

**Lancashire County Council**

**Cabinet**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 8th June, 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 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**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Alan Vincent, Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader).

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

None.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 May 2023**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**4. Questions for Cabinet**

There were two questions for Cabinet received.

A copy of the questions and responses are attached to the minutes.

## 5. Corporate Performance Report – 2022/23 Quarter 4

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:

- Delivering better services
- Protecting our environment
- Supporting economic growth
- Caring for the vulnerable

This report covered quarter 4 for 2022/23.

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

## 6. Procurement Report

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

- i. Lancashire Infant Feeding, Breastfeeding Peer Support Service
- ii. Provision of Complex Needs Supported Housing
- iii. Children and Young People Community Substance Use Treatment Service
- iv. 0-19 Years Public Health Nursing Service
- v. Boost (5) Business Support programme

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

- i. Lancashire Infant Feeding, Breastfeeding Peer Support Service
- ii. Provision of Complex Needs Supported Housing
- iii. Children and Young People Community Substance Use Treatment Service
- iv. 0-19 Years Public Health Nursing Service
- v. Boost (5) Business Support programme

## 7. Highway Maintenance Capital Programme – Recycled Materials from Samlesbury Enterprise Zone

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the proposals in relation to the additional highways funding and opportunity to use recycled materials arising from the redevelopment of the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone site, following the reports to Cabinet in March and May 2023.

**Resolved:** That

- i. The revised approach set out in the report be approved, and it be noted that this may mean changes to the programme previously agreed;



- ii. The Executive Director for Growth, Environment and Transport be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to agree which schemes will go forward in the overall programme; and
- iii. Any residual material be incorporated into the road base for the M55 to Heyhouses Link Road, where it was cost effective to do so.

**8. Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Singleton Area, Fylde Borough) (Revocation, 20mph and 30mph Speed Limits) Order 202\***

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to make a Speed Limit Order to formalise the current on-site speed limit signage where, due to administrative difficulties, an Order was not sealed within the legal 2-year time frame after being originally approved at Cabinet on 8 September 2016.

**Resolved:** That the Speed Limit proposals within Singleton Village as detailed within the report and as set out in the Modified Draft Order at Appendix 'E' of the report, be approved.

**9. Proposed Shared Use Cycleway and Waiting Restriction, Bacup Road, Waterfoot**

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to provide a section of 'shared-use' cycle track with right of way on foot, along a length of Bacup Road, Waterfoot. It was noted that the proposals would provide a vital link between 2 sections of the 'Valley of Stone' cycleway.

**Resolved:** That the proposed creation of a cycle track with right of way on foot, and the implementation of a No Waiting 8am – 6pm Monday - Saturday restriction, as shown on the general plan at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

**10. Adult Social Care Transition Policy Statement**

Cabinet considered a report on the Adult Social Care Transition Policy Statement. The Adult Social Care Transition Policy Statement sets out how services should work together to identify as soon as possible, those children and their families who may need support to prepare for adulthood, and to support their long-term aspirations. The Policy Statement focused on young people who were likely to have eligible social care needs when they reached the age of 18, based on the Care Act 2014 eligibility criteria and was intended for Lancashire County Council services, partners and members of the public.

**Resolved:** That the Adult Social Care Transition Policy Statement as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

**11. Lancashire Accommodation with Support Plan**

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire Accommodation with Support Plan. The Plan outlined the housing with care and support needs for older people and working age adults in Lancashire over the next 10 to 15 years. It was noted that the work had been commissioned through a steering group, set up by the county council,



which included colleagues from Lancashire district councils, the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care system, registered providers and people with lived experience.

**Resolved:** That

- i. The Lancashire Accommodation with Support Plan, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved; and
- ii. Cabinet expressed its support for the work that had been undertaken through the Housing with Care and Support Steering Group, to continue to work collaboratively to ensure that the right housing with care and support was developed across Lancashire, in the right location and at the right time.

## **12. Revision of Foster Care Allowances 2023/24**

Cabinet considered a report on the revision of Foster Care Allowances for 2023/24. The report proposed the increase of Foster Care Allowance rates for 2023/24, in line with National Minimum Standards, and proposed the increase of Foster Care fee rates for 2023/24, in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Cabinet expressed thanks and appreciation for all the work and dedication of all the foster carers in Lancashire.

It was also noted that on page 2 of the report (page 180 of the agenda), it stated "also receive an annual increase in line with the Consumer Price Index for 2023/24." However, it was clarified that this should say "also receive an annual increase in line with the National Minimum Standards for 2023/24."

**Resolved:** That, with the clarification set out above, the increase in the current scale of Foster Care Allowances and Fees, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

## **13. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency Strategy Implementation - Proposal to Expand Kingsbury Primary School, Skelmersdale**

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to create additional special school places at Kingsbury Primary School, Skelmersdale, through an expansion of the school.

**Resolved:** That, following consideration of the results of the formal consultation, approval be given to increase the number of special school places at Kingsbury Primary School, Skelmersdale, by 30 places to 120, which would be created through additional teaching spaces on the school site.

## **14. School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25: Update**

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to progress projects to address the additional place requirements identified in the School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25, including an updated position on the new school requirement on the former Whittingham Hospital site.



It was noted that Appendix 'A' to the report was in Part II and was set out at Item 21 on the agenda.

It was noted that the proposed consultation period for the former Whittingham Hospital site, new primary school proposal was incorrect. It stated in the report that the consultation period would take place between 5 June 2023 and 2 July 2023. However, the proposed date of the consultation period would be 12 June 2023 to 9 July 2023.

**Resolved:** That the following be approved:

- i. The proposal to permanently expand Cottam Primary School by 1 form of entry, by increasing the published admission number from 30 to 60 with effect from 2024/25, gradually increasing the school's capacity from 210 to 420;
- ii. An amendment to the School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25, in relation to the proposal to establish a new primary school on the former Whittingham Hospital site, increasing the provision from 1 form of entry to 2 forms of entry;
- iii. The proposal to permanently expand St Cecilia's Roman Catholic High School, Longridge, by increasing the published admission number by 23 places per year from 2024/25, gradually increasing the school's capacity from 485 to 600; and
- iv. The capital allocation for the St Cecilia's Roman Catholic High School project as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report.

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

There were no urgent decisions taken since the last meeting of Cabinet.

#### **16. Urgent Business**

There were no items of Urgent Business.

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday, 6 July 2023 at County Hall, Preston.

#### **18. 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.

#### **19. 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.

## **20. East Lancashire Substance Use Community Treatment Service**

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 East Lancashire Substance Use Community Treatment Service.

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

## **21. Appendix 'A' of Item 14 - 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 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.

**Resolved:** That Appendix 'A' of Item 14 - School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25: Update, be noted.

## **22. Lancashire Central, Cuerden 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 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 providing an update on the Lancashire Central, Cuerden site.

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

## **23. South Lancaster Growth Catalyst 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 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 providing an update on the South Lancaster Growth Catalyst.

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

Angie Ridgwell  
Chief Executive

County Hall  
Preston







## Questions to Cabinet

Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on 8 June 2023

1.	Questioner: County Councillor Sue Whittam	Respondent: County Councillor Jayne Rear
	<p><b>Item 14 - School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25: Update</b></p> <p>The report on school planning includes a consultation on the much needed new primary school on the Whittingham hospital site and also the expansion at Cottam Primary School which is equally needed in North West Preston. Does the Cabinet Member share with me the view that it is important that school places are provided as soon as practicable and also to be as local as possible?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question, I am pleased to have the opportunity to respond to it.</p> <p>As strategic commissioner of education provision in Lancashire, our School Place Provision Strategy 2022/25 sets out our ambition to provide good access, quality and outcomes in education with the aim to provide 'the right number of school places, in the right areas, at the right time to meet need'.</p> <p>Our delivery plan for 2023/25 sets out how we intend to achieve this ambition and in doing so we continue to work in collaboration with our schools, academy trusts and dioceses across the education partnership to identify opportunities for expansion, confirm plans and arrangements and so deliver those additional places which are needed in our communities. I am grateful to those partners who have been able to agree to work with us on these projects.</p>



		This most recent report sets out progress and next steps in making the delivery plan a reality and there will continue to be further reports to Cabinet on this important area of business.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Questioner: County Councillor Dr Erica lewis</b>	<b>Respondent: County Councillor Graham Gooch</b>
	<p><b>Item 11 - Lancashire Accommodation with Support Plan</b></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member please advise why no formal consultation has taken place on this strategy?</p>	<p>The housing and accommodation needs assessment and support plan builds on the existing Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018-2025 which was approved by cabinet in September 2028. The Strategy outlined the county council's proposals in relation to the development of Housing with Care and Support for older adults and younger adults with disabilities and cabinet was asked at that time to resolve that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the draft Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018 – 2025, as set out in the report, be endorsed.</li> <li>ii. the undertaking of consultation with key partners on the draft strategy be approved.</li> <li>iii. the Executive Director of Adult Services and Health &amp; Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, be authorised to make any necessary amendments to the Strategy at the conclusion of the consultation.</li> </ul> <p>Following the above approval the strategy was discussed and shared with a number of partner agencies including the NHS and districts who are represented along with some housing</p>



	<p>providers on the steering group that was established to oversee the implementation of the strategy.</p> <p>The county council recognises that it is not the planning authority but holds key information critical to the approval of housing developments and future design and planning and is keen to use this intelligence to inform future plans. It has with the support of its partners involved a sector specialist to evaluate current and future requirements in consultation primarily with district councils to formulate the document before cabinet today.</p> <p>The housing support needs assessment provides in depth assessment of the needs of our residents across Lancashire which will help to inform future developments. District Councils have been involved and engaged in this work through the Housing with Care and Support Steering Group, which is chaired by CEO of West Lancaster District Council. Responsibilities for planning and consultation on housing developments sits with district and county council will support this process.</p> <p>We expect consultation will follow where that is necessary and /or applicable to particular developments. The county council will continue to engage and involve existing and potential future residents of developments such as the successful apartment schemes for adults with learning disabilities, to deliver the most</p>
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		suitable solutions and is pleased to have this user insight /perspective also represented on the steering group.
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