

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 7th April, 2022 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson Leader of the Council
(in the Chair)

Cabinet Members

County Councillor Alan Vincent
County Councillor Peter Buckley
County Councillor Charles Edwards
County Councillor Graham Gooch
County Councillor Michael Green
County Councillor Jayne Rear
County Councillor Aidy Riggott
County Councillor Cosima Towneley
County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillors Azhar Ali OBE and Lorraine Beavers were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. C14(2).

1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies.

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

None

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 March 2022**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. **Questions for Cabinet**

There was one question received.

The question and response are attached to the minutes.

5. Procurement Report

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

- i. Supply and distribution of rock salt; and
- ii. Provision of Waste Transport Services at Lancashire's Household Waste Recycling Centres.

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

- i. Supply and distribution of rock salt; and
- ii. Provision of Waste Transport Services at Lancashire's Household Waste Recycling Centres.

6. Burnley Manchester Road Railway Station Access for All Improvements

Cabinet considered a report on the proposed upgrade to Burnley Manchester Road Railway Station following Burnley Borough Council's successful bid in the Levelling-Up Fund round 1 with Central Government. It was expected that the upgrade would create better connections between both platforms and the main station building and would increase accessibility to a wider range of destinations for a wider range of passengers.

It was noted that Appendix 'A' of the report was in Part II and appeared at Item No. 22 on the Agenda.

Resolved: That;

- i. Approval be given that the management of the project be led by Lancashire County Council subject to an agreement being reached with Burnley Borough Council in respect of roles and responsibilities, project governance, allocation of financial risk and liabilities and project over/underspends, where financial and programme risk lies with Burnley Borough Council;
- ii. Approval be given for 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, to allow a direct award of a contract (a Development Services Agreement) to be made to Network Rail to enable Network Rail to deliver the project; and
- iii. The Director of Highways and Transport be authorised, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services and Director of Finance, to agree and finalise the terms of the agreements with Burnley Borough Council and Network Rail.

7. County Road and Yew Tree Road, Ormskirk, Various Highway Measures Including Toucan Crossing and Prohibition of Driving

Cabinet considered a report outlining various proposals for County Road and Yew Tree Road, Ormskirk, designed to provide an improvement to travel by sustainable transport modes including walking and cycling. Consultation and formal advertising had taken place and a summary of objections received were contained within the report.

Resolved: That, the following proposals be approved (i) – (iv):

- i. Removal of footway status on Yew Tree Road and County Road, Ormskirk, pursuant to section 66(4) of the Highways Act 1980;
- ii. Construction of cycle tracks with right of way on foot on Yew Tree Road and County Road, pursuant to section 65(1) of the Highways Act 1980 and the reduction in width of the carriageway pursuant to s.75(1) of the Highways Act 1980;
- iii. The construction of a toucan crossing on County Road; and
- iv. Introduction of no waiting at any time, Yew Tree Road, lengths A and B.

And that the following proposals (v) and (vi) not be approved:

- v. Prohibition of driving, except pedal cycles, Yew Tree Road; and
- vi. No waiting at any time, Yew Tree Road, lengths C and D.

8. Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme with Local Bus Operators

Cabinet considered a report on the Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme with Local Bus Operators following the end of the consultation period that ran between 1 March 2022 and 17 March 2022 with all statutory consultees and wider stakeholders. It was noted that five responses from the statutory consultees and stakeholders had been received by the 17 March deadline. These were from the Competition and Markets Authority, the Lancaster Bus Users Group, Transport Focus, Fylde Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

Resolved: That, the following be approved:

- i. The Making of the Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme, in accordance with s138G Transport Act 2000 without modifications, the Local Transport Authority having complied with s138F regarding preparation, notice and consultation;
- ii. That the Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme will be responsible for directing available funding from central government and elsewhere to deliver improvements to bus services and infrastructure in Lancashire to help achieve the ambition, objectives and targets in the county council's Bus Service Improvement Plan; and
- iii. That the mechanism by which the plan and scheme can be modified, following any future constructive comments, will be managed through the Enhanced Partnership governance structure and county council procedures.

9. Highways Decarbonisation Strategy

Cabinet considered a report on the Highways Decarbonisation Strategy. It was noted that the Highways Decarbonisation Strategy would support the county council's Corporate Priorities, in particular the need to protect our environment by putting in place a Strategy to achieve a realistic carbon reduction from highways maintenance and highway related activities.

In presenting the report, members expressed thanks to all the officers involved in producing the report.

Resolved: That, the Highways Decarbonisation Strategy as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

10. Lancashire County Council (Long Marsh Lane, Lancaster, Lancaster City) (Prohibition of Driving Except Cycles) Order 202*

Cabinet considered a report proposing to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order for a Prohibition of Driving for all motor vehicles on Long Marsh Lane, Lancaster, which was required as a road safety and amenity measure aimed at promoting walking and cycling on local roads around the Luneside East housing and regeneration site.

Resolved: That, the proposals to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order for a Prohibition of Driving for all motor vehicles on Long Marsh Lane, Lancaster as advertised and as shown on the plans attached at Appendices 'A' and 'B' of the report, be approved.

11. Lancashire County Council (Various Locations, Burnley, Chorley, Fylde, Pendle, Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre) (Various Parking Restrictions 21-22 (NO1)) Order 202*

Cabinet considered a report proposing to make a Traffic Regulation Order to address safety concerns in relation to vehicles parking causing serious problems with regard to safe traffic movement and parking that was obstructing driver's sightlines, impeding access and egress at junctions and access to some businesses. Some of the measures were proposed to ensure access for emergency service vehicles, refuse collections and larger deliveries to properties.

The proposals looked to introduce new restrictions in the districts of Burnley, Chorley, Pendle, Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre whilst removing current restrictions that were no longer required and correcting inconsistencies with the current Order in the districts of Fylde, Pendle, Preston and South Ribble.

Resolved: That, the proposals for parking restrictions on the various lengths of road within the Burnley, Chorley, Fylde, Pendle, Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre districts, as detailed within the report and as set out in the Modified Draft Order at Appendix 'A2' of the report, which included the removal of the proposals for Great George Street, Preston as previously advised in Appendix 'F' of the report and amendment to Mill Street, Padiham in Appendix 'B1' of the report, be approved.

12. Proposed 2022/23 Highway Maintenance New Start Capital Programme - Additional Resources

Cabinet considered a report recommending the apportionment of additional funding that has since been confirmed and is set out at Appendices 'A' and 'B' of the report to the proposed 2022/23 Highway Maintenance New Start Capital Programme. The report also requested approval of a number of detailed programmes of work relating to this funding set out at Appendices 'C' to 'G' of the report.

Resolved: That;

- i. Approval be given for the additional funding detailed in the report to be added to the Highway Block of the Capital Programme;
- ii. Approval be given for the proposed apportionment of the additional funding as detailed in the report and at Appendices 'A' and 'B' of the report;
- iii. Approval be given for the proposed additional 2022/23 New Starts Highway Maintenance programmes set out as projects at Appendices 'C' to 'G' of the report.
- iv. Approval be given for the Localised Deterioration Fund to be top sliced to create a £1,321,155 million contingency to allow flexibility to deal with any justifiable emerging issues identified with the proposed programme or at other locations; and
- v. The Director of Highways and Transport be authorised to approve and publish the proposed schemes/changes in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

13. Provision of a Bus Shelter at the Petre Arms, Whalley Road, Langho

Cabinet considered a report proposing a replacement bus shelter at the bus stop outside the Petre Arms on Whalley Road, Langho, BB6 8AB. The proposal followed requests from local bus users and local councillors and the report summarised the results of the consultation for the proposed bus shelter.

Resolved: That, the installation of a replacement bus shelter outside the Petre Arms, Whalley Road, Langho, BB6 8AB be approved.

14. Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020-21

Cabinet received the draft Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2020-21.

Resolved: That, the draft Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2020-21 be noted.

15. Capital Strategy for Schools - Condition Led Capital Investment Programme 2022/23

Cabinet considered a report proposing for the allocation of schools' capital funding to address a further phase of high priority building condition repairs on Community, Voluntary Controlled and Maintained Schools in Lancashire.

It was noted that Appendix 'A' of the report was in Part II and appeared at Item No. 23 on the Agenda.

Resolved: That;

- i. The proposed list of maintenance schemes in Lancashire schools, detailed at Appendix 'A' of the report, totalling £17.974m, as a further phase of high priority school repairs, subject to the grant settlement being £14.000m, the shortfall to be funded from the 2021/22 uncommitted allocation of £4.053m, be approved; and
- ii. The Executive Director for Education and Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, be authorised to approve any adjustments necessary once the final funding settlement is announced.

16. The Proposed Permanent Expansion of St Augustine's Roman Catholic High School, Billington, near Clitheroe

Cabinet considered a report proposing Permanent Expansion of St Augustine's Roman Catholic High School, Billington, near Clitheroe. The proposal was due to a rising secondary school population and increasing primary school population moving through to secondary schools.

It was noted that Appendix 'A' of the report was in Part II and appeared at Item No. 24 on the Agenda.

Resolved: That;

- i. A permanent increase in the admission number of St Augustine's Roman Catholic High School from 215 to 240 places from the academic year 2023/24, be approved; and
- ii. The capital expenditure detailed in Appendix 'A' of the report to provide additional accommodation and associated works at St Augustine's Roman Catholic High School, be approved.

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

Resolved: That the urgent decision taken by the Leader of the County Council and the relevant Cabinet Member, since the last meeting of Cabinet, be noted.

18. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business.

19. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 5 May 2022 at County Hall, Preston.

20. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

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

21. Exclusion of Press and Public

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

22. Appendix 'A' of Item 6 - Burnley Manchester Road Railway Station Access for All Improvements

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A in the Local Government Act 1972. Appendix 'A' contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information). It is considered that in the circumstances of the case the public interest of maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Resolved: That, Appendix 'A' of Item 6 - Burnley Manchester Road Railway Station Access for All Improvements, be noted.

23. Appendix 'A' of Item 15 - Capital Strategy for Schools - Condition Led Capital Investment Programme 2022/23

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A in the Local Government Act 1972. Appendix 'A' contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information). It is considered that in the circumstances of the case the public interest of maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Resolved: That, Appendix 'A' of Item 15 - Capital Strategy for Schools - Condition Led Capital Investment Programme 2022/23, be noted.

24. Appendix 'A' of Item 16 - The Proposed Permanent Expansion of St Augustine's Roman Catholic High School, Billington, near Clitheroe

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A in the Local Government Act 1972. Appendix 'A' contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information). It is considered that in the circumstances of the case the public interest of maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Resolved: That, Appendix 'A' of Item 16 - The Proposed Permanent Expansion of St Augustine's Roman Catholic High School, Billington, near Clitheroe, be noted.

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive and
Director of Resources

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Question to Cabinet
Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on
7 April 2022

1.	Questioner: County Councillor Nikki Hennessey	Respondent: County Councillor Charles Edwards
	<p>Item 7 - County Road and Yew Tree Road, Ormskirk, Various Highway Measures Including Toucan Crossing and Prohibition of Driving</p> <p>What Traffic calming support can you offer to assist in making local journeys using sustainable transport modes, particularly walking and cycling down Yew Tree Road as vehicle's travelling down Yew Tree Lane DO NOT adhere to the 20mph speed restrictions. The residents raised the speeding issue in the Consultation.</p>	<p>Thank you to Councillor Hennessey for your question and I very much appreciate you taking the time to engage with our Highways Engineers throughout this project. The agenda item 7 is to approve a series of measures that we hope will improve Yew Tree Road when it comes to traffic calming support using sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>The construction of cycle tracks with right of way on foot on Yew Tree Road will encourage cyclists down this road, as will the toucan crossing on County Road. These measures will nature calm speeds as we aspire to make Yew Tree Road a liveable neighbourhood.</p> <p>The concerns raised regarding vehicle speeds in the consultation and by you today are very welcomed and have been passed on to the County Council's speed management team for further consideration.</p>

