

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 6th April, 2023 at 2.00 pm in
Committee Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston**

Present:

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

Cabinet Members

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies received.

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

None.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 March 2023**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. **Questions for Cabinet**

There was one question for Cabinet received.

A copy of the question and response is attached to the minutes.

5. Procurement Report

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

- i. Supply and distribution arrangements: Bread, fresh meats and soft drinks
- ii. IT security outsourcing
- iii. Cleaning and facilities services
- iv. Fuel cards and associated services

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

- i. Supply and distribution arrangements: Bread, fresh meats and soft drinks
- ii. IT security outsourcing
- iii. Cleaning and facilities services
- iv. Fuel cards and associated services

6. Lancashire County Council Building Condition Programme

Cabinet considered a report that set out proposals for the allocation of approved capital funding to address a phase of high priority building condition repairs and statutory programmes of remedial works to the operational premises portfolio.

It was noted that Appendix 'A' of the report was in Part II and appeared at Item No. 18 on the agenda.

Resolved: That the proposed list of condition and statutory compliance schemes across operational premises, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

7. Additional Budget 2023 Highways Maintenance and Pothole Repair Funding, 2023 to 2024

Cabinet considered a report on additional funding for highways maintenance and pothole repair during 2023 to 2024. It was noted that in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Spring Budget 2023, an additional £200 million for highways maintenance for the financial year 2023/24 was announced of which £5.122m had been made available for Lancashire. The report focused on urgent decisions relating to surface dressing and preventative find and fix which needed to be approved for inclusion in contracts and delivery during the summer months.

Resolved: That

- i. The Department for Transport's additional funds of £5.122m, made available in the 2023 Spring Budget announced on 15 March 2023, be added to the Highway Block of the Capital Programme; and
- ii. The following additions from the additional funds be approved:
 - a. The addition of £0.787m for the surface dressing programme, including £0.265m for surface dressing of Hall Road, West Lancashire, and associated roads and £0.522m for an additional surface dressing



programme, the detail of which will be presented for approval at the Cabinet meeting in May 2023.

- b. The addition of £0.500m to the preventative find and fix programme.

8. Proposed 2023/24 Transport Programme

Cabinet considered a report requesting approval of the proposed 2023/24 Transport Programme, funded by the Department for Transport's Integrated Transport Grant.

Resolved: That

- i. The Department for Transport 2023/24 Integrated Transport grant of £6.101 million be added to the Transport Block of the Capital Programme;
- ii. The proposed apportionment of the 2023/24 Department for Transport Integrated Transport Grant as detailed in the report and at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved; and
- iii. The proposed 2023/24 New Starts Road Safety, Cycle Safety and Public Rights of Way programmes set out as projects at Appendices 'B' to 'D' of the report, be approved.

9. Tudor Avenue and Cairnsmore Avenue, Preston - Bus Stop Clearways and Improvements

Cabinet considered a report that outlined various proposals for Tudor Avenue and Cairnsmore Avenue, Preston, designed to provide an improvement to the free movement and passing of buses and private vehicles. It was noted that consultation and formal advertising had taken place and a summary of the objections received was contained within the report.

Resolved: That the following be approved:

- i. The making of Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Lancashire County Council (Cairnsmore Avenue and Tudor Avenue, Preston, Preston City) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2023;
- ii. The introduction of an extension to the existing bus stop clearway on Tudor Avenue, Preston and marking as a bus stand with keep clear marking opposite; and
- iii. The introduction of a bus stop clearway on Cairnsmore Avenue, Preston.

10. School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25: Update

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the School Place Planning Delivery Programme for 2023-25 and sought approval of projects identified to address the projected shortfall of primary and secondary school places.

It was noted that Appendix 'A' of the report was in Part II and appeared at Item No. 19 on the agenda.

Resolved: That the following be approved:



- i. The capital allocation for the Broughton In Amounderness Church of England Primary School project as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, to provide an additional external play area and some minor internal remodelling to the existing school building;
- ii. The capital allocation for the Cottam Primary School project as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, to provide alterations to the external play area and canopy and internal remodelling to the existing school building;
- iii. The capital allocation for the demolition of the former Tulketh High School project as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report;
- iv. An additional capital allocation for the expansion of Colne Primet Academy, Pendle project as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report; and
- v. An additional capital allocation for the expansion of St Augustine's Roman Catholic High School, Billington project as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report.

11. Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions in Special Schools

Cabinet considered a report on the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions in Special Schools policy. It was noted that the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy sought to provide consistent guidance to Special Schools about how to best meet the medical needs of pupils. The policy is based on updated Department for Education guidance about how to best support pupils, ensuring that they can thrive in their educational settings.

Resolved: That the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions in Special Schools Policy, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report be approved.

12. Lancashire Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire Local Nature Recovery Strategy. It was noted that Local Nature Recovery Strategies were a new England-wide system of spatial strategies introduced by the Environment Act 2021. The Environment Act required the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to formally appoint a Responsible Authority to lead the preparation of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for an area. Lancashire had been designated as an area for the preparation of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the county council had been asked to take on the role of the Responsible Authority.

Resolved: That the following be approved:

- i. The county council acts as the Responsible Authority for the Lancashire Local Nature Recovery Strategy; and
- ii. The outline process for the development of a collaborative strategy.

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

Resolved: That the urgent decision in relation to the increasing of school places at West Lancashire Community High School taken by the Leader of the County Council and the relevant Cabinet Member, since the last meeting of Cabinet, be noted.



14. Urgent Business

It was noted that there was one item of Urgent Business in relation to managed support for Oracle Fusion, which would be considered in Part II.

15. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday, 4 May 2023 at County Hall, Preston.

16. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

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

17. Exclusion of Press and Public

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

18. Appendix 'A' for Item 6 - Lancashire County Council Building Condition Programme

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 is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Resolved: That Appendix 'A' for Item 6 - Lancashire County Council Building Condition Programme, be noted.

19. Appendix 'A' to Item 10 - School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25: Update

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 is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Resolved: That Appendix 'A' to Item 10 - School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25: Update, be noted.



20. Urgent Business

It was noted that there was one item of Urgent Business in relation to managed support for Oracle Fusion.

20(a) Oracle Fusion Managed Support

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 is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Cabinet considered a report on the managed support for Oracle Fusion.

It was noted that the reason for urgency was that any delay could adversely affect the ongoing work with the Oracle Fusion programme.

Resolved: That

- i. The recommendation as set out in the report be approved; and
- ii. This decision should be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order C29 as any delay could adversely affect the ongoing work with the Oracle Fusion programme

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive

County Hall
Preston



Questions to Cabinet

Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on 6 April 2023

| 1. | Questioner: County Councillor John Potter | Respondent: County Councillor Jayne Rear |
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| | <p>Item 10 - School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25: Update</p> <p>By allocating funding to demolish the old Tulketh High School site and conduct a 2nd consultation, the cabinet is giving the impression that it has already decided what it wants to do and is not interested in what the public believes is appropriate.</p> <p>Out of the first consultation responses what was the percentage of responders that were against using the old Tulketh high school site?</p> | <p>The council is following the statutory process for the establishment of a new school as set out by the Department for Education. This includes an informal consultation on the proposal, followed by a second, formal consultation. This process is referred to on the consultation page of the LCC website and enables the council to begin to understand the views of parents and the community.</p> <p>Whilst this is not a report on the outcome of the consultation, I can share some insight with you.</p> <p>Of those people who responded via the online form on our website:</p> <p>57% agreed, and 11% tended to agree with the proposal. Of these, 16% referred to the location as not being ideal.</p> <p>30% disagreed or tended to disagree with the proposal. Of those people who disagreed or tended to disagree with the proposal, the location was a factor in their response.</p> |



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| | | <p>Demand for school places in Preston continues to grow. We continue to engage with existing schools and to progress the development of plans to deliver new places through the expansion of existing schools, where sites permit, as well as the establishment of new schools.</p> <p>We are still in the process of considering the response to the informal consultation and in the interim we are continuing with the preparation of the Tulketh site. I am sure that you will agree that the existing building is in a poor condition and that this work needs to be completed whatever the outcome of the consultation.</p> <p>I can confirm that we are also carrying out site investigations as part of the feasibility of delivering a new school building project on the site North of Maxy Lane whilst acknowledging that the trigger point to transfer the land from the developer to the county council has not yet been met and we have no clear idea, at this point, when this will be.</p> <p>Like you Cllr Potter I am committed to providing more high quality school places in Preston and until the planning system can work to bring the allocated site forward for consideration, I am keeping all options on the table.</p> |
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