Impact Assessment which was shared with Cabinet ahead of the meeting, approval be given to the creation of a separate 'satellite' provision to expand Thornton Cleveleys Red Marsh School, to increase the number of special school places from 94 to 124; and
- ii. The funding as set out at Appendix 'C' of the report, be approved.

- **The Future of Maintained Nursery Provision at Edisford Primary School, Clitheroe**

Resolved: That, the publication of a Statutory Notice, to begin the consultation period on the future of the maintained nursery provision currently delivered at Edisford Primary School, Clitheroe, be approved.

- **Joint Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021 – 2027**

Resolved: That, the joint Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021 – 2027 to fulfil the county council's duty under Section 9 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, be approved.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

- **Land Disposal**

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

- **Request for Waiver of Procurement Rules - Independent Advisor Pension Fund**

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

- **Ormskirk Eastern Gateway**

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

- **Home Care Fees**

Resolved: That, the recommendations as set out in the report, be approved and the decision be implemented immediately for the purpose of Standing Order C28(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the county council's responsibilities.

2 December 2021

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

- **Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2021/22**

Resolved: That;

- i. The Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2021/22, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved; and
- ii. Support be given to the ongoing work of Adult Social Care to ensure people who need social care support across the winter period, coupled with the continuing pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges across the care sector, get the right support for them at the right time.

- **Future of Wennington Hall School**

Resolved: That;

- i. The consultation arrangements that were undertaken and the responses that were received in respect of the authority's proposal, be noted; and
- ii. Approval be given for the council to publish a Statutory Notice of its proposal to close Wennington Hall School, with implementation commencing from 31 August 2022.

- **Lancashire Education Strategy 2022-2025**

Resolved: That, the following be approved;

- i. The Lancashire Education Strategy 2022-2025 and to support the priorities set out within it;
- ii. The implementation of the Team around the Schools and Settings model for school improvement; and
- iii. That an annual report on the Education Strategy be submitted to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

- **Proposal to Extend the Age Range at Ribblesdale High School, Clitheroe**

Resolved: That;

- i. Approval be given to extend the age range at Ribblesdale High School, Clitheroe to provide aged 4-16 places. This will be achieved by providing 210 primary places on the neighbouring Higher Standen Farm site in a new building, commencing with an intake of 30 reception pupils for September 2023; and
- ii. Approval be given for an appropriate statutory decision letter to be sent out, as specified under legal requirements, to give the reasons for the decision to those who are to be informed of them.

- **School Place Provision Strategy 2022 to 2025**

Resolved: That, after consideration of the priorities for improvement and areas for action referred in the draft School Place Provision Strategy 2022-25, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, the adoption of the School Place Provision Strategy 2022-25 be approved.

- **Health and Wellbeing Board Revised Terms of Reference**

Resolved: That, Full Council be recommended to consider and approve the proposed changes to the membership of Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

- **Former Skerton High School Site, Lancaster**

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

- **Adult Social Care - Procurement of Consultancy Support Specialist**

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

- **New Sporting Campus in Central Lancashire**

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 Decision was taken since the last meeting of Full Council:

The following urgent Key Decision was taken by the Leader of the County Council and Cabinet Member for Education & Skills on 15 October 2021:

- [Household Support Fund \(06 October 2021 to 31 March 2022\)](#)

The following urgent Key Decision was taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 4 November 2021:

- [Works Contract for Barnoldswick Church of England Primary School - Defective Roof Replacement](#)

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

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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, 16 December 2021

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities: These are as set out in the report considered by the Monitoring Officer;

The Urgency Committee

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Brief Summary

The report sets out details of the decisions taken by the Director of Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) 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.

Detail

Since the last meeting of Full Council, the following decision has been taken by the Director of Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) under the county council's urgent business procedure on behalf of the Urgency Committee:

Proposal to Change the School Transport Appeals Process

The following decision was taken on 27 October 2021:

The Director of Corporate Services (The Monitoring Officer):

- i. Noted the findings of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman as set out at Appendix 'A';
- ii. Approved the disestablishment of The Student Support Appeals Committee;

- iii. Approved the establishment of an Independent Transport Appeals Panel in accordance with the arrangements set out in the report;
- iv. Requested that political groups nominate Councillors to sit on the new Independent Transport Appeals Panel on the following basis:
 - Conservatives - Up to 7 members
 - Labour - Up to 5 Members
 - Liberal Democrat/Green - Up to 1 member each
- v. Authorised the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make any minor consequential amendments to the constitution as a result of the above.

Consultations

The decision was taken following consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Urgency Committee, as well as with the Leaders of all Opposition Groups.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risks associated with the proposals set out in this 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 December 2021

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities: These are as set out in the reports considered by the committee;

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

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Brief Summary

The report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting held on 18 October 2021 is attached at Appendix 'A'.

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

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

Recommendation

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

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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 - 16 December 2021

Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

Meeting held on 18 October 2021

Chair: County Councillor Alan Schofield

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

External Audit: Lancashire County Council Audit Findings Report 2020/21

The committee considered a report, presented by Stuart Basnett, Audit Manager, Grant Thornton UK, which outlined the audit findings for Lancashire County Council for 2020/21.

Resolved: That

- i) The Lancashire County Council Audit Findings Report 2020/21, as presented, be noted; and
- ii) An update on improvements to the county council's payroll leavers controls be provided to the committee at its next meeting on 31 January 2022.

External Audit: Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Findings Report 2020/21

The committee considered a report, presented by Stuart Basnett, Audit Manager, Grant Thornton UK, which outlined the audit findings for Lancashire County Pension Fund for 2020/21.

Resolved: That the Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Findings Report 2020/21, as presented, be noted.

Internal Audit Charter

The committee considered the county council's updated Internal Audit Charter, presented by Ruth Lowry, Head of Internal Audit.

Resolved: That the Internal Audit Charter, as presented, be approved.

Internal Audit Progress Report

The committee considered a progress report on the work of the Internal Audit Service for the period to 30 September 2021, presented by Ruth Lowry, Head of Internal Audit.

Resolved: That the Internal Audit Progress Report, as presented, be noted.

Appointment of External Auditors

This item was recommended to Full Council and can be found in Part A of the agenda.

Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register – Quarter 3 Update

The committee considered a report which provided an updated Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register and Summary Risk profile, presented by Paul Bond, Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Resolved: That

- i) The Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register, as presented, be noted; and
- ii) The Summary Risk Profile, as presented, be noted.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Debt Management Policy

(Not for Publication – Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information).

The committee considered a private and confidential report presented by Khadija Saeed, Head of Corporate Finance, which set out a revised Debt Management Policy for invoiced debt owed to the county council.

Resolved: That the Debt Management Policy, as presented, be approved.

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 December 2021**

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities: These are as set out in the reports considered by the committee;

The Employment Committee
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The report of the Employment Committee from its meeting held on 8 November 2021 is attached at Appendix 'A'.

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

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

Recommendation

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

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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

None

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 December 2021

Report of the Employment Committee meeting held on 8 November 2021

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Revised Attendance and Working Flexibly Policy and Procedures

The committee considered a report presented by Deborah Barrow, Head of Service Human Resources, on the revised Attendance Policy and the revised Working Flexibly Policy for the committee's approval, which formed part of the Human Resources policy review programme.

It was agreed that the revised Working Flexibly Policy would be reviewed by the committee following the planned six-month review agreed with the recognised trade unions.

Resolved: That

- i) The Attendance Policy and Procedure, as set out at Appendix C, be approved;
- ii) The Working Flexibly Policy and Procedure, as set out as Appendix D, be approved; and
- iii) A report on the Working Flexibly Policy and Procedure be presented to the committee following the six-month review of the policy with the trade unions.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 December 2021

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities: These are as set out in the reports considered by the committee;

The Pension Fund Committee
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The report of the Pension Fund Committee held on 26 November 2021 is attached at Appendix 'A'. The agenda, Part I reports and minutes of the meeting are available to view on the [county council's website](#). 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 held on 26 November 2021 as set out in Appendix 'A' to this report, be noted.

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Appendix A

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 December 2021

Report of the Pension Fund Committee meeting held on 26 November 2021

Chair: County Councillor Eddie Pope

Part I (Open to the press and public)

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th September 2021

The Chair referred to the discussion at the previous meeting regarding the Fund Annual Report 2020/21 and informed the Committee that the executive summary document, highlighting key areas of activity and performance, was due to be circulated during the following week.

Decision taken: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September 2021 are confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair

External Audit Findings Report

The Committee considered a report on the findings of the audit of the Lancashire County Pension Fund accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 and was informed that the report had been updated since it was presented to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee on the 18th October 2021 to reflect the completion of some of the outstanding items.

The Committee recognised the work done by the County Council's Finance Team in response to the audit and noted that the external auditor considered the financial statements:

- a) gave a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Pension Fund during the year ended 31st March 2021 and the position at that date of the Fund's assets and liabilities.
- b) had been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC code of practice on local authority accounting in the United Kingdom 2020/21 and
- c) had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authority Accountability Act 2014.

It was also noted that the final audited accounts for the County Council would be presented to a meeting of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee in December 2021 for consideration and approval.

Decision taken: That the findings of the external audit of the Lancashire County Pension Fund accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021, together with the adjustments to the financial statements and the other issues raised by the auditor as set out in the report presented, are noted.

2021/22 Budget Monitoring Report

The Committee considered a report on the income and expenditure of the Fund for the 6 months up to the 30th September 2021 and noted the budget and forecast variances set out in the report.

Decision taken: That the financial results of the Fund for the 6 months up to the 30th September 2021 together with the budget and forecast variances, as set out in the report presented, are noted.

Feedback from members of the Committee on pension related training.

The Committee considered a report on pension related training that members had participated in since the previous meeting and several members of the Committee commented on their experiences at the events listed in the report. It was also noted that a Training Needs Analysis of Committee members would be circulated in due course to identify any gaps in skills/knowledge and inform future training provision.

Decision taken: That the report and feedback from individual Committee members regarding training they have received is noted.

Local Pensions Partnership Annual Report and Accounts

The Committee considered a report on the Annual Report and Accounts for the Local Pensions Partnership for the year ended 31st March 2021, as approved by the Partnership Board, and filed with Companies House.

Decision taken: That the 2020/21 Annual Report and Accounts for the Local Pensions Partnership Limited, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report presented, is noted.

Responsible Investment Report

The Committee considered a report from Local Pension Partnerships Investments Ltd (LPPI) on responsible investment activity during the third quarter of 2021 and noted that LPPI was a new signatory to the Institutional Investor Group on Climate Change as announced at COP26. Updates were also given in relation to the Transition Pathway Initiative and the PRI Reporting, as referred to in the report.

In response to a query regarding reference to the CDP Non-Disclosure Campaign in the report the Head of Fund confirmed that further details would be circulated to Committee members outside of the meeting.

Decision taken

1. That the update on responsible investment activity by Local Pension Partnerships Investments Ltd during Q3, as set out in the report presented, is noted.
2. That further information regarding the CDP Non-Disclosure Campaign be circulated to Committee members outside of the meeting.

Review of Responsible Investment Policy

The Committee received an update from the Chair of the RI Task and Finish Group on the work done to date including a copy of the revised Responsible Investment Policy (developed in consultation with Officers, LPPI and the Local Pension Board) for approval.

The Committee was also informed that the Group had agreed to consider some minor amendments to the Dashboard report on responsible investment and would consider more substantive changes at a meeting to be arranged in the new year, with recommendations being presented to the Committee on the 11th March 2022 for consideration.

Decision taken:

1. That the revised Responsible Investment Policy, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report presented is approved.
2. That the RI Task and Finish Group present any recommendations regarding substantive changes to the Dashboard report to the Committee on the 11th March 2022 for consideration and approval.

Programme of Meetings for 2022/23

Decision taken: That, in accordance with the decision of the full Council on the 14th October 2021, the 2022/23 programme of meetings for the Committee is noted as follows, with all meetings to be held at County Hall, Preston, commencing at 10.30am.

17th June 2022
16th September 2022
25th November 2022
10th March 2023

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 paragraphs 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)

2022 Valuation process and timetable

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 proposed timetable for the 2022 actuarial valuation of the Fund's assets and liabilities which would be based on data as at the 31st March 2022. It was reported that the broad objectives of the valuation were to assess the financial health of the Fund, determine future employer contribution rates (with effect from 1st April 2023) and maintain a sufficient level of contributions to ensure that the Fund, as far as possible, maintained a 100% or greater funded position, whilst recognising pressures on scheme employers' budgets.

The Head of Fund also confirmed that arrangements would be made for a pensions workshop on the actuarial valuation in 2022 to be held early in the New Year.

Decision taken: That the timetable for the 2022 valuation of the Fund, as set out in the report presented, is 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 strategic update report which included the financial position of the Group up to the 30th September 2021 together with summaries of the performance of the investment and pension administration functions.

Decision taken: That the updates on investment and administration activity and performance, together with the financial position of the Local Pensions Partnership Group, 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 factors which influenced the investment market in which the Fund operated including the Covid-19 pandemic, Brexit and the recent COP26 in Glasgow.

Decision taken: That the updates on the performance of global markets and economies, as set out in the report presented and given at the meeting, are noted.

Investment Performance 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 the Fund up to the end of September 2021, which highlighted key areas of interest such as the performance of the Fund over different periods of time, individual asset allocations and the current funding level.

Regarding the reported drop in net income the Committee was informed that the Fund received significant prepayments from employers in year 1 compared to years 2 and 3 which created a deficit. However, the Committee was assured that the Fund continued to have a healthy funding level and maintained sufficient levels of liquidity to deal with any payment of benefits.

Decision taken: That the performance of the Fund up to the end of September 2021, 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 proposed changes to reporting in relation to the risk register, including the provision of a heat map to provide a visual representation of risks associated with the Fund mapped against the risk Matrix, and templates for specific risks that had been recently reviewed or newly created. It was also reported that a specific risk regarding ESG factors was being developed and would be incorporated into a future version of the Register, and that pension related risks would be cross referenced with the County Councils Risk Register.

Decision taken: That the proposed changes to the format of reporting on the Lancashire County Pension Fund Risk Register, as set out in the Appendices to the report presented, are approved.

Appointment of Independent Investment Adviser to the Pension Fund

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 on a proposal to invite expressions of interest for the position of Independent Investment Adviser to the Fund through an advertisement in suitable investment press and networks, using the existing role statement as a basis of appointment, with a proposed closing date of the 31st January 2022.

Decision taken: That the process for the appointment of an Independent Investment Adviser, as set out in the report presented, including the establishment of an Appointments Sub-Committee authorised to conduct the subsequent interviews and appoint an Adviser, is approved, subject to a waiver of the county council's procurement rules as set out at paragraph 14.2 of Appendix R to the county council's constitution.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 December 2021

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities: These are as set out in the reports considered by the committee;

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

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Brief Summary

The most recent cycle of meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees took place in the period October 2021 to November 2021.

The reports of the committees are attached as Appendices 'A' to 'C' as follows:

Appendix 'A' - Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee
Appendix 'B' - Health Scrutiny Committee
Appendix 'C' - 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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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 December 2021

Report on the Education and Children's Services Committee meetings held on 5 October 2021 and 9 November 2021

Chair: County Councillor Andrea Kay

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

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

5 October 2021

Maintained Nursery School Consultation Update

The committee considered a report and a presentation, delivered by Andrew Cadman, Interim Head of Early Years, and Julie Bell, Director of Education, Culture and Skills, on maintained nursery schools in Lancashire and the Maintained Nursery School Consultation Update.

Resolved: That

- i) Information provided in the report and presentation be noted;
- ii) Future reports to Cabinet on the delivery of maintained nursery provision be included on the work programme; and
- iii) Inclusion of future consultations on funding in the Early Years Sector on the work programme be agreed.

9 November 2021

Draft Education Strategy 2022-2025

The committee considered a report, presented by Delyth Mathieson, Head of Service Education Improvement, on the draft Lancashire Education Strategy 2022-25 which set out the county council's priorities for education for the next three years.

Resolved: That

- i) The draft strategy be considered, and priorities supported; and
- ii) The request for an annual reporting cycle through the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee be supported.

Draft School Place Planning Strategy 2022-25

The committee considered a report, presented by Mel Ormesher, Head of Service Asset Management, which set out the School Place Planning Strategy 2022-25. The

report explained that the county council had a range of statutory duties to fulfil, as an education authority for Lancashire, and that the strategy aimed to provide the right number of school places, in the rights areas, and at the right time.

Resolved: That

- i) The report presented be considered and noted; and
- ii) Information on Geographical Priority Areas be presented annually and data made available on school place assessments twice a year.

Appendix B

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 December 2021

Report on the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 16 November 2021

Chair: County Councillor David Westley

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

[Health Scrutiny Committee](#)

16 November 2021

Increasing Vaccination Uptake and Addressing Inequalities

This meeting was reconvened following the postponed Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on Tuesday 2 November 2021.

The committee considered a report and presentation delivered by NHS and county council officers involved in the delivery of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Vaccination Programme. The presentation provided the committee with an overview of Covid-19 vaccination uptake and the actions taken to address inequalities in relation to the vaccination programme.

Resolved: That

- i) The presentation on Covid-19 vaccination uptake and actions to address health inequalities, presented by the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System, be noted;
- ii) The summary of the Lancashire County Council audit assurance report and plans for a follow-up audit in 2022-23 following Phase 3, as presented at Appendix A, be noted; and
- iii) NHS and county council officers be asked to take on board the comments and feedback of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

Meeting of the Full Council - 16 December 2021

Report on the Internal Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 12 November 2021

Chair: County Councillor David O'Toole

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

[Internal Scrutiny Committee](#)

12 November 2021

Update from Highways Service

The committee considered a report, presented by the Highway Service on the following three topics:

- Drainage Issues in General
- Annual Winter Maintenance
- Quality of Highway Repairs

Resolved: That

- i) The updates presented be noted; and
- ii) Copies of the three presentations be circulated to all county councillors.

To consider Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36

1. By County Councillor Aziz

Council notes the concerning rise in the recreational use of Nitrous Oxide across Lancashire. Every district has seen a massive rise in the discarded canisters used to contain this cheap and highly dangerous drug.

Council resolves to write to the Government asking for an urgent review into the regulation and licensing of this product.

2. By County Councillor Barnes

The 'Our Streets Now' campaign demands the right of women, girls and marginalised genders to be safe in public spaces. Lancashire County Council resolves:

- (i) To fully support and Promote the Our Streets Now campaign to make street harassment a crime and encourage all elected members and residents to sign the petition.
- (ii) Encourage schools, academies and colleges in Lancashire to each develop a clear policy on tackling harassment, separate to their bullying policy.
- (iii) Urge our schools, academies and colleges to include education around public sexual harassment as part of their PSHE education using the framework, free resources and lesson plans from 'Our Schools Now' (the sister campaign of 'Our Streets Now').

3. By County Councillor Cullens

This council has previously declared a commitment to achieving Carbon Net Zero by 2030. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change runs a global campaign called the Race to Zero which encourages businesses, cities, regions and investors to show leadership and support for a cleaner, healthier zero carbon recovery - one that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs and unlocks sustainable growth.

The campaign requires stakeholders outside of national governments to sign a net zero pledge before planning the actions required, implementing them and then regularly publishing their progress against the targets in their plan.

This council supports this campaign and resolves that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change signs the Race to Zero pledge on behalf of the County Council.

4. By County Councillor Ali

In the recent Spending Review, the Chancellor made the announcement of the Shared Prosperity Fund, the replacement for EU structural funds. Despite a commitment to match EU funding levels – which were around £2.5 billion a year once match funding is included – just £0.4 billion has been allocated for 2022/3 rising to £1.5 billion in 2024/25.

Economic Development in Lancashire has benefitted massively from the injection of EU funds during the lifetime of the programmes and whilst the recent announcement is welcome, it in no way makes up for the loss of funding.

Council therefore resolves to write to the Right Honourable Rishi Sunak, MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to ask for his assurance that:

- Lancashire will receive its fair share of these replacement funds.
- Further replacement funding will be made available to make up for the shortfall.