

Full Council

Thursday, 15th December, 2022 at 1.00 pm in Council Chamber, County Hall,
Preston

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Agenda Item 3

Questions submitted under Standing Order B28

No.	To be asked by:	Question:	For answer by (Cabinet Member):
1.	CC Gibson	<p>In December 2020, as part of its commitment to protecting the environment, Lancashire County Council agreed the following:</p> <p>"Transition the Lancashire economy away from carbon by 2030, address the biodiversity crisis; while also protecting against poverty and improving social inclusion."</p> <p>Just recently the Government announced it will introduce a windfall tax on renewable energy and not fossil fuels, whose profits have totalled 100 billion dollars in the first 6 months of this year; those same fossil fuels which result in the very carbon that this Council claims it is committed to reducing.</p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member agree with me that this policy is at odds with the policy adopted and supported by all parties across this Chamber in December 2020?</p>	CC Turner
2.	CC Collinge	<p>In an interview for a nursing publication Therese Coffey suggested she would rather recruit overseas nurses than increase pay for those already in the NHS (source: nursing notes.co.uk).</p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing agree with me that this is a disgraceful way to treat thousands of nurses and NHS staff across Lancashire, the very people that not so long ago, during the Covid pandemic, we were clapping as heroes?</p>	CC Green
3.	CC Clifford	<p>It is often said that it is good for scrutiny, transparency and democracy, that the Prime Minister has not seen the questions before being asked of them at the weekly session of Prime Minister's Question Time. Does the Leader have the same confidence of ability in herself and her Cabinet to now change the format of member question time at Lancashire County Council to allow members to ask un-</p>	CC Williamson

		tabled questions at our Full Council meetings and at Cabinet meetings?	
4.	CC Ashton	Would the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth please update Council on the outcome of this Council's submission of an Expression of Interest to the government in regard to establishing an Investment Zone in Lancashire?	CC Riggott
5.	CC Barnes	<p>Headteachers, parents and carers have raised grave concerns about the support (or lack thereof) provided by Lancashire County Council in terms of SEND provision.</p> <p>We know that there has been an increase of 40% in the number of children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and that there are 600 more SEND pupils in mainstream and 300 more in special schools this year, and that these figures show the need for Lancashire County Council to provide better services.</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tell me why the children and schools across Lancashire are receiving such a poor service from the local authority, • provide the figures for the last 12 months showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The number of EHCPs completed within timescales. ○ The number of EHCPs not completed within timescales. ○ The number of tribunals and the cost of these to Lancashire County Council; and • set out what safeguards have been put in place to improve this issue? 	CC Rear
6.	CC Singleton	Can the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport please update the Council on what he is doing to improve bus services in Lancashire?	CC Swarbrick

7.	CC Salter	At present Wyre has only one extra care facility, and Burnley has none. Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care tell me what progress is being made to create such facilities, which are important to provide independent living?	CC Gooch
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Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 13th October, 2022

Present:

County Councillor Peter Britcliffe (Chairman)

County Councillors

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

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Tim Ashton, Noordad Aziz, Rob Bailey, Anne Cheetham and Munsif Dad.



County Councillors Frank De Molfetta, Sobia Malik, Yousuf Motala and Lian Pate joined the meeting virtually.

Announcements

The Lee Family

The Chairman welcomed Mr Adam and Mrs Gemma Lee, the parents of the late Megan Lee, to the meeting, together with representatives from the Trading Standards Service, Lancashire Constabulary, Hyndburn Borough Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council.

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Michael Green referred to the work which Mr and Mrs Lee had undertaken with the Trading Standards Service and other partners to highlight the danger of food allergies and the importance of correctly labelling food which included, for example, nuts.

Full Council subsequently watched a brief video which had been made by Mr and Mrs Lee, the Trading Standards Service and partners.

Full Council thanked Mr and Mrs Lee and all the services involved for their dedication and work in promoting this important issue.

Deaths

The Chairman referred to the recent death of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and that Full Council would have the opportunity later in the meeting to pay tribute to Her late Majesty.

The Chairman reported the recent death of former County Councillor Norman Abram, who sadly passed away on Saturday 10 September 2022.

The Council observed a one-minute silence.

New Executive Directors

The Chairman welcomed Lesley Ottery, recently appointed Interim Executive Director of Resources, and Jacqui Old, recently appointed Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, to their first Full Council meeting.

Recognitions

- Asset Management Service

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Charles Edwards drew Full Council's attention to the recent success by the Asset Management Service which had won a Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation Climate Action Award.



- Julie Bell and Holly Emmett

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Peter Buckley drew Full Council's attention to the recent success by Holly Emmett and Julie Bell in the National Apprenticeship Awards 2022. Holly Emmett was the regional winner of the North West Rising Star award whilst Julie Bell was highly commended in the North West regional Apprentice Champion Award category.

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

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item Number	Nature of Interest (non-pecuniary unless stated)
John Singleton	Notice of Motion 4	As a member of Weeton Village Hall and Staining in Bloom accepted a donation from Cuadrilla in 2011
Paul Rigby	Notice of Motion 4	Pecuniary

3. Queen Elizabeth II

The Chairman invited Full Council to agree to the suspension of Standing Order B36(7) to allow, in the exceptional circumstances, an additional, fifth, Notice of Motion regarding Queen Elizabeth II and for it to be debated at this point in the meeting.

Resolved: - That Standing Order B36(7) be suspended and the Notice of Motion regarding Queen Elizabeth II be debated at this point in the meeting.

It was moved by County Councillor Phillippa Williamson and seconded by County Councillor Azhar Ali that:

Lancashire County Council is deeply saddened by the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and extend our deepest sympathy to His Majesty King Charles III and the royal family for their loss.

Lancashire County Councillors express their gratitude to HM Queen Elizabeth II, Duke of Lancaster, for her long service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Her reign was the longest in British history and her duty and dedication has been an inspiration, bringing constancy through 70 years of change.



The Council commends the reforms to the monarchy during the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, including abolishing the Civil List and giving equal inheritance rights to women to the crown and fully supports the continuation of the ancient institution of the monarchy.

Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to pass on the thanks of councillors to officers of the council across Lancashire for their work during the mourning period to support the proper protocols and enable councillors, staff and residents to pay their respects to HM Queen Elizabeth II.

County Councillors paid tribute to Her late Majesty after which the motion was put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

Resolved: - That:

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4. Question Time

County Councillors Lorraine Beavers, Scott Smith, Azhar Ali and Jackie Oakes, asked their questions as follows:

No.	Question From	Subject	For Answer By
1.	County Councillor Lorraine Beavers	School Meals	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
2.	County Councillor Scott Smith	Levelling Up East Lancashire	Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth



3.	County Councillor Azhar Ali	Mini-Budget	Leader of the County Council
4.	County Councillor Jackie Oakes	Fracking	Leader of the County Council

At the invitation of the Chairman, and prior to County Councillor Oakes asking Question 4, the Monitoring Officer provided Full Council with legal advice in relation to the subject matter.

County Councillor Jayne Rear, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills; County Councillor Aidy Riggott, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth; and County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Leader of the County Council, replied.

Due to a limit of 30 minutes for Question Time, the following questions were not asked and were subject to a written response copied to all councillors:

5.	County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal	School Places in Burnley and Pendle	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
6.	County Councillor Lizzi Collinge	Baby Loss Awareness Week	Cabinet Member for Children and Families

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 July 2022

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 July 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Report of the Cabinet (Part A) - Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2022 - 2025

County Councillor Peter Buckley moved a report setting out the recommendations of the Cabinet from its meeting on 8 September 2022 in respect of the Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2022 - 2025.

Resolved: - That the Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2022 - 2025, as determined by the Council's Policy Framework, be approved.

7. Report of the Employment Committee - Appointment of Executive Director of Resources

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report setting out the recommendation of the Employment Committee from its meeting on 30 September 2022 in respect of the appointment to the post of Executive Director of Resources (s. 151 officer). In moving the report, County Councillor Williamson reported that Mr Mark Wynn was being recommended for appointment.



Resolved: - That the appointment of Mr Mark Wynn as Executive Director of Resources (s. 151 officer), as set out in the report, now presented, and as reported at the meeting, be approved.

8. Report of the Political Governance Working Group

County Councillor Alan Cullens moved a report setting out the recommendations of the Political Governance Working Group from its meeting on 29 September 2022.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The constitution be amended to reflect the changes proposed to the approval of seating arrangements at Full Council, as set out in the report, now presented.
- (ii) The principle that councillor attendance statistics be published online be approved, and that the Political Governance Working Group be asked to agree the detail of the proposal for formal approval by the Monitoring Officer.

9. Lancashire County Pension Fund Annual Report Year Ending 31 March 2022

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report setting out details of the performance and state of the Lancashire County Pension Fund for the year ending 31 March 2022.

Resolved: - That the performance and state of the Lancashire County Pension Fund and investment activities for the year ended 31 March 2022, as set out in the report, now presented, and detailed in the Lancashire County Pension Fund Annual Report 2021/22, be noted.

10. Lancashire County Council Timetable of Meetings 2023/24

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report setting out details of a draft timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for the period 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024.

Resolved: - That the timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for the period 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024 inclusive, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented, be approved.

11. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

12. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 7 July 2022 and 8 September 2022, together with the annual reports of the Council Champions considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 8 September 2022



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

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

12(a) The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 25 July 2022.

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 meetings on 23 June 2022, 5 July 2022, 7 September 2022 and 20 September 2022.

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 16 September 2022.

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

12(d) The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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

Scrutiny Management Board - 26 July 2022

Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee - 21 September 2022

Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee - 13 September 2022

Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee - 15 September 2022

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

12(e) The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

County Councillor Michael Green moved the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board from its meeting on 19 July 2022.



Resolved: - That the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, 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 27 June 2022.

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 Samara Barnes and seconded by County Councillor Anna Hindle that:

This council notes:

That we are seeing a crisis of food poverty born out of the political choices and systemic failings created over the past four decades, which have now reached a tipping point for so many in our communities. The figures are devastating for one of the richest nations in the world and highlight the inequality of the UK in 2022.

Need for food banks is already at a record high. Food banks in the Trussell Trust network gave out 2.1 million emergency food parcels between April 2021 and March 2022, a 14% rise on the year 2019/20. This comes on top of year-on-year increases in need. With inflation at a record high and the worst cost of living crisis in living memory the pressures on many families will be unbearable across Lancashire. The cost of living crisis will lead to a massive increase in child poverty across Lancashire. Recycling Lives, a charity that works across Lancashire and Cumbria, has gone from delivering 4,000 trays of food per week during lockdown to 6,500 now. In West Lancashire alone, 4,580 households experience food insecurity, with over 2,000 children under 16 living in food insecure households. Food banks in Chorley and East Lancashire are reporting increases in demand from 30% to 50%, whilst donations are down by as much as 80%, and it's the same picture across the whole County.

We also note the Government's National Food Strategy which reported in July 2021 and was the first independent review of England's entire food system for 75 years, and its subsequent response. The 'Right to Food' campaign believes that the 11 million people currently living in food poverty must be central to the response from Government.

This council further believes:

Enshrining the 'Right to Food' into law would clarify Government obligations on food poverty and would introduce legal avenues to hold Government bodies accountable for violations.



This council resolves:

- (i) To call for the Right to Food to be incorporated in the Government's White Paper in response to the National Food Strategy. We ask the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister to further this request.
- (ii) To formally declare as a Right to Food Council and join with other councils across the country to continue to push for a Right to Food enshrined in law.
- (iii) To appoint a food security champion for Lancashire County Council.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Michael Green and seconded by County Councillor Sue Whittam:

This council notes:

That the cost of food has real consequences for people across Lancashire and that the broader affordability of food, and individuals' access to food, is an important key element of the government's approach to tackling poverty, as we learn to live with recent events and manage the impact of cost-of-living pressures.

Food banks in the Trussell Trust network gave out 2.1 million emergency food parcels between April 2021 and March 2022, a 14% rise on the year 2019/20. This comes on top of year-on-year increases in need. With inflation approaching 10% in the latest ONS figures (still significantly below their peak of around 24% in August 1975) and the worst cost of living pressures in living memory.

Recent interventions by government have reduced the pressures on many families across Lancashire. This support is to be welcomed, without which, the cost of living pressures could have led to increases in child poverty across Lancashire.

Recycling Lives, a charity that works across Lancashire and Cumbria, has gone from delivering 4,000 trays of food per week during lockdown to 6,500 now. In West Lancashire alone, 4,580 households experience food insecurity, with over 2,000 children under 16 living in food insecure households. Food banks in Chorley and East Lancashire are reporting increases in demand from 30% to 50%, whilst donations are down by as much as 80%, and it's the same picture across the whole County.

The Independent Review titled 'National Food Strategy' led by Henry Dimbleby, and supported by an Advisory Panel of experts from across the food system with extensive experience of the issues, reported in July 2021 and was the first independent review of England's entire food system for 75 years.

The subsequent response by government was published in the White Paper 'Government Food Strategy' in June 2022.

This council further believes:

That this strategy clearly sets out the government's ambitions and priorities to create a more prosperous agri-food sector that delivers healthier, more home-grown and



affordable diets for all, regardless of where people live or their income, and importantly that this strategy is the only the beginning of this conversation.

This council resolves:

- (i) To ask the Chief Executive to write to Henry Dimbleby to thank him and the members of the Advisory Panel for their contributions to the Independent Report 'National Food Strategy'.
- (ii) To increase the funding available from Lancashire County Council's 'Community Food Grant Scheme' to £250,000 for the year 2022/23.
- (iii) To request that Lancashire County Council's Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee reviews the effectiveness of the 'Community Food Grant Scheme'.

Following a brief adjournment, the Notice of Motion was withdrawn.

2. It was moved by County Councillor Julie Gibson and seconded by County Councillor John Fillis that:

This Council notes the recent decision of the Department for Transport to reject the latest bid for infrastructure funding for Skelmersdale Railway Station.

This Council further notes the long-term cross-party support for this project alongside West Lancashire Borough Council and West Lancashire MP, Rosie Cooper.

This Council believes that a new railway station in the heart of Skelmersdale linking with both Liverpool and Manchester would open-up a world of opportunities for Skelmersdale residents to access wider education, training, employment and social opportunities and that inward investment would be drawn to the new town centre benefitting the whole of the West Lancashire and wider Lancashire economy.

This council also believes that government support for the Skelmersdale Railway Station project would be a significant indicator of the government's 'levelling up' agenda and that the campaign for a Station must continue. It rejects the Department for Transport's statement that this project is 'poor value for money' - a direct contradiction to the principle of levelling up.

This Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Transport, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Prime Minister to ask them to honour their 2019 commitment to funding Skelmersdale Railway Station.

Notice was given by County Councillor Charles Edwards of an amendment at which point County Councillor Julie Gibson requested that her Notice of Motion be withdrawn.

3. It was moved by County Councillor Steve Holgate and seconded by County Councillor Jackie Oakes that:

Lancashire County Council recognises most junior schools in Lancashire have formed eco or green councils made up of pupils from across the age range to help



ensure they are doing all in their power to initiate projects to help reduce their carbon footprint and promote biodiversity both at school, traveling to and from school, and at home.

Many schools are now looking at ways in which they can help towards hitting the Government target of providing over 300,000 Electric Vehicle charger units across the country by 2030.

To this end:

- (i) Lancashire County Council commits to identifying ways it can support every school in Lancashire that indicates a wish to provide single or multiple Electric Vehicle charger points on school premises, for the use of both staff and visitors alike.
- (ii) Lancashire County Council will provide a single point of contact to co-ordinate and support this objective and let it be known this service and support is available.
- (iii) Lancashire County Council is delighted with the many environmental initiatives, of which this is just one being promoted and led by young people across Lancashire and will write to every school governing body setting out the support available.
- (iv) Lancashire County Council's electrical vehicle strategy will include a section working and supporting schools.

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

Lancashire County Council recognises junior schools in Lancashire have formed eco or green councils made up of pupils from across the age range to help ensure they are doing all in their power to initiate projects to help reduce their carbon footprint and promote biodiversity both at school, traveling to and from school, and at home.

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- (ii) Lancashire County Council will regularly update schools and signpost them towards available support such as government grants and advise on any changes to EV charging infrastructure policy.
- (iii) Lancashire County Council is delighted with the many environmental initiatives, of which this is just one being promoted and led by young people across Lancashire and will support these wherever it can.



- (iv) Lancashire County Council's electrical vehicle strategy will outline how it intends to work with all our partners, including schools, when it is published by the end of the year.

The friendly Amendment was accepted by County Councillor Holgate 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:

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- (iii) Lancashire County Council is delighted with the many environmental initiatives, of which this is just one being promoted and led by young people across Lancashire and will support these wherever it can.
- (iv) Lancashire County Council's electrical vehicle strategy will outline how it intends to work with all our partners, including schools, when it is published by the end of the year.

At the invitation of the Chairman, and prior to County Councillor Dowding moving the Motion, the Monitoring Officer provided Full Council with legal advice in relation to the subject matter.

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

This Council notes:

- (i) That the Government introduced a moratorium on fracking on 2 November 2019 due to evidence of the relationship between hydraulic shale gas fracturing ("Fracking") and seismic events in Lancashire.



- (ii) The moratorium was hugely welcomed by large numbers of people of Lancashire following years of disruption including not only earthquakes, but noise, traffic, and distress caused by the risks to health and environment associated with the Fracking industry as it tried to set up in Lancashire.
- (iii) The lack of support for Fracking by local communities in Lancashire.
- (iv) That the new Prime Minister has lifted the ban on Fracking but has said resumption of fracking in England would also be dependent on “where there is local support for it”.
- (v) That Lancashire County Council has committed to pursuing measures to combat the climate emergency.

Therefore, Lancashire County Council:

- (i) Resolves to follow examples of good practice in climate policy in its review of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Plan due for review this autumn. The Plan will, subject to statutory obligations, advice and guidance, and to agreement with Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen, include a commitment that any application to extract hydrocarbons would have to fully reflect the “net zero impact on climate change” objective, in line with commitments the Government made in the 2008 Climate Change Act and as signatories to the Paris Climate Agreement.
- (ii) Asks the government to engage with Lancashire and other local authorities as soon as possible to clarify the criteria for determining "local support".

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Aidy Riggott and seconded by County Councillor John Singleton:

This Council notes:

- (i) That the Government introduced a moratorium on fracking on 2 November 2019 due to evidence of the relationship between hydraulic shale gas fracturing (“Fracking”) and seismic events in Lancashire.
- (ii) The moratorium was welcomed by people in Lancashire following years of disruption to the lives of local residents and a significant burden on the public purse as a result.
- (iii) That consent for Fracking by local communities in Lancashire, has yet to be tested and determined, following the recent lifting of the moratorium on shale gas extraction.
- (iv) That the new Prime Minister has lifted the ban on Fracking but has said the government would “only press ahead with fracking in areas where there is local community support”.
- (v) That Lancashire County Council has committed to pursuing measures to combat climate change.

Therefore, Lancashire County Council resolves:



- (i) To follow examples of good practice in its review of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Plan. The Plan will, be subject to statutory obligations, advice and guidance, and to agreement with Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen.
- (ii) To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Rt. Hon. Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, to seek clarity on how consent will be measured and precisely who will be asked in relation to any proposed fracking activities in Lancashire.

The Amendment was accepted as a Friendly Amendment by County Councillor Dowding and became the substantive Motion.

The following friendly Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Azhar Ali in accordance with Standing Order B42:

Add point (iii) as follows:

"Asks the Government to commit to decision-making on fracking to remain solely with locally elected councillors in the local strategic planning authority".

The friendly Amendment was accepted by County Councillor Dowding and became the substantive Motion.

Following a brief adjournment, and legal advice, it was agreed that the word 'strategic' be removed from County Councillor Ali's friendly Amendment. The Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer clarified for Full Council that Lancashire County Council was the local planning authority with responsibility for the approval of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Plan.

The substantive Motion, as amended by County Councillor Riggott's friendly Amendment together with County Councillor Ali's friendly Amendment, with the deletion of the word 'strategic', was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

Resolved: - That:

This Council notes:

- (i) That the Government introduced a moratorium on fracking on 2 November 2019 due to evidence of the relationship between hydraulic shale gas fracturing ("Fracking") and seismic events in Lancashire.
- (ii) The moratorium was welcomed by people in Lancashire following years of disruption to the lives of local residents and a significant burden on the public purse as a result.
- (iii) That consent for Fracking by local communities in Lancashire, has yet to be tested and determined, following the recent lifting of the moratorium on shale gas extraction.
- (iv) That the new Prime Minister has lifted the ban on Fracking but has said the government would "only press ahead with fracking in areas where there is local community support".
- (v) That Lancashire County Council has committed to pursuing measures to combat climate change.



Therefore, Lancashire County Council resolves:

- (i) To follow examples of good practice in its review of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Plan. The Plan will, be subject to statutory obligations, advice and guidance, and to agreement with Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen.
- (ii) To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Rt. Hon. Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, to seek clarity on how consent will be measured and precisely who will be asked in relation to any proposed fracking activities in Lancashire.
- (iii) Asks the Government to commit to decision-making on fracking to remain solely with locally elected councillors in the local planning authority.

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive and Director
of Resources

County Hall
Preston



Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel - 2022/23 Members' Allowance Scheme

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

This report sets out the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the council's Members' Allowance Scheme for 2022/23, following an informal meeting of the Panel on 22 November 2022 and subsequent written confirmation of the Panel's recommendation.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to:

- (i) Consider the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel, as set out in the report and at Appendix 'A', relating to the county council's Members' Allowance Scheme; and
- (ii) Subject to (i) above, approve the revised Members' Allowance Scheme for 2022/23 and authorise the Director of Corporate Services to make any consequential changes to the Constitution.

Detail

The county council is required to establish an Independent Remuneration Panel and have regard to its recommendations before any changes are made to its Members'

Allowance Scheme. The county council is also required to approve its Members' Allowance Scheme before the beginning of each financial year.

The Members' Allowance Scheme sets out that:

"The amounts specified in paragraphs 1.0, 2.0, 3.0 and 5.0 (Basic Allowance, Special Responsibility Allowance, Dependants' Carers' Allowance and the Council's Chairman/Vice-Chairman Allowance respectively) of Schedule 'A' are subject to an annual uprating on 1 April. This uprating shall equate to the average annual percentage increase in employees' pay under the National Joint Council for Local Government Services pay structure"

The 2022/23 Members' Allowance Scheme was approved by Full Council at its meeting on 24 February 2022, although at that time the staff pay award had not been finalised.

The staff pay award has now been agreed. However, whilst in most years the pay increase for staff is expressed as a percentage, for 2022/23 a flat rate increase has been agreed for all staff of £1,925, regardless of their current grade or salary. The offer also includes a permanent extra day's leave per year for all staff from 1 April 2023, and an uprating of 4.04% on allowances (such as travel, accommodation, overtime etc).

As the main increase has not been expressed as a percentage, it was necessary to convene a meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel to consider what the appropriate increase for councillors would be. This meeting was held on 22 November 2022. The meeting was inquorate and thus the Panel's recommendations were confirmed in writing by all Panel members after the meeting.

The following information was presented to the Panel to assist its review of the Scheme:

- A copy of the existing Members' Allowance Scheme for 2022/23;
- A basic comparison of allowances paid to elected members of Lancashire County Council and those paid to elected members of other, similarly sized county councils, including neighbouring Cumbria County Council;
- The information and advice of officers on possible increases to councillors' allowances and the financial context.

Having considered the information presented, the Panel recommended to Full Council that the Basic, Special Responsibility, Dependents' Carers', and Chairman/Vice Chairman Allowances be increased by 4.04% for 2022/23, with effect from 1 April 2022.

Full Council will note that uprating the Basic Allowance, Special Responsibility Allowances, Dependents' Carers' Allowance, and the Chairman/Vice Chairman Allowance by 4.04% as recommended by the Panel would increase the total

members' allowance budget by £60,000. Details of the recommended changes to members' allowances are set out at Appendix 'A'.

Full Council is asked to consider the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out above and approve any changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme for 2022/23. Any changes approved will be backdated to 1 April 2022.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Full Council is required to approve an annual Members' Allowance Scheme having regard to the recommendations made by the council's Independent Remuneration Panel.

Financial

The changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme, as recommended by the Panel, will result in additional costs of £60,000, which will be contained within the overall revenue budget in 2022/23 and the ongoing impact will be met from within the medium-term financial strategy in future years.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Agenda of the meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel	22 November 2022	Hannah Race 01772 530655

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



Appendix A

Recommended Changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme

Basic Allowance

Current (£)	4.04% Increase (£)	Recommended (£)
11,161	451	11,612

Dependents' Carer's Allowance (per hour)

Current (£)	4.04% Increase (£)	Recommended (£)
7.66	0.31	7.97

Chairman / Vice-Chairman Allowance

Position	Current (£)	4.04% Increase (£)	Recommended (£)
Chairman	16,735	676	17,411
Vice-Chairman	8,368	338	8,706

Special Responsibility Allowances

Position	% of Leader	Current (£)	4.04% Increase (£)	Recommended (£)
Leader	100.00	33,483	1,353	34,836
Deputy Leader	70.00	23,438	947	24,385
Cabinet Members (8)	55.00	18,416	744	19,160
Lead Members (5)	27.50	9,207	372	9,579
Champions (6)	17.50	5,860	237	6,097
Chairs (10)	25.00	8,371	338	8,709
O&S Deputy Chairs (4)	47.00 (% of Chair)	3,935	159	4,094

Majority Group Secretary	15.00	5,022	203	5,225
Majority Group Whip	15.00	5,022	203	5,225
Opposition Group Leader	55.00	18,416	744	19,160
Opposition Group Deputy	27.50	9,207	372	9,579
Opposition Group Secretary	10.00	3,349	135	3,484
Opposition Group Whip	10.00	3,349	135	3,484

Current Special Responsibility Allowance budget: **£454,355**

Recommended Special Responsibility Allowance budget, to accommodate the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel: **£472,711**

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Head of Pension Fund

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

Appointment of New Employer and Member Representatives on the Lancashire Local Pension Board

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Brief Summary

This report relates to the appointment of new employer and scheme member representatives on the Lancashire Local Pension Board.

Recommendations

That Full Council approves:

- (i) The appointment of the two new employer representatives and two new scheme member representatives on the Lancashire Local Pension Board, and the length of the terms, as set out in the report.
- (ii) That if the appointments referred to at (i) above are approved, all new Board members are bound by the county council's Code of Conduct with immediate effect.

Detail

The Terms of Reference for the Local Pension Board state that the Board shall consist of nine members on the basis of an independent Chair, four Scheme member representatives (drawn from the membership of the Fund) and four employer representatives, comprising of:

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

During the first half of 2023 the 4 Local Pension Board members listed below come to the end of their 8-year terms of appointment.

- Steve Thompson – Employer representative – Unitary, City, and Borough Councils and the Police/Fire bodies
- Kathryn Haigh – Member Representative
- Yvonne Moulton – Member Representative
- Carl Gibson – Employer representative – other employers within the Fund

Fund officers have undertaken a recruitment exercise to ensure that new members are recruited in advance of the four listed members leaving their posts.

At the July 2022 Local Pension Board meeting, a report was considered which set out the process for appointing new Employer and Scheme Member representatives to fill the four positions on the Board, when they became vacant.

The report outlined some key drivers around the planning for recruitment which included the staggering of the new appointments as set out below to reduce the risk of several Board members reaching the end of their term of appointment at, or around, the same time in the future.

- Two of the new appointments will be of 2 years initial duration plus a 4-year extension option.
- The other two appointments will be of 4 years initial duration plus a 4-year extension option.

The roles were subsequently advertised through the relevant channels and upon receipt of the applications, the Head of Fund undertook a shortlisting exercise with the Chair of the Local Pension Board.

Due to the number of applications received it was necessary to undertake an interview exercise which was conducted by a panel comprising of the Chair of the Local Pension Board, two Local Pension Board members and an officer of the Fund.

Following these interviews, the four candidates below were identified as having the necessary skills and knowledge to fulfil the role and have provisionally been offered the positions, subject to approval by Full Council:

- Employer Representative – Unitary, City, and Borough Councils and the Police/Fire bodies - Tony Wilkinson (Lancashire Constabulary) to be appointed for 4 years with effect from 1 January 2023 with an option to extend the term by a further 4 years.

- Employer Representative – other employers in the Fund - Stephen Dunstan (Blackpool Coastal Housing) to be appointed for 2 years with effect from 1 April 2023 with an option to extend the term by a further 4 years.
- Scheme Member Representative – Gayna Hart to be appointed for 4 years with effect from 1 May 2023 with an option to extend the term by a further 4 years.
- Scheme Member Representative – Shima Maka to be appointed for 2 years with effect from 1 May 2023 with an option to extend the term by a further 4 years.

The proposed appointments were reported to and noted by the Pension Fund Committee on 25 November 2022.

Should the appointments be approved by Full Council the new Board members will be bound by the county council's Code of Conduct with immediate effect to enable them to receive agenda (part I and part II reports) and, where possible, attend a meeting of the Pension Board as an observer prior to formally taking up their roles as Board members.

Any extension to the initial term of appointment will be referred to Full Council for approval.

The term of office will come to an end for the new representatives if:

Employer Representatives:

- Ceases to be employed by their current employer.
- 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.

Scheme Member Representatives:

- Ceases to be a member of the Lancashire Local Government Pension Scheme.
- 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.

With the exception of the Independent Chair of the Local Pension Board, members do not receive a salary but are able to claim expenses in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Board.



Consultations

Lancashire 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	2022	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, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Local Government Reform Cumbria Pension Arrangements

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Brief Summary

It is proposed that that Lancashire County Council agrees to the Westmoreland and Furness Council delegating its pension fund administration function to Lancashire County Council pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Local government reorganisation in the Cumbria County Council area takes effect in April 2023. Lancashire County Council currently discharges the pension administration functions of Cumbria County Council, which in turn are delivered by Local Pension Partnership Administration Limited. The reorganisation requires that revised discharge of functions agreements are made with Westmoreland and Furness Council, to replace the existing agreement with Cumbria County Council.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked:

- (i) To approve the delegation of the pension fund administration function of Westmoreland and Furness Council to Lancashire County Council pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 subject to the council entering into appropriate legal agreements with the parties.
- (ii) That the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to agree the final legal agreements on behalf of Lancashire County Council.

Detail

Local government reorganisation is due to fully take effect within Cumbria from 1 April 2023 and will have implications for pension administration arrangements.

Current Position

Lancashire County Council provides pension administration services to other local authorities by way of a formal delegation of powers pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972. Pension administration services have been provided by the administration arm of the Local Pensions Partnership Limited (LPPL), a company owned by Lancashire County Council and the London Pensions Fund Authority since 2016. Pension administration services are delivered by the administration subsidiary company of LPPL, Local Pensions Partnership Administration Limited (LPPA).

A delegation is currently in place between Lancashire County Council and Cumbria County Council, which passes its agreed budget for pension administration services to Lancashire County Council which in turn instructs LPPA to deliver the services with the funding being passed through to LPPA. The arrangement, whilst not being of a commercial nature, is governed by a formal written agreement involving Cumbria County Council, LPPA and Lancashire County Council.

The delegation covers Cumbria Local Government Pension Scheme and the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Services.

Reorganisation

The six district Councils within the Cumbria region and Cumbria County Council will transition to two new unitary authorities – Cumberland Council and Westmoreland and Furness Council – with effect from 1 April 2023. The new unitary authorities will provide Council services for their areas.

The decision has been made to keep one Local Government Pension Fund - Cumbria Local Government Pension Scheme - and the new administering authority will be Westmoreland and Furness Council. Whilst Cumbria Local Government Pension Scheme does not wish to dissolve the discharge arrangement, the nature of the local government reorganisation process in Cumbria is such that Cumbria County Council will cease to exist at midnight on 31 March 2023. This will effectively result in the dissolution of the arrangement at midnight on 31 March 2023. This reorganisation requires that a replacement delegation is set up with Westmoreland and Furness Council.

The replacement delegation will not continue to cover administration for the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service. This is because the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service is moving to sit under the Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner – rather than under Cumbria County Council – and the Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner is looking into entering into a delegation arrangement.

Officers of Lancashire County Council are liaising with Westmoreland and Furness Council on the appropriate legal agreements that will be required to implement these arrangements.



Consultations

Cumbria County Council
LPPA

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The impact of this reorganisation is limited to a change in administering authority of the Cumbria Local Government Pension Scheme and it will not impact on the scope of services provided by LPPA and pension administration service costs. Whilst there is some scope for errors to be made by LPPL which could lead to losses, this has been addressed in the agreement between Lancashire County Council, LPPA and the customer authority. LPPA will indemnify Lancashire County Council so that the risk to Lancashire County Council is minimal.

Legal

Both parties are able to enter into this arrangement pursuant to the powers available to them under Sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Government Act 2000.

Legal Services is currently in the process of reviewing and agreeing the necessary legal agreements with Cumbria County Council.

Lancashire County Council and LPPL are also currently engaged in a wider piece of work, reviewing the provision of pension administration services by LPPL under agreements between the parties. This review is likely to take some time but does not affect the delegation recommended in this report.

Financial

It is expected that there will be no financial impact for Lancashire County Council as, in practice, LPPA operates on a cost basis. As part of the annual budget setting process, LPPA estimates costs to be incurred in operating the business and these costs are pro-rated to each Pension Fund client. A monthly payment is then made by each client to LPPA to cover the pro-rated costs. At the end of the year, a 'true up' payment may be requested from each client in the event that actual costs exceed budgeted costs.



Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

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

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Brief Summary

The report of the Cabinet from its recent meetings is attached at Appendix 'A'.

This includes the following meetings:

- 6 October 2022
- 3 November 2022
- 1 December 2022

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 Cabinet, as now presented, be noted.

Meeting of the Cabinet (6 October 2022)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Delivering Cost of Living Support in Lancashire

Cabinet considered a report setting out the county council's intentions in relation to delivering cost of living support in Lancashire.

Resolved: That

- i. The Director of Public Health be authorised, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Members and officers, to implement the initiatives as set out in the report, including entering into contractual arrangements as appropriate;
- ii. All County Councillors be provided with an information sheet containing contact details for all targeted advice and support initiatives as set out in the Delivering Cost of Living Support in Lancashire report;
- iii. A fund of £72,000 be established to support organisations that own premises and which are willing to establish warm hubs, with consideration to be given on the need for further funding following the one month progress review
- iv. The Lancashire Leaders' Forum be utilised as the mechanism through which strategic planning with district councils will take place; and
- v. A resource be provided to promote the support available.
- vi. The Warm and Welcome Public Spaces Task Group be asked to assess the progress of the scheme after four weeks of operation and report back as appropriate.

Bus Stop Clearway, Lyndhurst Road, Burnley

Cabinet considered a report to relocate two bus stops and associated clearway on Lyndhurst Road, Burnley. The report summarised the results of the public consultation and it was noted that objections had been received.

Resolved: That the merging and relocation of 2 existing bus stops on Lyndhurst Road, Burnley, to a new location outside numbers 40 to 54 Lyndhurst Road, as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Review of Charging for Attachments to Lighting Columns

Cabinet considered a report on the review of charging for attachments to lighting columns.

Resolved: That

- i. The introduction of a £70 charge per application for consents to attachments to lighting columns together with the cost of structural tests for each column where required be approved;
- ii. Such consents are valid for three seasons as defined in the report;
- iii. The charge to parish and town councils, and other charitable organisations, for said structural tests be waived where applications are for seasonable or event decorative items and are received at least 10 weeks prior to installation; and
- iv. The charge for said structural tests where the application is for temporary lightweight correx type signs satisfying the tests set out in the report be waived.

Woodplumpton and Catforth Traffic Calming Schemes - Revised Budget

Cabinet considered a report proposing a budget increase to the Woodplumpton and Catforth Traffic Calming Schemes.

Resolved: That the revision to the budget, as set out in the report, to support delivery of a traffic calming scheme in Woodplumpton, and further work on a scheme in Catforth, subject to payment of scheme costs and any additional costs by Woodplumpton Parish Council under S278 Agreements, be approved.

Woodplumpton Village Traffic Calming Scheme - Approval of Traffic Regulation Orders

Cabinet considered a report on the proposed Woodplumpton Village Traffic Calming Scheme.

Resolved: That approval be given for the proposals on Woodplumpton Road, Whittle Hill and Newsham Hall Lane, as set out in the report and in the Draft Orders and depicted on the plans as follows:

- Road humps and chicanes (Appendices 'A' to 'C').
- 20mph and 30mph Speed Limit Order (Appendices 'D' and 'E').
- Prohibition of Stopping on School Keep Clear area and Prohibition of Waiting Order (Appendices 'F' and 'G').
- Prohibition of Driving (Appendices 'H' and 'I').



Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2022/23

Cabinet considered the updated Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2022/23.

Resolved: That Cabinet supports the ongoing work of Adult Social Care to ensure people who needed social care support across the winter period would get the right support for them at the right time, in the context of the continuing pressures across social care, NHS and the challenges across the care sector, and the Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2022/23, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25

Cabinet considered a report setting out the draft School Place Planning Delivery Programme for 2023-25.

Resolved: That;

- i. The School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25 as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report be approved; and
- ii. Statutory consultations be conducted on sufficiency projects in the following school planning areas:
 - a. Establishment of a new primary school in Goosnargh & Grimsargh with Longridge.
 - b. Establishment of a new primary school in Preston Rural, North, West.
 - c. Establishment of a new secondary school in Preston.
 - d. Significant alteration projects in Brierfield; Goosnargh & Grimsargh with Longridge; Preston Rural, North, West; Chorley and South Ribble; Ribble Valley East and West.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency - Bleasdale School, Silverdale

Cabinet considered a report on the residential element of Bleasdale School.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the information as set out in the report, including the options for the future of the residential provision at Bleasdale School, approval be given to initiate a feasibility study on all four options.

Lancashire Community Renewal Fund Progress and Financial Update

Cabinet considered a report setting out progress in the delivery of the Lancashire County Council Community Renewal Fund programme and the steps required to claim the final tranche of funds from the Government.

Resolved: That approval be given for up to £1.22 million of final grant payments to Community Renewal Fund projects, as set out in Appendix 'A' of the report, in advance of the payments being claimed back from UK Government.



Data Strategy

Cabinet considered a report on the county council's data strategy.

Resolved: That, the Data Strategy, as attached at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Fleetwood Maritime Museum - Boat Storage

Cabinet considered a report on the future of two historic vessels owned by the county council, and which were currently on loan to the Fleetwood Museum Trust.

Resolved: That the funding of £43,690 be provided during 2022/23, including the provision of in-kind support from the county council's Conservation and Collections Team to support a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the development of a conservation management plan over three years for both vessels which will also deliver skills training to apprentices and supervised volunteers.

Meeting of the Cabinet (3 November 2022)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Budget Report and Savings Proposals for 2023/24

Cabinet considered a report on the budget and savings proposals for 2023/24

Resolved: That

- i. The budget proposals as set out in Appendix 'A' of the report be approved, and officers be authorised to proceed with their implementation (subject to appropriate consultation where required and approval by Budget Full Council) and that the 2023/24 budget be based on these revenue decisions;
- ii. The reduced funding gap of £41.428m be noted, should the budget proposals be agreed covering the period 2023/24 to 2026/27 as set out in the revised financial outlook forecast for the council, in addition to a reduced funding gap for 2023/24 of £19.951m;
- iii. The approach to the strategic targets as set out in Section 3 of the report, be part of the 2023/24 budget and be included in the updated medium term financial strategy position; and
- iv. The methodology of allocating further savings targets across the county council with further proposals to be presented for approval at a future Cabinet meeting, be noted.

Procurement Report

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

- i. Provision of Food Distribution Network
- ii. Network refresh – provision of backbone dark fibre services
- iii. Lancashire Advocacy Hub and Lancashire Carers Advocacy Service
- iv. Construction Partnering Framework

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

- i. Provision of Food Distribution Network
- ii. Network refresh – provision of backbone dark fibre services
- iii. Lancashire Advocacy Hub and Lancashire Carers Advocacy Service
- iv. Construction Partnering Framework



County Councillor Use of Resources Protocol

Cabinet considered a report on the revised County Councillor Use of Resources Protocol.

Resolved: That the Use of Resources Protocol for county councillors, as set out in Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Tree Risk Management Procedure

Cabinet considered a report on the revised Tree Risk Management Procedure.

Resolved: That the adoption of the revised Tree Risk Management Procedure as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Economic Development Strategy 2023-25

Cabinet considered a report on a new Economic Strategy for Lancashire County Council for 2023 to 2025.

Resolved: That the Economic Development Strategy 2023-25 as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

The Future of Queen Street Mill Museum and Helmshore Textile Mills Museum

Cabinet considered a report on the future of Queen Street Mill Museum and Helmshore Textile Mills Museum.

Resolved: That

- i. Option '3' to enhance the in house offer at Queen Street Mills and Helmshore Textile Mills, as set out in the report, be approved;
- ii. Officers develop a comprehensive business plan and robust key performance indicators to assess the county council's progress against the plan; and
- iii. The National Trust be thanked for its support of the museums and that future opportunities to work closely with them on Lancashire's cultural and heritage offer be welcomed.

Establishing Additional Funds for Community Food Grants

Cabinet considered a report on establishing additional funds for Community Food Grants.

Resolved: That

- i. An increase in the funding available from Lancashire County Council's 'Community Food Grant Scheme' to £250,000 for the year 2022/23, be approved; and



- ii. The Director of Public Health be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, to allocate these funds, using the existing application process administered by the community projects team, to respond to the increase in demand for community food projects.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Lease of Office Accommodation

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

Cabinet considered a report on the lease of office accommodation.

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

Meeting of the Cabinet (1 December 2022)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Corporate Performance Report - 2022/23 Quarter 2

Cabinet considered a report providing an overview of the key performance indicators as well as corporate risks and opportunities to enable monitoring against the four priorities of the corporate strategy.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the report and the additional information set out in Appendices 'A' to 'C', the report be noted.

Lancashire 2050

Cabinet considered a report on the progress made since January 2022, when the county council, together with Lancashire's 14 District and Unitary Councils, considered and supported the proposal to develop a long-term Strategic Plan for Lancashire.

Resolved: That

- i. The outline Lancashire 2050 strategic framework (Appendix 'A') be the strategic framework that would guide further development of shared detailed priorities and actions with partners and stakeholders across the whole of Lancashire; and
- ii. The Leader of the Council continues to work with Lancashire Leaders in line with the principles already agreed by Full Council in January 2022 including that the Leader will make representations to that forum on any matters arising from Cabinet's consideration of this report.

Money Matters Quarter 2 Report 2022/23

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the county council's 2022/23 revenue and capital financial position.

Resolved: That

- i. The current forecast overspend of £7.989m on the revenue budget in 2022/23 be noted; and
- ii. The revised 2022/23 capital delivery programme of £222.069m and the forecast outturn of £172.135m primarily due to slippage of delivery to future years be noted.



Procurement Report

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

- i. Provision of Library stock and other Library materials
- ii. Framework Agreement for Haulage Fleet for Lancashire Renewables Limited
- iii. Road markings and associated services
- iv. Routine gully cleansing.

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

- i. Provision of Library stock and other Library materials
- ii. Framework Agreement for Haulage Fleet for Lancashire Renewables Limited
- iii. Road markings and associated services
- iv. Routine gully cleansing.

Submission of an Expression of Interest to the Youth Investment Fund

Cabinet considered a report proposing the submission of Expressions of Interest to the Youth Investment Fund for 2 sites in Lancashire to seek funding for renovation.

Resolved: That

- i. The submission of Expressions of Interest to the Youth Investment Fund before the end of the year to renovate the 2 sites detailed within the report for the amounts outlined within Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved;
- ii. Works to the boiler and electrical installation approved within the Condition Led Programme 2019/20 at Fleetwood Children and Family Wellbeing (Milton Street), be considered match funding within the Expression of Interest for that site, and
- iii. The Director of Finance and the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to accept receipt of any grant funds were the submission to be successful in the full application stage, to agree grant conditions and to authorise the entering into of a Grant Funding Agreement by the council.

A601(M) Maintenance Project

Cabinet considered a report on the A601(M) Maintenance Project.

Resolved: That approval be given for the alternative option of retaining and repairing Higher North Road bridge, and that the proposal to replace the bridge with a new junction, approved by Cabinet in July 2020, be rescinded and not implemented.



Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Burnley, Chorley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, West Lancashire and Wyre) (Revocations and Various Parking Restrictions 21-22 (No2)) Order 202*

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to introduce new restrictions in the districts of Burnley, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, West Lancashire and Wyre whilst removing current restrictions that are no longer required and correcting inconsistencies with the current Order in the districts of Burnley, Chorley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston and West Lancashire.

Resolved: That the proposals for new and existing restrictions on the various lengths of road within the Burnley, Chorley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, West Lancashire and Wyre districts as detailed within the report and as set out in the Draft Order and Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Moving Traffic Enforcement Powers

Cabinet considered a report on the Moving Traffic Enforcement powers.

Resolved: That the Regulation and Enforcement Manager be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to submit a completed application, signed by the Chief Executive, for the provision of moving traffic powers in line with the requirements set out by Government and as set out in the report.

Speed Indicator Devices - Updated Policy and Procedure

Cabinet considered a report on the updated policy and procedure for Speed Indicator Devices.

Resolved: That approval be given to adopt the Speed Indicator Device Policy and Procedure, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, as a method for considering and implementing Speed Indicator Devices across Lancashire.

Town2Turf Public Realm Transformation

Cabinet considered a report on the Town2Turf Public Realm Transformation.

Resolved: That

- i. Approval be given for the county council to enter into a S278 Agreement under which it will accept staged payments totalling £5,755,866 from Burnley Borough Council along with any other additional financial provisions for the project that may be agreed; and
- ii. Approval be given for any payments received in connection with the agreement to be added to the Externally Funded block of the 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 capital programme in advance of any application for payment from appointed contractors. It was estimated that the following expenditure would be incurred in each year as £1,553,595 (2022/23); £3,952,567 (2023/24); £249,704 (2024/25). The final wording of the S278



Agreement would be agreed under the present authorisations for S278 Agreements.

Statutory Social Care Annual Report on Complaints and Customer Feedback 2021-2022

Cabinet considered a report on the Statutory Social Care Annual Report on Complaints and Customer Feedback 2021-2022.

Resolved: That

- i. The Statutory Social Care Complaints Annual Report on Complaints and Customer Feedback for children and young people and adult services for 2021/22, acknowledging the associated learning, so that the county council can meet its legal obligations, be noted; and
- ii. Officers explore options for undertaking regular surveys of Lancashire residents on council services.

Creation of Additional Special School Places at West Lancashire Community High School, Skelmersdale

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to create additional special school places at West Lancashire Community High School, through the development of satellite provision in the Children's Centre on the site of St John's Catholic Primary School, Skelmersdale.

Resolved: That

- i. Approval be given for the initiation of a feasibility study and informal consultation to increase the number of pupil places at West Lancashire Community High School, Skelmersdale through satellite provision on the site of St John's Catholic Primary School; and
- ii. The Executive Director of Education and Children's Services be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, to proceed to formal consultation on the proposals.

Lancashire County Council Environment and Climate Strategy

Cabinet considered a report on the new Environment and Climate Strategy for Lancashire County Council to run from 2023 to 2025.

Resolved: That the Lancashire County Council Environment and Climate Strategy 2023-25, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Re-imagining the Harris - Harris Your Place

Cabinet considered a report requesting additional funding from the county council by Preston City Council as a contribution to the rising construction and refurbishment costs associated with the Re-imagining the Harris project.



Resolved: That

- i. The provision of additional funding of £375,000 be agreed in principle as Lancashire County Council's contribution to the funding gap which has been identified due to rising costs associated with the project;
- ii. The Director of Corporate Services be authorised, in conjunction with the Director of Education, Culture and Skills, for the negotiation and approval of such legal agreements as are appropriate to secure Lancashire County Council's interest in the funding; and
- iii. The Director of Finance be authorised to clarify and determine the source of the funding, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader).

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Disposal of the Former Skerton High School, Lancaster

Cabinet considered a report on the disposal of the former Skerton High School, Lancaster.

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

Implementation Dates and Funding for the Migration to Oracle Cloud from the Current E-Business Suite Oracle Platform

Cabinet considered a report on the implementation and funding for the migration to Oracle Cloud from the current e-business suite Oracle platform.

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



Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

The Urgency Committee
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The report attached at Appendix 'A' 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.

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 of the Urgency Committee Decision Date: 29 November 2022

Decision Taker: Director of Corporate Services (The Monitoring Officer)

Appointments to the Local Pensions Partnership, Overview and Scrutiny, and the Combined Fire Authority

Resolved: The Director of Corporate Services:

- (i) Appointed County Councillor Charlie Edwards initially as an observer and then, once the changes to the governance structures of the Local Pensions Partnership take formal effect, as a Non-Executive Director on the Local Pensions Partnership Board;
- (ii) Approved the appointment of County Councillor Andrea Kay to replace County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick as the Deputy Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board;
- (iii) Approved the appointment of County Councillor Rob Bailey to replace County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick as Chair of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee; and
- (iv) Approved the appointment of County Councillor Terry Hurn to replace County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe as a member of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

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 17 October 2022 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.

Recommendation

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

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List of Background Papers

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

Meeting of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee (17 October 2022)

Chair: County Councillor Alan Schofield

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

External Audit: Lancashire County Council Audit Findings Report 2021/22

The committee considered the Audit Findings Report for Lancashire County Council presented by Sarah Ironmonger, Partner at Grant Thornton UK.

Resolved: That the following be noted:

- i) The Lancashire County Council Audit Findings Report 2021/22; and
- ii) That an updated Audit Findings Report would be presented to the next Audit, Risk and Governance Committee meeting on January 2023.

External Audit: Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Findings Report 2021/22

The committee considered the Audit Findings Report for Lancashire County Pension Fund presented by Stuart Basnett, Audit Manager at Grant Thornton UK.

Resolved: That the following be noted:

- i) The Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Findings Report 2021/22; and
- ii) That an updated Audit Findings Report would be presented to the next Audit, Risk and Governance Committee meeting on 20 January 2023.

Internal Audit Progress Report

The committee considered a report presented by Andy Dalecki, Head of Internal Audit, which provided an update on the Internal Audit Service's work and outcomes for 2021/22, for the period to 26 September 2022.

Resolved: That the Internal Audit Progress Report be noted.

Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Policy Documents

The committee considered a report presented by Andy Dalecki, Head of Internal Audit, which set out an updated suite of anti-fraud and anti-corruption policies for the committee's approval.

Resolved: That

- i) The updated Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy, as presented, be approved;
- ii) The new Fraud Sanction and Prosecution Policy, as presented, be approved;
- iii) The updated Whistleblowing Policy, as presented, be approved; and
- iv) The updated Anti-Money Laundering Policy Statement and Strategy, as presented, be approved.

Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register – Quarter 2 Update

The committee considered the updated Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register for 2022/23, presented by Paul Bond, Head of Legal, Governance and Registrars.

Resolved: That

- i) The updated Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register be noted; and
- ii) All risks with a rating of 12 or above, once the final score has been agreed between individual directorates and the Executive Management Team, be included in future Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register update reports to the committee.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Appendix 'B' to Item 8 – Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register – Quarter 2 Update

The committee considered the private and confidential Appendix B to Item 8 – Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register – Quarter 2 Update.

Resolved: That Appendix B to Item 8 – Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register – Quarter 2 Update, be noted.

Update on the Overpayment of Salaries

The committee considered a private and confidential report presented by Neil Kissock, Director of Finance, which provided an update on the overpayment salaries.



Resolved: That the report be noted.

RIPA Policy – Annual Review

The committee considered a private and confidential report presented by Chris Wilkinson, Trading Standards Manager, which provided an update on the council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and the council's RIPA policies for the committee's approval.

Resolved: That

- i) The Corporate Policy and Guidance on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2022, as presented, be approved;
- ii) The Shadow RIPA Surveillance Policy, as presented, be approved; and
- iii) The Covert Social Networking Checks and Surveillance Policy, as presented, be approved.



Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

The Employment Committee
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The report of the Employment Committee from its recent meetings is attached at Appendix 'A'.

This includes the following meetings:

- 30 September 2022
- 3 November 2022
- 17 November 2022

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.

Meeting of the Employment Committee 30 September 2022

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Recruitment to the Role of Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

The Committee considered proposals relating to the role of Director of Law and Governance arrangements for recruiting to the role.

Resolved: That

- i. the change in job title from Director of Corporate Services to Director of Law and Governance be approved.
- ii. the job description and person specification for the role be approved.
- iii. the engagement of recruitment consultants to assist with the recruitment process, on the basis set out in the report, be approved.
- iv. the Chief Executive/Interim Executive Director of Resources be authorised to engage recruitment consultants to assist with the recruitment process.
- v. the application of a market supplement to attract the best potential candidate pool be approved.
- vi. technical assessments be used during the recruitment process, the outcome of which would inform the shortlist for the role.
- vii. the assessment centre arrangements for recruiting to the role be approved.
- viii. the Chief Executive/Interim Executive Director of Resources be authorised to approve changes to the recruitment process in consultation with the Chair of Committee, Deputy Chair of the Committee and Leader of the Opposition, under the advice of the recruitment consultants.

Interviews for the Executive Director of Resources Post

The Committee conducted interviews for the position of Executive Director of Resources.

Resolved: That, subject to the receipt of satisfactory references and the formal approval of Full Council, the Committee proposed that an offer of appointment to the post of Executive Director of Resources be made to Mark Wynn.

Meeting of the Employment Committee

3 November 2022

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Longlisting, Interview Questions and Presentation Topic for the Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) Role

The Committee considered the applications received for the role of Director of Law and Governance, and arrangements for the presentation topic and interview process.

Resolved: That

- i. The agreed candidates be added to the longlist and that they go forward to the technical assessment.
- ii. The interview questions and presentation topic to be used as part of the interview process, as set out in the report, be approved.

Meeting of the Employment Committee

17 November 2022

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Working Flexibly Policy & Procedure - 6 Month Review

The committee considered the outcome of the six-month review of the updated Working Flexibly Policy and Procedure.

Resolved: That the six month review of the Working Flexibly Policy and Procedure be noted and the proposed actions, as set out in the report, be supported.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Shortlisting for the Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) Role

The committee considered the outcome of the technical assessments in order to determine the shortlist for interviews for the position of Director of Law and Governance.

Resolved: That:

- i. Those candidates identified as "Strongly Recommended" or "Recommended" be shortlisted for interview for the post of Director of Law and Governance.
- ii. Penna be asked to further test the market, and that any further interested candidates be subject to the technical assessment, and, if evaluated as "Recommended" or "Strongly Recommended", that they also be shortlisted.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
(None);

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

The Pension Fund Committee
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 25 November 2022 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 Pension Fund Committee, as now presented, be noted.

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

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

Meeting of the Pension Fund Committee 25th November 2022

Chair: County Councillor Eddie Pope

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Lancashire County Pension Fund - External Audit Findings Report 2021/22

The Committee was informed that due to a national issue regarding infrastructure assets owned by local authorities the Auditors final opinion on the County Council and Pension Fund accounts would be presented to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee on 30th January 2023

Resolved:

1. That the findings of the external audit of the Lancashire County Pension Fund accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022, as set out in Appendix A to the report presented are noted.
2. That the Committee be informed of the final opinion of the external auditor once it has been reported to the Audit Risk and Governance Committee on 30th January 2023 and that the Pension Fund Annual Report 2021/22 be updated accordingly.

Local Pensions Partnership Annual Report and Accounts

The Committee considered a report on the Local Pensions Partnership Annual Report which included a strategic report and the financial statements of the Company.

Resolved: That the Annual Report and Accounts for the Local Pensions Partnership Limited for the year ended 31st March 2022, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report presented, is noted.

Budget Monitoring Q2 - 2022/23

The Head of Fund presented a report on the income and expenditure of the Fund for the 6 months up to 30th September 2022 together with a forecast for the year ending 31st March 2023.

Resolved: That the financial results of the Fund for the 6 months up to 30th September 2022 together with the budget and forecast variances set out in the report presented are noted.

Feedback from members of the Committee on pension related training.

A report was presented on pension related training which had taken place since the previous meeting and members of the Committee gave positive feedback on their experiences at the PLSA Conference and internal workshops/presentations.

Resolved: The Committee is asked to note the report and feedback from individual Committee members given at the meeting in relation to training they have received.

Responsible Investment Report

The Head of the Fund presented a report on responsible investment activity during the third quarter of 2022 and informed the Committee that LPPIs net zero targets had been accepted by the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change, and an update on the UN Principles for RI results for 2021 would be included in the report to the next meeting. It was also reported that LPPI had provided a technical response to the Government consultation on climate risk disclosures in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Resolved:

1. That the update on responsible investment activity by Local Pension Partnerships Investments Ltd (LPPI) during Q3, as set out in the report presented, is noted.
2. That a copy of the LPPI technical response to the Government consultation on climate risk disclosures in the Local Government Pension Scheme in alignment with the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures be made available to Committee members outside of the meeting.

Programme of meetings 2023/24

The 2023/24 programme of Committee meetings agreed by full council in October 2022 was presented and the Head of Fund proposed that the meeting on 24th November 2023 be put back to 1st December 2023 to stagger the meetings of the Committee.

Resolved:

1. That the 2023/24 programme of meetings for the Committee, as approved by full Council on 14th October 2021, is noted.
2. That the meeting scheduled for 24th November 2023 is cancelled and rearranged for 1st December 2023 giving a 2023/24 programme of meetings as follows, with all meetings to be held at County Hall, Preston, commencing at 10.30am.



16th June 2023
15th September 2023
1st December 2023
8th March 2024

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Draft Funding Strategy Statement

The Head of Fund and Mr Wilson FIA, Senior Associate from Mercers, presented a report on the revised Funding Strategy Statement (FSS) which included a draft updated Admission and Termination Policy and a proposed timescale for consultation with employers and the Local Pension Board before the final FSS was presented to Committee for approval.

Resolved:

1. That the contents of the draft updated Funding Strategy Statement (FSS) and associated Admission and Termination Policy, as set out respectively at Appendices 'A' and 'B' to the report presented, are noted, and approved for consultation.
2. That a further report on the outcome of the consultation and highlighting key themes, together with a final version of the FSS, be presented to the next meeting of the Committee for approval.

Local Pensions Partnership Update

Representatives from the Local Pensions Partnership (LPP) presented a strategic update on activity by the Group which included a summary of the performance of the pension administration service. In considering the report the Committee noted that whilst there had been some minor issues following implementation, phase 2 of Project PACE had gone well and would be reflected in future performance reports.

Resolved: That the updates on investment and pension 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 Context Report

Ms Devitt, Independent Investment Adviser to the Fund, presented a detailed report on the various macro-economic factors which influence the investment market in which the Fund operated including the recent UK government mini budget, inflation, increased energy costs and geopolitics, including China.

Resolved: That the update on the macro-economic factors that influence the investment market in which the Lancashire County Pension Fund operates is noted.



Investment Performance Report

Ms George, Independent Investment Adviser to the Fund, presented a detailed report on the performance of the Fund up to the end of September 2022 and highlighted specific areas of interest such as the performance of the Fund portfolio over different periods of time, individual asset allocations, cashflow and the current funding level. The Committee also discussed local investment and received an update on the East Cliff development in Preston.

Resolved:

1. That the performance of the Lancashire County Pension Fund up to the end of September 2022, as set out in the report presented, is noted.
2. That arrangements be made for the Chair, Head of Fund and County Councillor M Brown to meet to further discuss local investment by the Fund.

Investment Panel Report

The Head of Fund presented a report on the various matters that were discussed at the Investment Panel on 15th September 2022, as set out in the Minutes of that meeting. He reported that at the meeting on 24th November 2023 the Panel had reviewed cashflow and planned the review of the Investment Strategy Statement and an update on the work would be provided at the next meeting of the Committee, with a revised Strategy to be presented in June 2023.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Investment Panel held on 15th September 2022 are noted.

Local Pension Partnership (LPP) Governance Review

The Chair presented an update report on the LPP governance review and the briefing held on 1st November 2022 where members of the Committee had discussed the background/context and scope of the review. Councillor Borrow reported that the briefing had been useful, and the Chair confirmed that a further briefing would be arranged for early in the new year.

Resolved: That the report be noted, and arrangements made for a further briefing on shareholder matters to be held for Committee members in February 2023.

Lancashire County Pension Fund - Risk Register

The Head of Fund presented a report on the full risk register for the Lancashire County Pension Fund and highlighted specific risks associated with the implementation of the new pensions administration system, the ongoing Russia/Ukraine conflict, and Inflation. In view of discussions earlier in the meeting it was reported that the Register would be updated to include the geopolitical risks associated with China and the potential impact on investment markets.



Resolved: That the current Lancashire County Pension Fund Risk Register, as set out in the Appendices to the report presented, is noted.

Lancashire Local Pension Board Recruitment

The Committee considered a report on the process for recruiting replacement Employer and Scheme Member representatives to fill four vacancies on the Lancashire Local Pension Board which included staggering the term of new appointments to reduce the risk of several Board members reaching the end of their term at or around the same time in the future.

Resolved: That the appointment of 2 new Employer representatives and 2 new Scheme Member representatives to the Lancashire Local Pension Board on the basis set out in the report and to be recommended to full Council for approval is noted.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
(None);

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees from their recent meetings is attached at Appendix 'A'.

This includes the following meetings:

- Scrutiny Management Board (8 November 2022)
- Children, Families and Skills (26 October 2022)
- Health and Adult Services (2 November 2022)
- Environment, Economic Growth and Transport (20 October 2022)
- Community, Cultural and Corporate Services (29 September 2022, 10 November 2022)

The agenda, reports and minutes of the meetings 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 Overview and Scrutiny Committees, as now presented, be noted.

Meeting of the Scrutiny Management Board (Thursday 8th November 2022)

Chair: (County Councillor David Westley)

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Cabinet Member Portfolio Update

County Councillor Michael Green, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and County Councillor Graham Gooch, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care were welcomed to the meeting to provide the Board with details on recent and forthcoming activity within their portfolios.

Resolved: That the verbal updates be noted.

Budget Scrutiny

A report was provided with the agenda on the Budget and Savings Proposals 2023/24 which was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 3 November 2022.

Resolved: That

- i. The Money Matters 2022/23 Position – Quarter 1 report be noted.
- ii. The tracking of budgeted savings agreed, and budget growth items be noted.
- iii. Further information be provided from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change to assure the Board that there would be no detrimental impact as a result of the proposed saving identified (as at PE002).
- iv. Further information be requested to determine how robust the projections are and how work would be undertaken with the district councils (as at W001).

Meeting of the Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee (Wednesday 26th October 2022)

Chair: (County Councillor Andrea Kay)

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

SEND and Specialist Provision Update

The report presented was concerned with the county council's provision for children and young people in Lancashire who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and particularly those with education, health and care plans (EHCPs). A presentation was also delivered to the committee on SEND and Specialist provision.

Resolved: That:

- i) The following recommendation be shared with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills: that consideration be given to making extra resource available to support the work of the Inclusion Service on SEND and Specialist Provision, and that any proposals should be considered by scrutiny before a decision is taken by Cabinet;
- ii) Data on the county council's performance in relation to assessments and provision of Education, Health and Care Plans be shared with committee members;
- iii) Further information on the process associated with Education, Health and Care Plans be made available to all county councillors, either through a Bite Size Briefing or vodcast; and
- iv) Financial data highlighting the challenges facing the county council in relation to SEND and Specialist Provision be provided to committee members.

Meeting of the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee (Wednesday 2nd November 2022)

Chair: (County Councillor David Westley)

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Update on Social Care Reforms and the Impact on the Care Market

Members were provided with a report on 'Social Care Reforms and the Impact on the Care Market'. The report provided an outline on the Actions the county council is undertaking in order to remain compliant and respond to the predicted increase in demand on its Adult Social Care Services.

Resolved: That;

- i. The national picture in relation to social care reforms and the potential impact the Fair Cost of Care exercise and the Market Sustainability Plan will have on the Local Authority and the care market be considered.
- ii. Further detail on the online assessment process be provided to the March 2023 meeting of the committee.
- iii. Detail on the Fair Cost of Care exercise be reported back to the committee in March 2023.

Meeting of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee (Thursday 20th October 2022)

Chair: (County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick)

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Highway Safety Inspection Policy, KPIs and Lovecleanstreets App

The report provided an overview of the current Highway Safety Inspection Policy and set out how the new Lovecleanstreets App would be included in the policy.

Resolved: That;

1. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport give consideration to;
 - a) Introducing new key performance indicators on recurring visits to both potholes and gullies and another for gully repairs on both gritting and non-gritting routes.
 - b) Ensuring that all key performance reporting to the committee includes RAG rated tables and for briefing notes to be circulated to the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee at regular intervals.
 - c) Expanding the functionality of the Lovecleanstreets app to provide more detailed communication to councillors on progress with casework reported via the app.
 - d) Modifying the app to take account of the suggestions as set out in the minutes.
 - e) Setting a timescale for integrating Public Rights of Way reporting within the Lovecleanstreets app.
 - f) Writing to the Secretary of State for Transport to request a change in legislation to extend the defect liability period currently applied to reinstatements by utility companies.
 - g) Amending the Highway Safety Inspection Policy to include a specified timeframe for when repairs in conservation areas should be completed by.
2. A briefing note on defence against highways claims be circulated to the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee.

Meeting of the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee (Thursday 29th September 2022)

Chair: (County Councillor Ged Mirfin)

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Use of Buildings and the Council's New Ways of Working

The report provided a summary of data about the use of county council assets, how that information might help the development of options for the county council to better utilise its assets as part of the improvement journey, and the disposal or transfer of council owned buildings.

Resolved: That the following recommendations be shared with the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader):

- i. That the PowerPoint presentation shared during the meeting is updated on a regular basis and made available to all county councillors through C-First.
- ii. That a regular update is presented to Cabinet on the council's use of buildings as part of the Money Matters report.
- iii. That the following information be made available to committee members after the meeting:
 - a. A list of buildings that the council is expecting to dispose of;
 - b. The cost of unused council buildings; and
 - c. Buildings that are not being used by the council and which could be made available to other partners, including district councils.
- iv. That the committee is updated on officers' work and future corporate policies and guidance relating to occupancy levels in council buildings, with agreement from the Scrutiny Management Board, at a later date.

Think Councillor

A report was presented on 'Think Councillor', the council's approach to ensure that the needs, interests and views of councillors were prioritised and promoted in all aspects of the council's work.

Resolved: That;

- i. The report on Think Councillor be noted;
- ii. Officers be asked to consider the following:



- a. The technology difficulties councillors face in accessing their emails and the information available online.
 - b. That the development of the online County Councillor "Dashboard" includes a function that allows councillors to access and search for all the information related to their divisions in one place.
 - c. Formally setting out the time period in which officers should respond to correspondence from councillors.
 - d. Ensuring that the information that is shared with councillors is relevant to their divisions, so that councillors do not receive unnecessary emails.
 - e. That, where officers are already planning to visit a site or division, the relevant county councillor is informed and invited to attend.
 - f. That a weekly activity list be produced and circulated to councillors relating to highways work in their divisions.
 - g. That a 'meet the officers' event is held for all county councillors to meet officers within different council services.
- iii. With agreement from the Scrutiny Management Board, the Head of Service for Highways be invited to a future committee meeting to report on how the council's Highways Service is engaging with and informing county councillors.

Meeting of the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee (Thursday 10th November 2022)

Chair: (County Councillor Ged Mirfin)

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

The Council's Approach to Data and Analytics

The report presented provided the committee with an overview of the county council's current position regarding its use of data and analytics.

Resolved: That the following recommendations be shared with the Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services:

- i. That the council's Audit, Risk and Governance Committee should consider the risks and governance associated with the council's data and analytics;
- ii. Regarding Figure 3 in the report, that a further report is provided to the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee on the costs associated with reaching each of the milestones set out;
- iii. That a list of all the data dashboards developed to date, including the indicative costs of developing each of them, be shared with committee members after the meeting;
- iv. That information on the steps that are taken to develop the council's data tools, and how work in this area for different council services is prioritised, be shared with committee members after the meeting;
- v. That, when the data dashboards are launched, training is provided to county councillors on how to use the dashboards relevant to their roles and work areas; and
- vi. That the possibility of utilising AI (Artificial Intelligence) be considered, to respond to the current gap in the council's capabilities relating to data.

Libraries and Library Friends' Groups

The report presented provided a response to the committee's request to review how the Library Friends' groups supported the county council to deliver library services, and how the council in turn supports them.

Resolved: That the following recommendations be shared with the Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services:

- i. That consideration be given to how the relationship between Library Friends' Groups and local Parish, Town and Borough Councils could be improved;
- ii. That additional information on establishing Library Friends' Groups be provided to committee members after the meeting;



- iii. That information on constituting Library Friends' Groups and the council's Premises Use Policy be circulated to all Friends' Groups; and
- iv. That the recommendations and plans moving forward, as set out in the report, be endorsed.

Report on the Work of the Warm and Welcome Warm Places Task Group

The Chair presented a report that provided an overview of the work undertaken by the Warm and Welcome Public Spaces Task Group at its meetings held on 1, 15 and 29 September 2022.

Resolved: That the work of the Warm and Welcome Public Spaces Task Group to date, as set out in the report, be noted.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

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

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Brief Summary

The report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board from its recent meeting is attached at Appendix 'A'.

This includes the following meeting:

- Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board -15 November 2022

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 Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, as now presented, be noted.

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



Meeting of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board 15 November 2022

Chair: County Councillor Michael Green

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Lancashire Better Care Fund Plan 2022/23 and Update

The report provides an overview of the Lancashire Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan 2022/23.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Confirmed the sign off of the Lancashire Better Care Fund Plan 2022/23.
- (ii) Would seek updates on Better Care Fund progress at future Board meetings in line with quarterly reporting requirements.
- (iii) Agreed to engage with and support the work through the Better Care Fund workshop and beyond to "reset" the Better Care Fund in Lancashire.

Fuller Stocktake Delivery Planning – Lancashire and South Cumbria Response

The report provides an update on the work that has taken place to date, how the wider engagement has been sought and received feedback.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board engaged and gave thoughts/comments on the Fuller Draft Delivery Framework and process to date.

Addressing Health Inequalities in Lancashire

The report provides an overview of the Lancashire and Cumbria Health Equity Commission final report which outlines the recommendations identified.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Endorsed the proposed approach to address the Health Equity Commission recommendations and identified those appropriate for inclusion in the refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- (ii) Considered and agreed the leadership role of the Board in facilitating the actions to address health inequalities across Lancashire.

Urgent Business

Developing the Lancashire Place – Our Proposition for Aligned Governance

This item of Urgent Business had been received and agreed by the Chair as there was a need to discuss governance arrangements for the recently established Place Based Partnership in relation to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Considered the proposal in principal and approved further work to be undertaken.
- (ii) If further work was approved, requested the development and more detail on the potential new arrangement and that a fuller proposal be received at its next meeting on 24 January 2023.



Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 15 December 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

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

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Brief Summary

Appendix 'A' sets out a summary report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority following its meeting on 3 October 2022. This is now presented to Full Council for information.

Recommendation

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

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

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

Appendix A

REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY (CFA) HELD 3 OCTOBER 2022

HIS MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES – INSPECTION REPORT

The Authority received a report that detailed the inspection of the Service which concluded on 24 January 2022 by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (formerly Her Late Majesty's Inspectorate).

It was noted that while some Fire and Rescue Services had improved in some areas, most services had lost gradings due to the inspection being more detailed. Furthermore, where gradings had remained the same this demonstrated that an improvement had been made.

The Chairman drew Members' attention to a statement from Matt Parr, His Majesty's Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services who said:

"I congratulate Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service on its excellent performance across all three areas of our assessment. Since its last inspection in 2018, it has improved in almost all areas."

MEMBER CHAMPION ACTIVITY

The Authority appointed its Member Champions at its Annual meeting in June and current Member Champions are:

- Community Safety – Councillor Jean Rigby
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – Councillor Zamir Khan
- Health and Wellbeing – County Councillor Andrea Kay
- Road Safety – County Councillor Ron Woollam

Reports relating to the activity of the Member Champions are provided on a regular basis to the Authority. This report related to activity for the period June – August 2022. During this period all Champions had undertaken their respective role in accordance with defined terms of reference.

FIRE PROTECTION REPORTS

The Authority discussed a report that summarised Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service prosecutions pertaining to fire safety offences and convictions resulting from 8 arson incidents which had progressed via the criminal justice process.

Fire Protection and Business Support information was also included in the report to provide Members with an update on the continually evolving regulatory position and how the Service was developing and adapting both its services and workforce to ensure it kept pace with the changes to keep public and firefighters safe in the built environment.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY

The Chief Fire Officer provided Members with a brief summary of the responsibilities of the Combined Fire Authority with regards to business continuity and gave a broad overview of the background and current approach to business continuity in times of industrial action.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY

The Authority approved the re-appointment of Mr Mark Nolan as Clerk and Monitoring Officer to the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for a period of twelve months, to the September meeting of the Authority in 2023.

DAVID O'TOOLE
Chairman

LFRS
Fulwood

To consider Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36

1. By County Councillor Hennessy:

Liverpool has been selected as the host City for the 67th Eurovision Song Contest. Following the war in Ukraine, Britain opened its doors to welcome thousands of Ukrainians into our communities and homes in Lancashire.

Lancashire has a proud tradition of warmly welcoming refugees from all parts of the world and is proud of the way communities have welcomed and supported our Ukrainian visitors.

These people have been, and continue to be, an inspiration to all of us having left loved ones to fight against the aggression of Putin.

This Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotherham, and the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, asking them to provide 'free' complimentary tickets to Ukrainian refugees from Lancashire for events in and around Eurovision 2023.

2. By County Councillor Ali:

170,000 people carry the 'Just Can't Wait Card' across the Country including in Lancashire where the number is rising. Thousands of people across Lancashire suffer from illnesses/conditions which can be debilitating ranging from incontinence to stoma surgery. These conditions can lead to them needing the emergency use of toilet facilities urgently.

The Bladder and Bowel community have established the 'Just Can't Wait Toilet Scheme' which enables people to carry a card and enables businesses and organisations to allow emergency access to toilet facilities.

People have told the Bladder and Bowel Community that they are trapped in their own homes due to the lack of public toilets and the fear of being caught short. There are over 14 million people in the UK living with a bladder condition and 6.4 million with a bowel condition with thousands suffering across Lancashire desperately in need of emergency access to toilet facilities.

Therefore, this Council resolves:

- (i) That Lancashire County Council becomes a partner for the 'Just Can't Wait Card' scheme and commits to making all Lancashire County Council public buildings accessible for those carrying this card.
- (ii) To promote the scheme to other Local Authorities in Lancashire, partners and businesses, including via social media.

3. By County Councillor Whittam:

This Council notes:

During September/October this year the 3 Dads walking group walked 600-miles across the UK to each of the devolved parliaments raising awareness of suicide and ensure the topic is spoken about in schools in a safe and age-appropriate way.

The 3 Dads came together after their daughters took their own lives. They have also launched a petition to get suicide prevention added to the school curriculum and this has now reached over the 100,000 signatures which will enable a debate in Parliament. The debate is yet to take place, but the petition asks for suicide to be spoken about as part of Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) lessons and for the Department for Education (DfE) to include suicide prevention within the statutory guidelines of the new curriculum.

In 2020, the Government made discussion about mental health as part of the RSHE curriculum mandatory. They will review their statutory guidance in 2023 with an aim to bring in the revised guidance in 2024. The Government is also offering a grant of £1,200 for eligible schools and colleges in England to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

This Council resolves:

- (i) To ask the Leader to write to the 3 Dads Walking Group to support their aim to include suicide awareness in schools on the curriculum.
- (ii) To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education to request that suicide awareness and prevention is included in the new guidance as a mandatory part of the RSHE curriculum, and to also ask for the grants to be extended to train senior mental health leads in schools beyond March 2023.
- (iii) To ask the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing to promote resources to all our schools and colleges and to encourage our eligible schools and colleges to apply for the grant to train a senior mental health lead to develop and implement a whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

4. By County Councillor Ashton:

Nature-based solutions in tackling the impacts of climate change

This authority notes the importance of nature-based solutions in tackling the impacts of climate change and the collaborative work with partner organisations needed to help with nature recovery and reducing emissions.

Lancashire County Council has recently helped restore 755 Hectares of peatland and planted 150,000 trees on its estate over the past decade. It is crucial we progress this work to help achieve our corporate priority to protect our environment and play our part in meeting the government commitment to net zero by 2050.

This authority resolves that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change will:

- (i) Prepare a comprehensive strategy for nature recovery for Lancashire.
- (ii) Continue to work with partner organisations to build on the excellent work to date and prepare large-scale tree planting and peatland restoration programmes in Lancashire.
- (iii) Invite the Scrutiny Management Board to consider including engagement in the development of the strategy in the scrutiny work programme.

