

Full Council

Thursday, 13th July, 2023 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 Collinge	<p>The Streetspace Invaders report from climate action charity Possible and disabled people's organisation Wheels for Wellbeing has shown that the rollout of electric vehicle charging points in other parts of the country has severely impacted on disabled people's access to pavement space and also electric vehicle chargers themselves.</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport tell me what policies and operational procedures are in place to ensure that 1) EV chargers are usable and accessible to our disabled residents and 2) that pavement and road access is not impeded by new charging stations?</p>	CC Swarbrick
2.	CC Gibson	<p>The Independent Report into Lancashire Net Zero Aspirations, commissioned by this Council, Blackpool Council, Blackburn with Darwen Council and the Lancashire Economic Partnership, and prepared by industry experts Atkins Limited in March 2022, concluded that:</p> <p>'If the local emissions reduction interventions available to Lancashire starting from 2022, were implemented at an ambitious level, and currently expected national actions came into effect, Lancashire could NOT achieve Net Zero emissions by 2030, based on the measures and assumptions explored in this study (see chapters 3,5 and 6 - 9), chapter 16 recommendation 16.1 page 151.'</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member explain to me what the Council and its partners have done to plan for, fund and deliver on this recommendation of the report.</p>	CC Turner
3.	CC Edwards	<p>How are families being supported to make informed choices around breastfeeding and getting the best start for their babies?</p>	CC Green

4.	CC Parr	<p>Members of the LGBT+ community have suffered disproportionately from abuse and discrimination in care homes in some other authorities. This takes the form of physical and verbal abuse, and in some cases strong encouragement to 'repent' by the unwanted placement of bibles in their rooms. Many are effectively forced back into the closet for a quiet life, pretending that their partners are relatives when visiting.</p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member agree with me that this form of discrimination, particularly when it is manifested in truly dreadful behaviour, must be stamped out wherever and whenever it appears? I am sure that if this were to happen in Lancashire he would be appalled. Does he agree with me that training for care workers should include an update on respecting those within the LGBT+ community and their partners, particularly when clients suffer from dementia and are particularly vulnerable? How would the Cabinet Member ensure that these goals are achieved?</p>	CC Gooch
5.	CC Serridge	<p>Can the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport please explain what the procedure is for utility companies and the county council to authorise road works using temporary traffic lights?</p>	CC Swarbrick
6.	CC Cullens	<p>Will the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills advise this council how contributions for education are sought and recovered from District Councils through the planning system?</p>	CC Rear

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 25th May, 2023

Present:

County Councillor Peter Britcliffe (Chairman)

County Councillors

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

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Stewart Jones.



County Councillor Loraine Cox joined the meeting virtually.

Coronation of HM King Charles III and HM Queen Camilla

The Chairman expressed Full Council's congratulations and best wishes to Their Majesties, The King and Queen, on their recent Coronation and reported that he had written to Their Majesties to that effect, looking forward to welcoming them to Lancashire in due course.

Recognition

- Cultural Services (Lancashire Libraries Service)

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Peter Buckley drew Full Council's attention to the recent success by the Lancashire Libraries Service which had received an award for community engagement sponsored by the online tutorial platform Niche Academy. Representatives of the service attended the meeting virtually for the recognition.

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

Devolution

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Leader of the Council, updated Full Council on recent developments to secure a devolution deal for Lancashire.

Lancashire Armed Forces Covenant Guide

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Councillor Alf Clempson, Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans, drew Full Council's attention to the newly published Lancashire Armed Forces Covenant Guide, copies of which were available at the meeting. In doing so, County Councillor Clempson thanked all those who had been instrumental in producing the guide and who worked in support of this important aspect of the county council's work.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

3. Question Time

County Councillors Julie Gibson, Ash Sutcliffe and Lorraine Beavers asked their questions as follows:



No.	Question From	Subject	For Answer By
1.	County Councillor Julie Gibson	The Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan	Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
2.	County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe	Health and Wellbeing Board priorities for young people	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
3.	County Councillor Loraine Beavers	OFGEM Code of Conduct	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

County Councillor Jayne Rear, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and County Councillor Michael Green, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, replied.

4. Election of Chairman

County Councillor Peter Britcliffe, the retiring Chairman of the County Council, presided for this item.

It was moved by County Councillor David O'Toole, and seconded by County Councillor John Shedwick, that County Councillor Keith Iddon be elected Chairman of the County Council.

There being no other nominations, it was:

Resolved: - That County Councillor Keith Iddon be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting of the Full Council in 2024.

County Councillor Iddon then took the Chair and made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

It was moved by County Councillor Charles Edwards, and seconded by County Councillor Matthew Maxwell-Scott, that County Councillor Tim Ashton be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

It was subsequently moved by County Councillor Azhar Ali, and seconded by County Councillor Lorraine Beavers, that County Councillor Hasina Khan be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council.

On being put to the vote, the nomination for County Councillor Tim Ashton was CARRIED.

Resolved: - That County Councillor Tim Ashton be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting of the Full Council in 2024.

County Councillor Ashton then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.



6. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Meetings held on 23 February 2023

Resolved: - That the Minutes of the meetings held on 22 February 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

7. Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee – Code of Corporate Governance 2023/24

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved a report setting out the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee in respect of the updated Code of Corporate Governance for 2023/24.

Resolved: - That the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee to approve the updated Code of Corporate Governance for 2023/24, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.

8. Updated Members' Allowance Scheme 2023/24

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report setting out proposed changes to Special Responsibility Allowances and therefore an updated Members' Allowance Scheme for 2023/24.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The Special Responsibility Allowance payable to the Chair of Lancashire County Developments Limited, as set out in the report, now presented, be amended to £4,355.
- (ii) The creation of a Special Responsibility Allowance of £4,355 for the Deputy Chair of the Development Control Committee, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (iii) Subject to (i) and (ii) above, that the Members' Allowance Scheme for 2023/24 be updated to include the new Special Responsibility Allowances as presented at Appendix 'A' to the report, now presented.

9. Independent Remuneration Panel Membership and Appointment of Independent Persons

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report setting out the proposed appointment of a new member of the Independent Remuneration Panel, together with the proposed re-appointment of three independent persons, to fulfil the role required by the Localism Act 2011 in relation to allegations of members' misconduct.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The appointment of Ms J England to serve on the Independent Remuneration Panel for a four-year term with effect from 25 May 2023, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) The reappointment of Ms I Divine, Mr K Leaver, and Mr T Whitehead to fulfil the role of independent person, as required by the Localism Act 2011 and as



set out in the report, now presented, with effect from 25 May 2023, be approved.

10. Constitution of the County Council 2023/24

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report asking Full Council to approve the council's Constitution for the year ahead, including changes resulting from the Cabinet meeting held on Thursday 4 May and noting other changes made since the Annual General Meeting in 2023.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The changes to the Constitution arising from the Cabinet decision to update the Cabinet Member portfolios as set out at Appendix 'B', to the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) The Director of Law and Governance be authorised to make any consequential changes to other parts of the Constitution arising from these changes.
- (iii) The Constitution of the county council for the year 2023/24, as set out in the report, now presented, noting the changes, set out at Appendix 'A', that have been made to the Constitution since the Annual General Meeting in 2022, be approved.

11. Membership of Committees and Related Appointments 2023/24

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report setting out details of the membership of committees and related appointments for 2023/24.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The Constitution and membership of the committees of the county council for 2023/24, as set out in the report, now presented, be approved.
- (ii) The appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those committees for 2023/24, as set out in the report, now presented, and as set out below, be approved.



Committee	Chair	Deputy
Urgency	P Williamson	A Vincent

Overview and Scrutiny

Scrutiny Management Board	D Westley	A Kay
Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny	A Kay	M Clifford
Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny	G Mirfin	J Shedwick
Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny	R Bailey	S Rigby
Health and Adult Services Scrutiny	D Westley	L Collinge

Other Committees

Audit, Risk and Governance	A Schofield	J Singleton
Conduct	A Vincent	J Fillis
Development Control	M Maxwell-Scott	B Yates
Employment	P Williamson	A Vincent
Independent Transport Appeals Panel	A Cheetham	S Hind
Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board	M Green	<i>Non-CC Appointment</i>
Pension Fund Committee	E Pope	A Schofield
Political Governance Working Group	P Buckley	A Cullens
Regulatory	S Hind	M Salter

12. Appointment of a New Employer Representative and Extension of a Scheme Member Representative on the Lancashire Local Pension Board

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report setting out the proposed appointment of a new employer representative for the county council and the extension of a scheme member representative appointment on the Lancashire Local Pension Board.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) Simon Lawrence, Director of Growth and Regeneration, be appointed as the new Lancashire County Council employer representative, as set out in the report, now presented, with effect from 25 May 2023.



- (ii) The term of appointment for Deborah Parker, an existing scheme member representative on the Lancashire Local Pension Board, be extended for a further four years, as set out in the report, now presented, to 2 July 2027.

13. Lancashire Combined Fire Authority - Appointment of County Council Representatives for 2023/24

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of 19 members to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for 2023/24 on the basis of 11 Conservative members, 7 Labour members, and 1 member from either the Liberal Democrats or Greens.

Resolved: - That the following county councillors be appointed to serve on the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority for 2023/24:

Conservative (11)	Labour (7)	Liberal Democrat (1)
S Clarke	L Beavers	D Howarth
L Cox	M Dad	
T Hurn	N Hennessy	
A Kay	H Khan	
S Morris	J Mein	
D O'Toole	M Pattison	
P Rigby	S Serridge	
J Shedwick		
J Singleton		
R Woollam		
B Yates		

14. Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire - Appointment of a County Council Representative for 2023/24

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of the county council's representative, and a substitute representative, to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire for 2023/24.

County Councillor Vincent proposed that County Councillor Michael Green be appointed as the county council's representative, and that County Councillor Alan Cullens be appointed as the county council's substitute representative.

Resolved: - That County Councillor Michael Green be appointed to serve on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire and that County Councillor Alan Cullens be appointed to serve as the substitute representative for 2023/24.

15. Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee - Appointment of County Council Representatives for 2023/24

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of the county council's representatives, and substitute representatives,



to serve on Transport for the North's Board and Partnership Board and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee for 2023/24.

County Councillor Vincent proposed that County Councillors Rupert Swarbrick and Matthew Salter be appointed as the county council's representatives, and that County Councillors Scott Smith and Rob Bailey be appointed as the county council's substitute representatives.

Resolved: - That:

The following Members be appointed to serve on Transport for the North and Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee for 2023/24:

Transport for the North Board and Partnership Board

County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick
County Councillor Scott Smith (Substitute)

Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee

County Councillor Matthew Salter
County Councillor Rob Bailey (Substitute)

16. Appointments to the Local Government Association's General Assembly, Boards and Special Interest Groups for 2023/24

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of representatives to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly for 2023/24; the appointment of representatives to serve on a number of the Local Government Association's Special Interest Groups for 2023/24, and to note the arrangements for appointments to the Local Government Association's Boards.

Resolved: - That:

- (i) The representation and appointments to serve on the Local Government Association's General Assembly and Special Interest Groups, as set out in the report now presented, for 2023/24 be approved as follows:

LGA General Assembly (4)

Conservative (3) Labour (1)

G Gooch A Ali
M Green
J Rear

LGA Special Interest Group - Coastal Issues (1)

S Clarke



LGA Special Interest Group - Rural Services Network (1)

S Turner

LGA Special Interest Group - Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum (1)

A Riggott

- (ii) That the County Council's 12 votes be carried by County Councillor Graham Gooch.
- (iii) That the arrangements for appointments to the Local Government Association's Boards as set out in the report, now presented, be noted.

17. Appointments to the County Councils Network for 2023/24

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report asking Full Council to approve the appointment of representatives to serve on the County Councils Network for 2023/24.

Resolved: - That the representation and appointments to serve on the County Councils Network for 2023/24 be approved as follows:

Conservative (3) Labour (1)

G Gooch A Ali
A Vincent
P Williamson

18. Companies Annual Report 2023/24

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report setting out details of all the companies that the county council either owned or had an interest in reviewing performance for during 2022/23 and set out priorities for 2023/24.

Resolved: - That the report, now presented, be noted and that it be further noted that the newly established Company Member Cabinet Committee, as set out in the report, now presented, shall monitor and review the performance of each county council owned company on a regular basis receiving reports as necessary.

19. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

20. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 2 March 2023, 6 April 2023 and 4 May 2023 together with details of an urgent key decision taken since the last meeting of Full Council, in accordance with Standing Order C23.



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

21(a) The Urgency Committee

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Urgency Committee setting out details of the decisions taken by the then Director of Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) and the Executive Director of Resources under the county council's urgent business procedure on behalf of the Urgency Committee.

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

21(b) The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

County Councillor Alan Schofield moved the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 24 April 2023.

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

21(c) The Employment Committee

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Employment Committee from its meeting on 9 March 2023.

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

21(d) The Conduct Committee

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved the report of the Conduct Committee from its meeting on 16 March 2023.

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

21(e) The Pension Fund Committee

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its meeting on 10 March 2023.

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

21(f) 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 (18 April 2023)
- Children, Families and Skills (5 April 2023)
- Community, Cultural and Corporate Services (9 March and 13 April 2023)
- Environment, Economic Growth and Transport (16 March and 27 April 2023)
- Health and Adult Services (22 March 2023)

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



21(g) The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

County Councillor Michael Green moved the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board from its meeting on 7 March 2023.

Resolved: - That the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, now presented, be noted.

22. Report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

County Councillor David O'Toole moved the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority from its meetings on 20 February 2023 and 24 April 2023.

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

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

1. The Chairman notified Full Council that Notice of Motion 1 had been withdrawn.
2. It was moved by County Councillor Jennifer Mein and seconded by County Councillor Lorraine Beavers that:

This council notes:

Local government has endured central government funding cuts of more than 50% since 2010. Between 2010 and 2020, councils lost 60p out of every £1 they have received from central government. Councils across England are now facing a collective funding gap of £2.4bn for the financial year 2023/24 and a cumulative funding gap of £4.08bn for 2024/25 according to UNISON research.

Lancashire County Council led the way in efforts against the Covid-19 pandemic, providing a huge range of services and support for our communities. Local government in Lancashire has shown more than ever how indispensable it is. But Covid has led to a massive increase in expenditure and loss of income, and as we emerge from the pandemic, local authorities and schools need far more support from Westminster. Recent funding announcements from the Government relating to schools did nothing to help.

Council and school workers kept our communities safe through the pandemic, often putting themselves at considerable risk as they work to protect public health, ensure our children continue to be educated, and look after older and vulnerable people.

Since 2010, the local Lancashire government workforce has endured years of pay restraint with the majority of pay points losing at least 25 per cent of their value since 2009/10. Staff are now facing the worst cost of living crisis in a generation, with inflation hitting 10% and many having to make impossible choices between food, heating and other essentials. This is a terrible situation for anyone to find themselves in.



At the same time, workers have experienced ever-increasing workloads and persistent job insecurity. Across the UK, 900,000 jobs have been lost in local government since June 2010 – a reduction of more than 30 per cent. Local government has arguably been hit by more severe job losses than any other part of the public sector.

There has been a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up more than three-quarters of the local government workforce.

Recent research shows that if the Government were to fully fund the unions' 2023 pay claim, around half of the money would be recouped thanks to increased tax revenue, reduced expenditure on benefits and tax credits, and increased consumer spending in the local economy.

This council believes:

Our Lancashire workers are public service super-heroes. They keep our communities clean and safe, look after those in need and keep our towns, cities and villages running.

Without the professionalism and dedication of our staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable.

Lancashire County Council workers deserve a proper real-terms pay increase. The Government needs to take responsibility and fully fund this increase; it should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone and who were not offered adequate support through the Covid-19 pandemic.

This council resolves to:

- (i) Support the pay claim submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers, for an increase of RPI + 2%.
- (ii) Call on the Local Government Association to make urgent representations to central government to fund the NJC pay claim.
- (iii) Write to the Chancellor and Secretary of State to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government.
- (iv) Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and consider practical ways in which Lancashire County Council can support the campaign.
- (v) Encourage all local government workers across Lancashire to join a union.

On being put to the vote the Motion was LOST.

3. It was moved by County Councillor Mark Clifford and seconded by County Councillor Steve Holgate that:

The Council resolves:



- (i) To set the ambitious goal of Lancashire County Council itself as an authority becoming Carbon Net Zero by 2030.
- (ii) To join the UK 100 network of local leaders who have pledged to lead a rapid transition to Net Zero with Clean Air in their communities ahead of the government's legal target.

Following a period of debate, and in accordance with Standing Order B45(4), a recorded vote was taken. The names of the county councillors who voted for or against the Motion and those who abstained are set out below:

For (32)

Aldridge	Brown	Fillis	Khan, N	Potter
Ali	Clifford	Gibson	Lewis	Serridge
Arif	Collinge	Hindle	Mein	Snape
Aziz	Dad	Holgate	Oakes	Tomlinson
Barnes	De Molfetta	Howarth	Parr	
Beavers	Dowding	Iqbal	Pate	
Berry	Fewings	Khan, H	Pattison	

Against (44)

Ashton	Cullens	Iddon	Rigby, P	Towneley
Bailey	Edwards	Kay	Rigby, S	Turner
Britcliffe	Gardiner	Maxwell-Scott	Riggott	Vincent
Buckley	Gooch	Mirfin	Schofield	Westley
Burrows	Goulthorp	Morris	Shedwick	Whittam
Cheetham	Green	O'Toole	Singleton	Williamson
Clarke	Hartley	Pope	Smith	Woollam
Clempson	Hind	Purcell	Sutcliffe	Yates
Couperthwaite	Hurn	Rear	Swarbrick	

Abstain (1)

Salter

The Motion was therefore LOST.

4. It was moved by County Councillor Julie Gibson and seconded by County Councillor Azhar Ali that:

The Chancellor announced 12 new investment zones in the recent Budget. Not one of these investment zones was situated in Lancashire.

This Council notes:

- (i) There are parts of Lancashire, particularly the East of the County, that are crying out for such a zone, and yet not one area of Lancashire was chosen.



- (ii) That this Government is either serious about levelling up or it isn't and maybe if less time was spent on fighting ex-footballers and more time was spent on the issues that matter the UK might actually be moving in the right direction.

This Council resolves to:

- (i) Write to the Chancellor to tell us what options he considered in Lancashire.
- (ii) Ask the Chancellor to review the situation and look at the case for an investment zone in the East of the County.

The following Amendment was proposed by County Councillor Aidy Riggott and seconded by County Councillor Scott Smith:

The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced 12 new investment zones in the Spring Budget (March 2023). Not one of these investment zones was situated in Lancashire.

This Council notes:

- (i) There are parts of Lancashire, particularly the East of the County, that are crying out for such a zone, and yet not one area of Lancashire was chosen.
- (ii) That this Government has awarded this Council £49.6m from Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund for its bid focussed on East Lancashire, and a total of £245m to Lancashire across both rounds – more funding per head than anywhere else in the UK in Round 2 and is focussing on the issues that matter – halving inflation, getting the economy growing, get debt falling, cutting waiting lists and stopping the small boats.

This Council resolves to:

Request that the Chief Executive:

- (i) Writes to the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to express this Council's view that there is massive potential across Lancashire and to also include a copy of Lancashire's new Inward Investment Prospectus 'Invest in Lancashire – a place for Growth'.
- (ii) Asks the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to consider placing Lancashire at the centre of any future Investment Zone plans, noting that Lancashire County Council is ready to move at pace using our existing development pipeline as well as new, ambitious opportunities including those aligned to the development of our historic new 'Lancashire 2050' strategy, to help drive forward growth right across Lancashire.

On being put to the vote, the Amendment was CARRIED and therefore became the substantive Motion.

In accordance with Standing Order B45(4), a recorded vote was taken. The names of the county councillors who voted for or against the Motion and those who abstained are set out below:



For (45)

Ashton	Cullens	Iddon	Rigby, P	Swarbrick
Bailey	Edwards	Kay	Rigby, S	Towneley
Britcliffe	Gardiner	Maxwell-Scott	Riggott	Turner
Buckley	Gooch	Mirfin	Salter	Vincent
Burrows	Goulthorp	Morris	Schofield	Westley
Cheetham	Green	O'Toole	Shedwick	Whittam
Clarke	Hartley	Pope	Singleton	Williamson
Clempson	Hind	Purcell	Smith	Woollam
Couperthwaite	Hurn	Rear	Sutcliffe	Yates

Against (29)

Aldridge	Berry	Dowding	Khan, H	Pate
Ali	Brown	Fewings	Khan, N	Pattison
Arif	Clifford	Fillis	Lewis	Serridge
Aziz	Collinge	Gibson	Mein	Snape
Barnes	Dad	Hindle	Oakes	Tomlinson
Beavers	De Molfetta	Holgate	Parr	

Abstain (1)

Potter

The Motion was therefore CARRIED.

It was therefore:

Resolved: - That:

The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced 12 new investment zones in the Spring Budget (March 2023). Not one of these investment zones was situated in Lancashire.

This Council notes:

- (i) There are parts of Lancashire, particularly the East of the County, that are crying out for such a zone, and yet not one area of Lancashire was chosen.
- (ii) That this Government has awarded this Council £49.6m from Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund for its bid focussed on East Lancashire, and a total of £245m to Lancashire across both rounds – more funding per head than anywhere else in the UK in Round 2 and is focussing on the issues that matter – halving inflation, getting the economy growing, get debt falling, cutting waiting lists and stopping the small boats.

This Council resolves to:

Request that the Chief Executive:



- (i) Writes to the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to express this Council's view that there is massive potential across Lancashire and to also include a copy of Lancashire's new Inward Investment Prospectus 'Invest in Lancashire – a place for Growth'.
- (ii) Asks the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to consider placing Lancashire at the centre of any future Investment Zone plans, noting that Lancashire County Council is ready to move at pace using our existing development pipeline as well as new, ambitious opportunities including those aligned to the development of our historic new 'Lancashire 2050' strategy, to help drive forward growth right across Lancashire.

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive

County Hall
Preston



Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 July 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Amendments to the Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

Following a review of the budget process, it is proposed to make a number of changes to the county council's published Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to approve the amendments to the county council's Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24 as set out in the report.

Detail

Following a review of the process for the approval of the budget by Full Council, it is proposed that a revised timetable be put in place.

The purpose of the timetable is to ensure that there is sufficient time for full and effective consultation on budget proposals and also that sufficient time is allowed for the receipt of all the necessary information, such as the final settlement figure from government and the information from districts on the council tax and business rates position.

In recent years, this information has had to be provided late or even tabled at the meeting, resulting in additional adjustments being required after the agenda has been published.

The main proposal is therefore to move the date for budget Full Council from Thursday 8 February 2024 to Friday 23 February 2024 with a 10.30am start. The Friday has been chosen in order to avoid clashes with district council budget meetings already scheduled for Thursday 22 February.

The proposal will also involve moving two meetings of the Scrutiny Management Board to ensure that the board has the same information as will be presented to Cabinet in order to enhance the oversight of the scrutiny function of the budget proposals. The date and time of this meeting will be confirmed following discussions with the Chair.

A consequence of the changes above is that there is a need to find another date for the ordinary (non-budget) meeting of Full Council that was due to be held on Thursday 22 February. It is proposed that this be moved to Thursday 14 March 2024, and the meeting of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee currently scheduled for that day be moved to another day that week, to be agreed following consultation with the Chair.

It is finally proposed that the date of Cabinet in May 2024 be pushed back by 1 week to avoid a clash with the local elections scheduled for that day.

A revised Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24, incorporating the changes, which are also summarised below, is set out at Appendix 'A'.

Meeting	Current Date	Proposed New Date
Scrutiny Management Board	Tuesday 3 October 2023	TBC, w/c 30 October 2023
Scrutiny Management Board	Tuesday 16 January 2024	TBC w/c 29 January 2024
Budget Full Council	Thursday 8 February 2024	Friday 23 February 2024*
Ordinary Full Council	Thursday 22 February 2024	Thursday 14 March 2024
Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny	Thursday 14 March 2024	TBC, w/c 11 March 2024
Cabinet	Thursday 2 May 2024	Thursday 9 May 2024

*10.30am start

Appendices

Appendix 'A' is attached to this report. For clarification it is summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Revised Calendar of Meetings for 2023/24



Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks are associated with the proposals set out in this report.

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



Lancashire County Council Timetable of Meetings 2023/24

		JUN '23	JUL '23	AUG '23	SEP '23	OCT '23	NOV '23	DEC '23	JAN '24	FEB '24	MAR '24	APR '24	MAY '24
Audit, Risk and Governance Committee (w)	2.00 pm Monday		24			16			29			22	
Cabinet (w)	2.00 pm Thursday	8	6		7	5	2	7	18	1	7	4	9
Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee (w)	10.30 am Wednesday	12 (*i)			20		1	13	31		13		1
Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee (w)	10.30am Thursday		11* (*i) at 2.30pm		28		9	12* at 2.00pm		6* at 2.00pm	21		9
Company Member Cabinet Committee	10.00am Thursday	22 at 1pm			14			21			21		
Corporate Parenting Board	6.00pm Tues/Weds/Thur		26 at 1.30pm		19		22		10		13		8
Development Control Committee (w)	10.30 am Wednesday	7	19		6	18		6	17		6	24	
Employment Committee (w)	1.00pm Tuesday		11		12		16		25		12		14
Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee (w)	10.30am Thursday	29 (*i)			21	26		5* at 2.00pm	25		TBC W/C 11	25	
Full Council (w)	1.00pm Thursday		13			12		14		23* at 10.30am	14		23 (AGM)
Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee (w)	10.30am Wednesday	28 (*i)	12		13	25		4*	22*		20		8
Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board (w*)	2.00pm Tuesday	12*	18		5		14		23		5		7
Pension Fund Committee (w)	10.30am Friday	16			15			1			8		
Political Governance Working Group	10am Wednesday	14	10		21 at 2.00pm	19	23		17 at 2.00pm			10	
Regulatory Committee (w)	10.30am Wednesday	21			27		15		24		27		
Scrutiny Management Board (w)	2.00pm Tuesday		25			TBC W/C 30			TBC W/C 29			16	

* = Change of day

(*i) = Informal

(B) = Budget

(AGM) = Annual General Meeting

(w) = Meeting is webcast

(w*) = Meeting is webcast but only when held in County Hall

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 July 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

Revised Terms of Reference - Investment Panel
(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Brief Summary

The Investment Panel has recently considered and approved revised Terms of Reference which are now presented for consideration and approval by Full Council.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to consider and approve the revised Terms of Reference as agreed by the Investment Panel on 15 June 2023 and set out at Appendix 'A' to this report.

Detail

At the meeting on 15 June 2023 the Investment Panel considered the annual report on its constitution, membership, and Terms of Reference. The report included revised Terms of Reference which incorporated proposed amendments to both the format and text which had been identified by Officers during a recent review.

At the meeting the Head of Fund reported that the current strategic objectives for the Independent Investment Advisers would be reviewed during the summer with a report on any changes being presented to the Panel in September 2023.

In considering the revised Terms of Reference the Panel approved the proposed amendments and agreed to a further amendment to the wording of Section 9 to read

'One member of the Panel at least will attend the Local Pension Partnership Ltd Conference or any equivalent event on an annual basis' and agreed:

- The amended Terms of Reference of the Panel (as set out at Appendix 'A') and recommended them to Full Council for approval and inclusion in the Constitution of the county council.
- That a report on the strategic objectives for the Independent Investment Advisers be presented to the Panel in September 2023.

Appendices

Appendices 'A' and 'B' are attached to this report. For clarification they are summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Revised Terms of Reference for the Investment Panel
Appendix 'B'	Existing Terms of Reference for the Investment Panel

Consultations

The independent Investment Advisers (as members of the Investment Panel).

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

It is considered good governance to review, from time to time, the Terms of Reference of the Investment Panel, and the Pension Fund Committee to ensure that they remain fit for purpose.

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		

Pension Fund Investment Panel

Terms of Reference (revised)

1. ***The Investment Panel ("the Panel") provides expert professional strategic advice to the Pension Fund Committee in relation to investment strategy and on occasion to the full Council.***
2. ***Remit of the Panel***
 - To review the Fund's long term investment strategy and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee.
 - To advise on strategic and/or tactical asset allocations proposed by the Local Pensions Partnership ***Investments Ltd (LPPI)***.
 - To restrict and control the range of asset allocations used by ***LPPI***, as set out in the Statement of Investment Principles.
 - To consider appropriate risk management strategies to include the matching of pension liabilities with suitable investments, possibly involving derivatives, and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee.
 - To consider foreign exchange hedging strategies relating to the equity and/or other asset allocations and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee.
 - To monitor and review the investment activity; and
 - To review and report on the performance of the Fund and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee.
3. The Panel does not exercise any delegated powers but instead will provide ***support*** to the Head of Fund in the exercise of their delegated powers ***and in making*** recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee taking account of advice and views from the Panel.
4. The membership of the Panel comprises:
 - a) The ***Head of Fund*** (as Chair); and
 - b) Not less than two Independent Investment Advisers appointed in accordance with arrangements determined by the Pension Fund Committee.
5. The Panel will meet quarterly, or otherwise as necessary
6. ***For a meeting to be quorate the Chair and at least one Investment Adviser must be present.***

7. The Panel may operate through sub-groups to undertake specific tasks but will formulate recommendations to the Head of Fund and/or the Pension Fund Committee through meetings of the full Panel.
8. The Panel may secure specialist advice within allocated budgets.
9. ***One member of the Panel will attend at least the Local Pension Partnership Ltd Conference or any equivalent event on an annual basis.***

Pension Fund Investment Panel

Terms of Reference

The Investment Panel ("the Panel") provides expert professional advice to the Pension Fund Committee in relation to investment strategy. The Panel also supports the Head of Fund with the specialist advice required by the Lancashire County Pension Fund ("the Fund").

The Panel will:

- Review the Fund's long term investment strategy and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee.
- Advise on strategic and/or tactical asset allocations proposed by the Local Pensions Partnership Ltd (LPPL).
- Restrict and control the range of asset allocations used by LPPL as set out in the Statement of Investment Principles.
- Consider appropriate risk management strategies to include the matching of pension liabilities with suitable investments, possibly involving derivatives, and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee.
- Consider foreign exchange hedging strategies relating to the equity and/or other asset allocations and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee.
- Monitor and review the investment activity; and
- Review and report on the performance of the Fund and where necessary make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee.

The Panel does not exercise any delegated powers but instead will provide advice to the Head of the Fund who will either exercise his/her delegated powers or make recommendations to the Pension Fund Committee taking account of advice and views from the Panel.

The membership of the Panel comprises:

- (a) The Head of the Pension Fund (as Chair); and
- (b) Not less than two Independent Investment Advisers appointed in accordance with arrangements determined by the Pension Fund Committee.

The Panel may operate through sub-groups to undertake specific tasks but will formulate recommendations to the Head of the Pension Fund and/or the Pension Fund Committee through meetings of the full Panel.

The Panel may secure specialist advice within allocated budgets.

The Panel will meet at least quarterly, or otherwise as necessary

At least one member of the Panel will attend the LPPL Investor's Forum on a 6 monthly basis.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 July 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

Report of the Cabinet (Part B)
(Appendix 'A' and Annexes '1' and '2' refer)

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Brief Summary

The report of the Cabinet from its recent meeting on 8 June 2023 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.

Also attached to this report is the Annual Report of the County Council's Champions (Annex '1') and the Annual Report of the Lead Members (Annex '2'), both to be presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 6 July 2023.

Recommendation

That the report of the Cabinet, as now presented, be noted.

Appendices

Appendix 'A' and Annexes '1' and '2' are attached to this report. For clarification they are summarised below and referenced at relevant points within this report.

Meeting of the Cabinet (8 June 2023)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

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.

Procurement Report

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

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.

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.



South Lancaster Growth Catalyst Update

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.



Champions Annual Reports 2022-23

Lancashire County Council

Champions Annual Reports

2022 – 2023

Introduction

The Cabinet has appointed county councillors who are not a member of the Cabinet to serve as Champions for the following matters:

- Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans
- Champion for Disabled People
- Champion for Mental Health
- Champion for Older People
- Champion for Parishes
- Champion for Young People

Each of the county council Champions is allocated a sum of £10,000 per annum for use at their discretion to finance their activities including:

- organising and attending meetings, seminars and conferences and other similar events;
- the payment of a grant or loan to individuals and outside bodies and organisations within the scope of their remit; and
- other incidental costs necessary to enable them to fulfil their roles.

Any unspent balance up to a maximum of £2,500 can be carried over from one financial year to the next giving a maximum budget of £12,500.

The approval of expenditure to be incurred by a Champion has been delegated by the Leader of the Council to the Director of Law and Governance.



Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans County Councillor Alf Clempson



It has been an extremely busy and successful year throughout the Armed Forces Community in Lancashire. This culminated recently in the first Lancashire Armed Forces Covenant Guide being printed, these were given to every County Councillor at the last full Council meeting. As can be seen in the guide, Lancashire County Council continue to lead the way in Lancashire with regards to highlighting and supporting the Armed Forces family. I continue to take on a great deal of work within the force's community.

This means often working with both large and small charities, Community Interest Companies and groups. This work helps my decision making on who to support with the champion's grant. Whenever possible, I will visit the group and often work with them, this is so I am absolutely convinced that any grant money given will be used in the correct manner. This process also affords me the privilege of not only meeting but seeing first-hand the outstanding work of many organisations. I take my role as the Armed Forces Champion/Member very seriously and always ensure the champions grant is used throughout Lancashire and that all members of the military community can benefit, from the youngest cadet to the older World War II veterans.

Duke of Lancaster Association – Queen's Jubilee celebration BBQ - £500

Military Associations are very important and often provide a safe, friendly environment for veterans to mix with others who have not only served in the same Regiment, Corps or Service but who have been through the same challenges. I was happy to support veterans celebrating their Monarchs Jubilee, after all it is likely that every one of the veterans had served and sworn allegiance to HM Queen Elizabeth II and indeed taken the Queen's Shilling.

Belisama's Retreat – New handrails and improvements to pathway - £1,000

I have visited this Community Interest Company many times and have been extremely impressed with their work. Not all veterans want to attend association meetings and go to formal functions, Belisama gives veterans the opportunity to go back to basics, camp out, live simply for a while. This Community Interest Company is situated on the banks of the River Ribble but does have access issues. With this in mind, I was keen to help improve the situation, so the champions fund helped with footpaths and new handrails.

St Anne's Informal Wren Group – Visit to National Memorial Arboretum - £850

It is extremely important to remember those who have fallen in the service of our country. These trips to places like the National Arboretum attract some members of these groups who would not always attend meetings and regular functions. Trips like this provide the opportunity for these members to mix with the regular group which can often be beneficial to their health and well-being. I attend a monthly quiz night with



many of the ladies involved with this group and I know how enjoyable and moving their trip was.

DWS Lifeskills – Health and Wellbeing activities - £3,990

This Community Interest Company has been operating for some time now and I have supported them with different projects. The overall aim is to engage with veterans of all ages in order to improve their general health and well-being. This could be when an older veteran comes out the hospital and needs some exercise to improve movement or it could be to help a cadet unit with their adventure training.

The champion's grant has supported this Community Interest Company in delivering, kayaking days, walking/trekking, quiz nights, trips to places of interest, projects with GP surgeries and a great deal more. Seeing first-hand what is achieved by this organisation, I have no hesitation in supporting them.

PCC of Broughton – Remembrance Sunday ceremony - £360

Again, like the Arboretum visit it is important to remember those who have fallen. This particular bid was to ensure that the people of Broughton could remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in their local community on Remembrance Sunday.

The cost and organisation of some local ceremonies and services is getting beyond some local communities. While this fund could not help with them all, I do believe it is right to help when possible.

Lancashire ACF – Replace flagpole - £500

I am always keen to support cadet organisations where possible and I believe that the Flagpoles in this bid are packed in a box to ensure they can be easily packed away and used on camps etc which is extremely useful for cadet units.

Men's Shed Fleetwood – Refreshments and venue for the breakfast club - £500

I am extremely grateful to the Men's Shed in Fleetwood for putting the weekly breakfast club on and to DWS Lifeskills who help with this. The Champion's fund has contributed to this several times and I will explain why. Many "veterans breakfast clubs" charge for the breakfast. I believe while these groups are good to get veterans together, they may not always attract those who may be in need of assistance. The club run by the Men's Shed is free. If veterans can contribute and want to, there is a bucket to put money in but there is no pressure to contribute. This is why the fund helps and why from these breakfast meetings we do get veterans who need assistance or just someone to talk to.

Healthier Heroes – 8 week equine therapy programme - £1,250

This organisation is now well established, and they have a history of success in some of the some of the most challenging cases. Again, I have visited this Community Interest Company often and have seen them develop. This fund has supported equine programmes before, and they can be extremely beneficial for those taking part.



Accrington Sea Cadets – Official opening day - £800

As I have stated, this fund always tries to support cadet organisations when possible. These units often provide young people with the opportunity to go places and take part in activities which would normally not be available to them. For this reason alone, I always try to support all cadet units in Lancashire. In supporting this particular open day, I hope more young people choose to join.

TOTAL SPENT - £9,750 – Available funding 2022/23 £11,600 therefore £1,850 carried forward to 2023/24.

County Councillor Alf Clempson
Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans



**County Councillor Alf Clempson
Champion for Armed Forces and Veterans
Schedule of Expenditure for 2022/2023**

Applicant	Amount of Grant
Duke of Lancaster Association – Queens Jubilee celebration BBQ	£500
Belisama's Retreat – New handrails and improvements to pathway	£1,000
St Anne's Informal Wren Group – Coach hire to National Memorial Arboretum	£850
DWS Lifeskills – Health and Wellbeing activities	£3,990
PCC of Broughton – Remembrance Sunday ceremony	£360
Lancashire ACF – Replace flagpole	£500
Men's Shed Fleetwood – Refreshments and venue for the breakfast club	£500
Healthier Heroes – 8 week equine therapy programme	£1,250
Accrington Sea Cadets – Official opening day	£800
TOTAL SPENT	£9,750



Champion for Disabled People

County Councillor Carole Haythornthwaite



During the financial year, 10 applications for a Champion's grant were received and approved. After being appointed to the role on 12 June 2022, I met David Anderson of Accrington Blind Society who had interest in working with the NHS. However, that, my first enquiry, did not result in an application, as the idea was not fully developed, and David did not believe they had sufficient accreditation at that point. I am pleased to report however that Hyndburn Mayoral fund recently awarded £5,000 to the Society.

1. **About the Town** – a grant of £1,080 was made by my predecessor Cllr Rupert Swarbrick in March 2022. The award was made to the editor of Skelmersdale's About the Town CIC publication, to meet extra premises costs of £90pcm, enabling a volunteer wheelchair user to become an employee.
2. On 6 July 2022, I agreed a contribution of £136.50 – hospitality costs of a large county wide meeting in County Hall, Savoy Suite held by **Lancashire Deaf Forum**. This was my first meeting of the group, and I was astonished at the communication skills members had acquired.
3. In the same month, Chris Tattersall of **Braille IT**, approached me for support towards a £20,000 project to deliver free accredited Braille classes to blind and visually impaired people, their parents, carers and anyone interested in learning Braille. The organisation also offers advice on screen reader software and the latest technology for those people. I was able to award £1,000 towards costs of accreditation, session staff, volunteer costs and stationery. Braille IT operates in four centres – Clitheroe, Accrington, Blackburn and Burnley.
4. Denise Gillies of **Dance Syndrome** applied for funds to enable continuation of inclusive dance workshops, dance leader training and performances. The organisation challenges perceptions of disability by drawing in people with learning disabilities and those who are socially isolated people, some with mental health issues. Dance Syndrome works across Lancashire and online across the UK. Cost of provision is ongoing, with the grant of £1,260 enabling 10 weeks of classes to be delivered.
5. After a visit to **Team Rise** and sight of their website, I was able to grant £2,000 towards costs of producing a pantomime, in which people with learning difficulty, people with autism and other service users took part. The project aimed to give users (across Lancashire) an opportunity to develop, explore their ideas, work together and socialise. Attending the pantomime in January this year, I could see how the group supported each other, gained confidence and also had a lot of fun. Sharon Lees, MD of TeamRise was "thrilled to bits" with the grant.
6. In November 2022 Sue Gardam of Preston's **N.Compass** asked for support for a stall at the AGM of the British Deaf Association at UCLAN. A grant of £345



was agreed, towards costs of hosting the event and providing an interpreter. The project was essentially a deaf link service supporting culturally deaf adults to overcome the barriers they face in accessing services. Sue works with services to establish sustainable access for the rest of the deaf community.

7. **Strive2Survive** (Tina Cowperthwaite) works in partnership with Disability Equality Northwest and planned to run workshops with deaf or hearing-impaired young people to shape a project to develop digital resources that could be used across Preston by partners. I was able to award £520, the full cost of the series of workshops, seem as a progressive initiative.
8. Andrew Brennand, of Lancaster's **Fairfield Association**, was referred to me by County Councillor Gina Dowding. Fairfield was granted £1,500 to replace existing play equipment with an ability whirl roundabout, proving better access for disabled children. (I recently met with Abi Mills, Lancaster City Council's new Champion for Disabled People, who acknowledged the improvement. Abi has considerable expertise and knowledge in advising on and procuring play equipment).
9. A grant of £745 was requested by Jane Dawson of **Visually Impaired Children's Support**, based in Accrington. I was pleased to award £400 towards costs of Christmas events, including some basic food preparation and a party.
10. Earlier this year, I was pleased to award £500 towards £1,100 costs of an audio loop system in **Grimsargh village hall**. The request was made on behalf of a social group supporting people living with dementia. A number of those people also have hearing difficulty or loss and therefore their experience of a group was less beneficial. As well as use in the hall, the loop system can be used when members are out on excursions.

In summary, a total of £8,741.50 was spent during the financial year, against an available allocation of budget of £10,078.

Carole Haythornthwaite
Champion for Disabled People



**County Councillor Carol Haythorntwaite
Champion for Disabled People
Schedule of Expenditure for 2022/2023**

Applicant	Amount of Grant
About the Town – office space for wheelchair users	£1,080
Lancashire Deaf Forum – Event at County Hall 20 June	£136.50
Braile IT – Running costs of the club	£1,000
Dance Syndrome – Running costs of the club	£1,260
Team, Rise – Costumes, props and promotional costs	£2,000
N Compass – Stall and interpreter at the UCLAN event	£345
Strive 2 Thrive – Series of workshops	£520
The Fairfield Association – Replace ability whirl roundabout	£1.500
Visually Impaired Children's Support – Christmas party	£400
Rosemary and Time CIC – Portable hearing loop	£500
TOTAL SPENT	£8,741.50



Champion for Mental Health County Councillor Stuart C Morris



Supporting Mental Health Groups in Lancashire: A Year of Dedication and Impact.

This report aims to document and highlight the significant contributions and support I have had the privilege to provide as Champion for Mental Health and Lancashire County Council to mental health groups in Lancashire, during 2022 - 2023. The dedication, compassion, in assisting those in need and organisations in their mission to enhance mental well-being and promote awareness within our community has been inspirational.

Throughout the year, I have actively volunteered my time and expertise to numerous mental health groups in Lancashire. The Councils commitment to community engagement has been instrumental in promoting mental health awareness and fostering a sense of belonging among those affected.

Examples of our involvement include:

We played an essential role in organising and facilitating support groups, providing a safe and inclusive space for individuals to share their experiences, find peace, and receive emotional support.

I attended workshops on various mental health topics, provided funding to equip groups with the knowledge and skills to identify early signs of mental health challenges and offering strategies for self-care.

With the help of our team at County and Dr. Sakthi Karunanithi (Director of Public Health for Lancashire) with initiative and creativity in helping fundraising events which contributed significantly to raising funds for mental health organizations. These funds enabled the groups to offer vital resources, counselling services, and mental health programs to those in need.

The tireless efforts in raising awareness about mental health issues have made a profound impact in the Lancashire community. By engaging in various advocacy



initiatives, such as the Lancashire Mental Health Partnership we have helped de-stigmatise mental health and encourage open conversations.

Some notable contributions include:

I shared my personal experiences and insights to foster understanding and empathy regarding mental health challenges.

We could though, use the power of media to raise awareness about mental health issues, highlight the work of local mental health groups, and share resources for support, which I feel we should do.

Also, we should use social media platforms to disseminate information, share inspiring stories, and promote mental health resources to reach a wider audience and engage individuals in meaningful conversations, especially the young who are more tech savvy. However, social media has caused many mental health issues within the young which we need to assess and give help to those who are affected by on-line bullying for instance.

We should also recognise the importance of collaboration, by actively using opportunities to partner with local organisations, healthcare providers, and government bodies. These partnerships will enhance the impact of mental health groups and create a cohesive network of support, my special thank you to our teams and Sakthi Karunanithi for all their hard work.

These collaborative projects between mental health groups, foster a collective effort to address mental health challenges. These projects aim to bridge gaps in services, increase access to resources, and promote cross-organization learning.

Through our networking skills, we have successfully engaged with stakeholders, including policymakers, to advocate for improved mental health services, policies, and increased funding for mental health initiatives in Lancashire.

Our unwavering commitment to supporting mental health groups in Lancashire, over the past year has had a significant and positive impact on the lives of many individuals. Through our volunteering efforts, advocacy, and collaborative initiatives, we have helped raise awareness, provided crucial support, and fostered a sense of community for those affected by mental health challenges. Our dedicated team serves as an inspiration and a shining example of how individuals can make a real difference in promoting mental well-being within their communities, of which I play a small role to the best of my ability.

Thank you

County Councillor Stuart Morris
Champion for Mental Health



**County Councillor Stuart Morris
Champion for Mental Health**

Schedule of Expenditure for 2022/2023

Applicant	Amount of Grant
Bay Buddies – Health & Wellbeing programme	£2,000
0282 CIC Walk to Wellbeing project	£1,000
Carousel Music and Movement – Provide service for Hope Street Choir	£1,000
Dance Syndrome – Running costs of dance classes	£1,200
Kokni Muslim Association – Drop in centre	£1,000
TOTAL SPENT	£6,200



Champion for Older People

County Councillor Joan Burrows



To assist the Leader and appropriate Cabinet Members by advising on service issues across directorates which support active, independent and healthy lives for Older People.

This is my sixth year in the role as Lancashire County Council's Champion for Older People. A role that has provided me with a platform to promote a positive image of ageing and given me the privileged opportunity to get close to, and work closely with, Older People in their communities across Lancashire.

Older People, that's people over the age of 55 years, are a valuable part of Lancashire's economy whether that be through their ongoing employment, their work as volunteers, or as Carers within family units and they all deserve credit for this. Following retirement many people seek to continue, and invest more time, in their hobbies and interest groups whilst others are looking for new interests and the opportunities to develop new skills and make new friends. Thankfully, in Lancashire, there are numerous groups providing activities to older people.

The groups that I have visited this year total fifty one (51) and have included Luncheon Clubs in Adlington, Pendle, Hesketh Bank, and Kelbrook and Sough; Coffee Mornings in Banks, Parbold and Leyland; Bowling Clubs in Walton le Dale and Hoole; Exercise Clubs - a great example being Nifty Fifties in North Meols, Friendship Clubs in Church and Oswaldtwistle, Salmesbury, Lostock Hall, Brindle, Lytham St Anne's, Cleveleys, Leyland, Lancaster and, a great example of reducing isolation and making new friends over coffee, the Talking Tables initiative which meets at cafes across South Ribble. Interest Groups are many and varied and worth mentioning are the Silver Surfers in Whalley, Knit and Natter Cafes in Preston and Leyland and the University of the Third Age (U3A) with groups across Lancashire. I have attended the meetings of Hyndburn Over 50's Forum, Pendle Seniors and Preston and District 50+ Group who continue to actively campaign with a number of members from the latter attending the annual National Pensioners Convention. In June 2023 the Convention will be held on our doorstep, in Blackpool. The aforementioned outlining some groups visited but, I hope, provides a flavour of the diversity of what's on offer in our County.

Alongside visits to groups, I have attended fourteen (14) events across the County. These have included the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, the Rotary Club of Garstang's launch of the booklet "Try Something New", the Stackshead Lantern Parade, UCLAN's Understanding Dementia Conference, Age Concern Central Lancashire's Annual Ball, the Hesketh Bank and Tarleton Helpers Age of Inspiration Event. The year also saw me attend a number of events celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Supporting our Authorities initiatives, I have assisted with the promotion of the LCC Pensioner Benefits Uptake Campaign and supported both the Postcards for Kindness and the Festive Cards for the Holiday Season initiatives. These are now in their fourth year and see more than 100 Care Homes sign up to take



part, a wonderful idea encouraging community spirit through the simple act of writing and sending a card.

As Champion for Older People, I am allocated a sum up to £10,000 per annum (2022/23 included an additional £2,500 brought forward from the previous year) as a grant scheme, for use at my discretion, within guidelines set out by the Authority. The Champion Grant fund is an extremely easy and popular way of providing small amounts of funding, to a wide range of groups, who need some vital support via a simple process. As a result of press releases and my efforts promoting the fund twenty-eight (28) groups have received grants this year totalling £11,978.50. Recipients have included some of the groups already mentioned with others such as Just Good Friends across Fylde, St Stephens in the Banks, the Salmesbury based A59 Club, Leyland Sporting Memories Group, Elevensies Community Lunch Whalley, Mandala Preston, the Homewise Society, Staksteads Countryside Park Group, Brindle Over 55's, The Pendle Club, Whalley Educational Foundation and the Blue Flamingo Cafe in Ashton on Ribble.

I cannot emphasise enough just how important this fund is to Older People, across the County, for whom just a little bit of money, the average grant was £444.00, can make a major difference to the work that they want to do and the lives of the people they support. Monies have supported contributions to percussion instruments, hot water heater, soup cauldrons, a visual dementia tour, lantern parade workshop materials, table tennis tables, cost of speakers, a PA system, crockery, production of a newsletter and art and craft materials.

Two civic events have been held in County Hall recognising the contribution Older People make in Lancashire. In May, to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth's 70-year reign, the Authorities Chairman and I hosted a Platinum Jubilee Big Tea and in October a Reception for Older People was held to celebrate the work of older volunteers who support their peer group. We were pleased to welcome 120 guests drawn from the groups I have visited across Lancashire.

I continue to welcome having the ear of senior decision makers in our Authority. I brief the Leader and Cabinet Members for Adult Services and Health and Well-being at given opportunities alongside Directors and Officers of these Directorates. I need to ensure that Older People are at the heart of our Authorities activities and that their needs, wishes and preferences are fully taken into account in the development of policy across all areas of the Council. This year has also seen me sharing my knowledge gained with representatives of the Social Prescribing Unit/School of Health Sciences at UCLAN.

The position of Older People's Champion for Lancashire is a high-profile role. I have taken it very seriously. Restrictions that came with COVID are now all lifted, allowing me to get out and about again, talking and listening to Older People, something that I see as core to the work of a Champion. I have maintained links and forged new ones with groups that support Older People across the County. I really enjoy the informal chats and all comments made to me are fed back. Older People have vast experience and are the majority, we must be seen as an asset not a burden. I will continue to work

to promote positive images and combat stereotyping alongside people getting the right support when their circumstances in life change.

The appreciation for the work that I have undertaken is gratefully received and humbling, thank you.

County Councillor Joan Burrows
Champion for Older People



**County Councillor Joan Burrows
Champion for Older People
Schedule of Expenditure for 2022/2023**

Applicant	Amount of Grant
Just Good Friends – promotional materials	£600
St Stephens in the Banks – running costs of their coffee mornings	£300
Community Network and Outreach Service – Art and craft materials	£450
The A59 Club – hire of coach and meal for their trip to York	£400
North Meols Nifty 50's Sports Club – exercise instructor and equipment and new PA System	£1,000
Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary club – coach hire	£395
Rosemary and Time CIC - percussion instruments	£150
Knitting café with Knit and Purl Jam - travel and refreshments	£234
St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's Group - instant hot water heater	£350
Leyland Sporting Memories Group - tour of Manchester City FC	£362.50
Elevensies Community Lunch - Pie and Peas lunch	£390
West Lancashire Footpath Group - posters, leaflets, membership card and advertising	£300
West Lancashire Pensioners Forum - silver anniversary celebrations	£300
St Mary Magdalen and St Teresa's Group - soup cauldrons	£150
Mandala Preston CIC - Crafting and community sessions	£415
TOFFS - hire of bowling green, competitions and refreshments	£400
Homewise Society - Tea Party	£500
Hesketh Bank and Tarleton Helpers - production of newsletter	£400
Kelbrook Community Projects - hire of village hall and food for luncheon club	£500
The Pendle Club - new crockery	£400
The Blue Flamingo Café - Visual Dementia Tour	£840
Stacksteads Countryside Park Group - Lantern Parade	£500
Brindle Over 55's - Cost of speakers entertainment and room hire	£400
New Longton Social Club - recover snooker table	£528
Adlington Luncheon Club - Trip to Southport	£250
Whalley Educational Foundation - Silver Surfers Group	£864
St John's Community Hub - replace table tennis tables	£600
TOTAL SPENT	£11,978.50



Champion for Parishes County Councillor Paul Rigby



Hello all,

How time flies, the parishes can look forward to a stable setting now the recent local government elections are over. It is too soon to know how many Councillors their new positions on the Councils, getting to know new friends and perhaps remembering absent faces. Why are some Parish Councils struggling to recruit new Councillors, is it anything to do with Covid, are people more inward thinking? Is it something that may need studying further?

Back to my role as Champion for the Parishes, the full support of the Cabinet is much appreciated. Two more Parish and Town Council Conferences have been held in the last 12 months and were really well attended by Parish and Town Councillors from across the county. They were all quick to acknowledge the good work Lancashire County Council does in all areas of the County.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils had their Annual General Meeting in the afternoon of the spring conference, I thought it worked well with a seamless move to the Lancashire Association of Local Councils business. Working together this way will help Lancashire Association of Local Councils move forward on a budget they can sustain.

I did not quite spend all my Parish Champion budget last year; however, things are proceeding better this year. So, a big thank you to Cllr Williamson, Cllr Buckley and all the Cabinet for their support and help. Special thanks to the staff that do a wonderful job supporting our Parish and Town Council network, especially Alison and Janet. But thanks to all who help deliver the services of Lancashire County Council effectively.

Cllr Paul Rigby
Champion for the Parishes



County Councillor Paul Rigby – Champion for Parishes	
Schedule of Expenditure for 2022/2023	
Applicant	Amount of Grant
Old Laund Booth Parish Council – Ramp/lift at the Sports Pavilion	£600
Habergham Eaves Parish Council – Community project and notice boards	£400
Little Eccleston with Larbreck Parish Council – Solar powered and defibrillator cabinet	£600
Mellor Parish Council – installation of a defibrillator	£500
Parbold Parish Council – welcome signs	£400
Old Laund Booth Parish Council – Christmas party for the elderly	£400
Habergham Eaves Parish Council – seating and gardening equipment	£400
St Annes Town Council – Tulip bench	£500
Salesbury Parish Council – Christmas trees	£100
Wilpshire Parish Council – Christmas trees	£75
Newburgh Parish Council – speed indicator device system	£500
Coppull Parish Council – Picnic in the park	£500
Bolton le Sands Parish Council – outdoor static table tennis table	£385
Yealand Redmayne Parish Council – refurbish playground	£800
Upholland Parish Council – Bee friendly wildflower seeds	£190
Slaidburn and Easington Parish Council – Seating for the village green	£390
Mawdesley Parish Council – War memorial bench and 2d metal soldier	£200
Scarisbrick Parish Council – Metal flood supply cupboards	£500
TOTAL SPENT	£7,440



Champion for Young People County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe



I began my role as Lancashire's Champion for Young People at the beginning of December 2022 taking over from Councillor Scott Smith. This meant that I was only partially responsible for this financial year.

I granted 4 applications for funding during my tenure of this portion of the financial year. These were given to Vision Rossendale, St John's Community Hub, Stackstead Country Park and the Stem Club.

VISION Rossendale offer interventional mental health support for Primary Schools; they do not commit to a single school and deliver sessions for all children. This bolstering of young people's mental health is something I feel very passionate about. Often if a school is able to deliver wonderful education, mental health issues could hinder a young person fully engaging with that. A way of tackling mental health problems, building confidence and therefore engagement with subject delivery is invaluable and this £1000 grant will go a long way to seeing that happen. I am due to visit the next block of sessions delivered in a school in Rawtenstall in the near future.

St John's Community Hub applied for a seemingly very straightforward grant towards building improvements at their hub in Thornton, Cleveleys. On further exploration this hub provides a space for a great many different user groups. The funding is to be used for improvements to storage areas that help facilitate the different groups using the space. The grant also helps to insulate the building bringing down the running costs for all the groups concerned meaning their own fundraising facilities go much further. Building strong progression through the range of groups and activities offered at this location is what really caught my eye with this application. The fact a young person can engage in a group from being a toddler and progress through Brownies and cubs, dancing etc gives a lasting connection to their community and place.

Stacksteads Country Park applied for funding from the Young People's Champion fund and the Older People's Champion fund to support their lantern parade, this event has been running for a number of years and covers multiple facets. The culmination is a parade but the creation of lanterns happening through the year engages young people to be creative. As a creative person I often see the value in workshop and studio spaces for creative people to come together and inspire each other creatively so I am excited to join in the lantern making soon.

I was impressed by Stem Club having raised funding for the delivery of their activities around coding. This hybrid play learning for important engineering and data based knowledge is something that will surely grow in importance in the near future. The offer from Stem Club is around extracurricular activities in a geographic location where there is limited provision. Any young people wanting to engage in extracurricular activities should be encouraged, we readily support



sports subjects but this is not always the case with more academic or creative interests. The grant supports the group with a small amount of protective equipment and also a software license to enhance the learning process.

This short period of time as Young Peoples Champion has been one of fast learning and I have engaged with cabinet members for Children and Families and Education and Skills to understand the role in relation to their work.

I have engaged with the cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing as well as the director for public health, I have enjoyed these sessions immensely as we brainstorm around the way our roles overlap and drive ambitions for young people in relation to their health.

I have most enjoyed visiting local primary schools during a creative project delivered by the local BID and I am keen to explore further opportunities for young people by engaging with the business community across Lancashire. This is important in connection with the delivery of education, what's the point in learning if we don't know what we are working for? That would drive ambition!

I have visited Burnley College where I spoke with the Art and Design students about my own experience of Art & Design education and my subsequent career, a nice dovetail with my YPC role.

I was invited to Salmesbury Hall by West Lancashire Scouts to look at their exciting plans for redeveloping their facilities and it truly opened my eyes to the wealth of opportunity and activities delivered by the Scouts as a movement. A group I previously knew nothing about but one I see with fresh eyes.

I am continuing to reach out to different groups, and I am hoping to liaise very soon with Commando Rugby School who offer great forest school style learning.

Cllr Ash Sutcliffe
Champion for Young People

**County Councillor Ashley Sutcliffe
Champion for Young People
Schedule of Expenditure for 2022/2023**

Applicant	Amount of Grant
SafeNet – New laptops for homework sessions	£960
The Rotary Clun U12's Football – Assist with tournament costs	£500
Community Network and Outreach Service – provision for youth club activities meal	£1,000
Safenet – transport and packed lunches for family outings	£1,010
Clitheroe Dolphins Swimming Club – Coaching sessions	£900
Rochdale (Whitworth) 41 st Scout Group – replacement of disabled/emergency doors	£1,100
Bacup Natural History Society – Halloween and Christmas parties for low income families	£350
Rotary Club of Preston South – Youth speaks competition	£600
VISION Rossendale – Wellbeing sessions	£1,000
St John's Community Hub – Storage facilities	£1,000
Stacksteads County Park – Lantern Parade	£500
Stem Club – Android Tablets, protection and cases	£324
TOTAL SPENT	£9,244



Lead Member Annual Reports 2022-23

Lancashire County Council

Lead Member Annual Reports

2022 – 2023

Introduction

The role of the Lead Members at Lancashire County Council is to work with and support the Cabinet in delivery of their vision for the council and corporate priorities.

Each Lead Member is assigned to work with specific Cabinet members and the county council's constitution provides a summary of their responsibilities as follows:

- To lead on specific areas to be determined by the cabinet member
- To focus on information gathering and understanding key policy/service delivery areas
- To assist with the development of options and policies for consideration by the cabinet member
- To brief and make recommendations to cabinet members and others on the relevant issues that affect the decision making; and
- To represent or deputise for the cabinet member, as necessary.

Cabinet has appointed five Lead Members to support their work:

- Community and Cultural Services – Councillor Alan Cullens BEM
- Education and Skills / Children and Families – Councillor Mike Goulthorp
- Highways and Active Travel – Councillor Scott Smith
- Health – Councillor Sue Whittam
- Resources, HR, and Property – Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite

In order to increase awareness of the Lead Member role and ensure that there is effective transparency and accountability, Cabinet determined in May 2022 that Lead Members should provide an annual report to Cabinet and Full Council on their activities.

The Annual Reports for each of the five Lead Members are included in this report. These reports provide an overview of their priorities and key activities during 2022-23 along with their priorities for 2023-24.



Lead Member for Community and Cultural Services

County Councillor Alan Cullens BEM



Priorities for 2022-23

- To develop a plan to further promote libraries as both cultural and community hubs and relaunch the Friends of Lancashire Libraries Network conference.
- To complete visits to all libraries to meet staff and members of the public to inform further development of the library service.
- To further develop relationships with the Community and Faith Sectors and Volunteer Partnerships in line with our corporate priorities especially Public Health.
- To play an active role as member of the Youth Justice Management Board.
- To work with and contribute to the work of the whole cabinet to ensure effective introduction of measures for decision at Cabinet and Full Council.

Key Activities

Delivering better services Caring for the vulnerable

Working with the Cabinet Member, I attend regular briefings with the Head of Cultural Services, The Archive Manager and the Community Safety team, to oversee delivery of plans and help shape future services and budgets. This has included developing a health check system in a number of Libraries as well as 'advice drop in' sessions to assist the public access services.

During the last year we successfully launched a Friends of Libraries Conference and established a Friends Network on the Wyre. Within the Library Service I completed visits to all 64 Libraries and met with staff, volunteers and Friends Groups to discuss plans and ascertain how the service could be enhanced to further develop community hubs. I supported the roll out of the Warm and Welcome scheme including the planning phase. Whilst also attending a significant number of Friends of Libraries and The Archives meetings Assisting several groups with issues such as building usage etc.

Within the wider Cultural Services, I attended and supported Schools Music events including school lessons. Supported in the planning of the Choir of the year competition. I visited the Schools Library Service and attended book launches and storytelling events.



Priorities for 2023-24

- To support the Prison Library Service by visiting two prisons.
- Take a lead role in the establishment of new Library and Museum Friends Groups.
- Review the Constitution of Library Friends Groups and visit each group to ensure delivery.
- Support the establishment of a network of Friends Group clusters.
- Working with Lancashire Volunteer Partnership help to increase volunteer levels, such as additional Culture Hacks to support library activity.
- Assist in the development and roll out of the Blue Badge Assisted Service scheme.
- Support the roll out of the next phase of A Warm Welcome scheme.
- Continue to support the Schools Library and Music Services through event attendance.
- To continue to work with and contribute to the work of the whole Cabinet to ensure effective introduction of measures for decision at Cabinet and Full Council.



Lead Member for Education and Skills / Children and Families

County Councillor Mike Goulthorp



Priorities for 2022-23

- To support the work of the Cabinet Members for Children's and Families and Education and Skills, including deputising at Cabinet and Full Council as required.
- To lead, in conjunction with Cabinet Members, on the budget planning and financial management of Children's Social Care & Schools Services.
- To support the Cabinet Members maximise opportunities for effective provision for children, young people and families.
- To maximise opportunities for care leavers to enter the workforce & receive further education/skills
- To develop, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member, a review to identify commercial opportunities for the County Council Education Support Services.
- To work with and contribute to the work of the whole Cabinet to ensure effective introduction of measures for decision at Cabinet and Full Council.

Key Activities	Delivering better services Caring for the vulnerable
<p>Working with the Cabinet member for Children and Families I attend regular briefings with the Director of Children's Services to oversee delivery of plans and help shape future services. This work includes identifying any future threats to sustainability and developing plans to address these include increasing our in-house capacity of specialist care and improving the marketing of our foster care provision.</p> <p>Working with the Cabinet member for Education & Skills I attend regular briefings with the executive Director of education And Children's Services and the Schools Forum to oversee delivery of plans and with a specific focus on school trading support to review and identify areas of commercial development and to plan for the continued expansion of Multi Academy Trusts across the county. This work also includes increasing our in-house capacity of specialist SEND provision to meet the continuing growth in demand in this area.</p> <p>I also serve as a Director of Marketing Lancashire, helping to oversee the Council's business operations.</p>	



Priorities for 2023-24

- To continue to attend regular briefings with the Cabinet Members for Children and Families and Education and Skills and Officers to keep up to date with current issues and service developments.
- To lead, in conjunction with Cabinet Members, on the budget planning and financial management of Children's Social Care, School Services and the SEND programme
- To lead on the wider commercialisation opportunities for the council within school trading services.
- To continue to work with and contribute to the work of the whole Cabinet to ensure effective introduction of measures for decision at Cabinet and Full Council.



Lead Member for Highways and Active Travel

County Councillor Scott Smith



Priorities for 2022-23

- To support the work of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, including deputising at Cabinet and Full Council as required.
- To lead on behalf of the Cabinet Member on the Council's active travel agenda and on public transport.
- To support the Cabinet Member's engagement with members, district councillors and residents on highways issues across Lancashire.
- To work with and contribute to the work of the whole cabinet to ensure effective introduction of measures for decision at Cabinet and Full Council.

Key Activities	Supporting economic growth
<p>Since taking on this role alongside the Cabinet Member in December 2022, I have worked closely with him to ensure that the Highways and Transport Directorate delivers on its objectives.</p> <p>I have been particularly involved in the active travel agenda and, since I took on the role, we have seen more than £6m of funding for walking, cycling and wheeling infrastructure arrive in Lancashire.</p> <p>Alongside the Cabinet member, I have also worked to improve communications with members, district councillors and members of the public, through initiatives like the LoveCleanStreets app and the Highways Dashboard for Councillors.</p> <p>I have worked alongside the Cabinet Member on the implementation of our Bus Service Improvement plan and deputised for him at Transport for the North Board, representing Lancashire amongst Northern transport leaders.</p> <p>I also serve as a Director of Lancashire Renewables Limited and Active Lancashire, helping to oversee two of the Council's business operations.</p>	



Priorities for 2023-24

- To lead on behalf of the Cabinet Member, and to work with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth, on moving the Council's successful Active Travel funding bids from concept to delivery.
- To ensure the Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) are ready to shape future funding bids and are reflective of residents' needs.
- To work with the Cabinet Member to continue to improve communication between Highways teams, members, district colleagues and the public.
- To communicate to members and the public the benefits of the Council's TAMP – and to improve understanding of how they can engage with Highways teams to improve their local area.
- To continue to work with and contribute to the work of the whole Cabinet to ensure effective introduction of measures for decision at Cabinet and Full Council.



Lead Member for Health County Councillor Sue Whittam



Priorities for 2022-23

- To support the work of both the Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Health and Wellbeing, including deputising at Cabinet, Scrutiny and Full Council as required.
- To lead on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care on all aspects of Adult Safeguarding.
- Play an active role as a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board; the Lancashire Safeguarding Adults Board and Lancashire Placed Based Partnership Board.
- To work with and contribute to the work of the whole cabinet to ensure effective introduction of measures for decision at Cabinet and Full Council.
- To lead on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing on Mental Health issues working with the Champion for Mental Health and the Director of Public Health. This will also involve working closely with the Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust to influence the priorities of the Trust and the availability of appropriate mental health facilities.
- To influence and support the work of the Lancashire Disability Partnership Board to help them refocus on positive outcomes and give the Board a strong voice.
- To help shape the changes in the integrated care system in particular relating to “place based” partnerships to ensure the best outcomes for residents.
- To work with the Independent Chair for Safeguarding Adults to protect and support vulnerable adults and ensure that lessons are learned from Safeguarding reviews.
- To support and influence the Market Shaping & Commissioning Group for Adult Social Care to ensure the development of appropriate externally purchased care and support services meet the present and anticipated needs of the people of Lancashire.

Key Activities**Delivering better services
Caring for the vulnerable**

I represented the County Council on the Health and Wellbeing Board working with key partners from the NHS; Public Health; Health Watch and other local authorities and voluntary sector organisations. I am working with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing as part of the Interim Lancashire Place Based Partnership Board to establish the Governance of the Board, it's relationship with the Health and Wellbeing Board and to design a place that delivers positive outcomes for people and their communities.

I participated in a workshop together with colleagues from Public Health, the NHS and District Councils to agree a programme of work to shape and influence the new Tobacco Free Lancashire & South Cumbria Strategy which is due for publication later this year. I represented the County Council on the Learning Disability Partnership Board which is being refocussed to ensure that the Board has a strong voice. I have worked closely with the Interim Independent Chair for Safeguarding Adults to ensure that vulnerable adults are supported, and I have influenced the changes needed at Board level to ensure they deliver their core duties under the Care Act 2014.

I attend regular briefings with Officers to keep up to date with current issues and service developments.

Priorities for 2023-24

- To lead on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing on Mental Health issues working with the Champion for Mental Health and the Director of Public Health. This will involve working with the Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust to influence the priorities of the Trust and the availability of appropriate mental health facilities.
- To work with the new Independent Chair for Safeguarding Adults to improve the governance and to ensure the protection of individuals who have care and support needs and are at risk of neglect and abuse and are unable to protect themselves, and to promote their wellbeing, by identifying and responding to local risk.
- To lead on the Healthy Places Project with partners to demonstrate good practice in adopting a systems approach to promote healthy weight and overall good health and wellbeing in communities.
- To support the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care to influence the location and suitability of appropriate residential homes to ensure the right type of homes are provided in the right areas.
- To lead on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care on the Lancashire Learning Disability Partnership Board to raise awareness of the board and ensure their aims and outcomes are supported.



- To continue to work with and contribute to the work of the whole Cabinet to ensure effective introduction of measures for decision at Cabinet and Full Council.



Lead Member for Resources, HR, and Property

County Councillor Jeff Couperthwaite



Priorities for 2022-23

- To lead on behalf of the Cabinet Member on projects to improve the Councils approach to commercialisation.
- To work with the Lead Member for Children’s Services and Education, to help identify areas for financial efficiencies in our schools.
- To lead on behalf of the Cabinet Member on emergency preparedness, health and safety, and resilience.
- To support the Cabinet Member to deliver a balanced budget for the year and to oversee efficiency initiatives and expediting our property disposal processes.
- To work with and contribute to the work of the whole cabinet to ensure effective introduction of measures for decision at Cabinet and Full Council.

Key Activities

Delivering better services Supporting economic growth

I attend regular briefings with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Officers to keep up to date with current issues and service developments.

In partnership with the Lead Member for Children's Services and Education and Skills and as directed by the Cabinet Member for Resources, I investigate and advise officers and portfolio holders on the extent of any financial challenges, and to identify possible options that might be available to address those challenges, with the least impact on service delivery.

Work with Cabinet Members and officers alongside the Department for Education to guide the possible creation of the council's own Academy of special schools.

Work with the Lead member for Education & Schools to investigate how the council manage the potential move of our 600+ schools to Academy status over the coming years and the impact on the council's commercial support to them.

As Alternative Director of Growth Lancashire Limited, oversee the Authority's start up business support arm, 'Boost Lancashire'.



Priorities for 2023-24

- To support the Cabinet Member in ensuring delivery of a balanced budget for the year and to oversee efficiency initiatives.
- To continue to lead on behalf of the Cabinet Member on projects to improve the Councils approach to commercialisation.
- To work with the Lead Member for Children's Services and Education and Skills, to help identify service delivery improvements and efficiencies in Children's Services and schools traded services.
- To lead on behalf of the Cabinet Member on emergency preparedness, health and safety, and resilience as and when required.
- To continue to work with and contribute to the work of the whole Cabinet to ensure effective introduction of measures for decision at Cabinet and Full Council.



Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 July 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

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 decision taken by the Executive Director of Resources 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
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		

Report of the Urgency Committee Decision Date: 26 June 2023

Decision Taker: Executive Director of Resources

Lancashire County Pension Fund - Local Pension Board Recruitment

Resolved: The Executive Director of Resources, following consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Urgency Committee of Full Council, approved:

- (i) The appointment of Ms Fiona Miller as the new independent Chair of the Lancashire Local Pension Board with effect from 1 November 2023 for an initial 2 years with an option for the appointment to be extended for an additional 2 years;
- (ii) The amended Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Local Pension Board, as set out at Appendix 'A' (which have been updated to reflect arrangements for the new Chair); and
- (iii) The appointment of Mr Anthony Egerton as a new Scheme Member representative. The term of appointment will be for an initial 2 years plus 4 years extension option with his term on the Board commencing 1 July 2023.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 July 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

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 16 June 2023 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 (16 June 2023)

Chair: County Councillor Eddie Pope

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference of the Pension Fund Committee

The Committee considered a report on the constitution and membership and Terms of Reference of the Committee which included reference to some nominating bodies not yet having confirmed their appointments for Co-opted members.

Resolved:

1. That the constitution and membership of the Pension Fund Committee, as set out below, is noted.

County Councillors (12)

Conservative	Labour
J Burrows	M Brown
C Edwards	M Clifford
G Mirfin	J Fillis
E Pope (Chair)	J Mein
M Salter	F De Molfetta
A Schofield (Deputy Chair)	
R Woollam	

Co-opted members (7)

- a) Nominations confirmed.

Ms J Eastham - Further Education and Higher Education Institutions.

Mr P Crewe - Trade Unions.

Ms S Roylance - Trade Unions.

Councillor M Smith - Blackpool Borough Council.

- b) Nominations to be confirmed.

Councillor E Whittingham - Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Councillor D Borrow - Borough & City Councils.
Councillor M Dad - Borough & City Councils.

2. That the Terms of Reference set out at Appendix 'A' to the report presented are noted and a copy placed in the Minute Book.

Budget Monitoring for the period ending 31st March 2023.

The Head of Fund presented a report on the financial performance of the Fund for the year ended 31st March 2023 and answered questions from members of the Committee on the key variances set out in the report.

Resolved: That the financial performance of the Lancashire County Pension Fund for the year ended 31st March 2023, as set out in the report presented, is noted.

Internal Audit Report 2023

The Head of Service for Internal Audit presented a report which summarised the internal audit assurance work which had been completed during 2022/23 together with planned activity for 2023/24.

Resolved: That the audit report is noted.

Local Pension Board Annual Report - 2022/23

The Committee considered a report on the 2022/23 Annual Report which had been agreed by the Board on 4th April 2023 and recommended to the Committee for approval. The Chair acknowledged that the Chair of the Board would reach the end of this term of appointment in October 2023 and on behalf of the Committee thanked him for all his contributions to the work of the Pension Board over the years.

Resolved: That the 2022/23 Annual Report of the Pension Board, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report presented, is approved for inclusion in the draft Lancashire County Pension Fund Annual Report to be presented to Committee on 15th September 2023.

Investment Strategy Statement

The Committee considered a detailed report on the outcome of a review of the Strategic Asset Allocation together with an updated version of the Investment Strategy Statement and the Risk Appetite Statement which had been developed in consultation with the Investment Panel and Local Pensions Partnership Investments Ltd.

Resolved: That the Committee approve:

1. The recommendations of the Investment Panel, as set out in Appendix 'B' to the report presented.



2. The updated Investment Strategy Statement, as set out at Appendix 'D' to the report presented; and
3. The updated Risk Appetite Statement, as set out at Appendix 'E' to the report.

LCPF Treasury Management Policy

The Committee considered a report on the outcomes of a review of the Lancashire County Pension Fund Treasury Management Policy undertaken by the Investment Panel which had resulted in several substantial amendments, as set out in the report, and some minor changes to simplify/improve presentation.

Resolved: That the updated Treasury Management policy for the Lancashire County Pension Fund, as set out at Appendix 'B' to the report presented, is approved.

2021/22 Training Record and feedback from members of the Committee on pension related training.

The Committee considered a report on the 2022/23 Training Record which reflected the participation of individual members of the Committee in external/internal training events over the last 12 months and would inform reporting on training to be included in the Lancashire County Pension Fund Annual Report.

Resolved: That the participation of individual members of the Committee at the training events referred to in the report, together with the contents of the Training Record for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 'A' to the report presented, are noted.

Responsible Investment Report

The Committee considered a detailed report on responsible investment matters covering Q1 of 2023 (January to March) and discussed the level of influence which investors such as the Fund could exercise through collective engagement and shareholder voting amongst local government pension funds, as coordinated by the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum.

Resolved: That the update on responsible investment matters during Q1, as set out in the report presented, is noted.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Annual Administration Report

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.



The Committee considered a detailed report on the performance of the pension administration service against standard/targets during 2022/23 together with an updated administration report, circulated as part of a supplementary agenda, which showed an improved performance over April/May 2023. In considering the report the Committee discussed complaints, data quality, and the mitigations introduced in response to the findings of an internal audit on operational quality referred to in an earlier report on the agenda.

Resolved: That the performance of the pension administration service against standards and targets during 2022/23, as set out in the report and Appendices 'A' to 'C' is noted.

Local Pensions Partnership - Update

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee considered an update report on activity by the Local Pensions Partnership (LPP) and its subsidiaries up to 31st March 2023 and representatives from LPP answered questions.

Resolved: That the updates on the activity and financial position of the Local Pensions Partnership and its subsidiaries, as set out in the report presented, are noted.

Investment Context Report

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee considered a report on the various macro-economic factors, such as inflation and interest rates, which influence investment markets and was reassured that despite recent economic volatility in the UK the investment portfolio of the Fund was resilient, and the Investment Panel would continue to monitor its performance.

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

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee considered a report on the performance of the Lancashire County Pension Fund during Q1 which included the total portfolio return over different periods,

amendments to asset allocations, net income progression and the total funding level. The Committee was also informed that the Investment Panel had decided to review discount rate assumptions for ongoing reporting purposes in 6 months.

Resolved: That the summary of the Fund's performance up to 31st March 2023, as set out in Appendix 'A' to the report presented, is noted.

Investment Panel Report

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee considered a report on the various matters discussed at meetings of the Investment Panel held on 9th March and 3rd April 2023.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Investment Panel held on 10th March 2022 and 3rd April 2023 are noted.

Lancashire County Pension Fund - Risk Register

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee considered an update report on the Risk Register together with specific templates regarding risks associated with data quality and the implementation of new pension systems.

Resolved: That the current risk summary document and risk register for the Lancashire County Pension Fund, as set out in the Appendices to the report presented, are noted.

Local Pensions Partnership Governance Review

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information

The Committee considered an update report on key developments in the ongoing Local Pensions Partnership Governance Review which would be the subject of a presentation for members of the Committee on 20th July 2023.

Resolved: That the update on the Local Pensions Partnership Governance Review, as set out in the report presented, is noted.



Appointment of Local Pension Board Chair and Scheme Member representative.

Exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee considered a report on the outcome of a recruitment process for a new Scheme Member representative, and a new independent Chair of the Pension Board to fill the vacancy when the current Chair's term of appointment ended in October 2023. Regarding the new Chair the Head of Fund confirmed that mitigations would be in place to ensure that any perceived conflict of interest was adequately managed.

Resolved: That full Council be recommended to approve:

1. The appointment of Antony Egerton as a Scheme Member representative on the Lancashire Local Pension Board with effect from 1st July 2023, for an initial 2 years with an option to extend for a further 4 years, subject to approval by full Council.
2. The appointment of Fiona Miller as the new independent Chair of the Lancashire Local Pension Board with effect from 1st November 2023 for an initial 2 years with an option for the appointment to be extended for an additional 2 years, subject to approval by full Council.
3. The draft contract of appointment for the new independent Chair, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report presented.
4. The amended Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Local Pension Board, as set out at Appendix 'B' to the report presented.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 July 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

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 most recent cycles of meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees took place in the month of May 2023. The reports of the committees are attached as follows at Appendix 'A':

- Children, Families and Skills (10 May 2023)
- Health and Adult Services (11 May 2023)

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 Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee 10 May 2023

Chair: County Councillor Andrea Kay
Support Officer: Misbah Mahmood

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Governor Services - Recruitment and Training

The report provided an update on the work the council was doing to support the recruitment of school governors, including increasing numbers and improving diversity in governing boards.

Resolved: That the following recommendations be shared with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills:

- i. Officers from the Education Improvement Team and the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills be invited to a future meeting of the Lancashire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE). The aim being, to use the knowledge and expertise of the SACRE to help support the recruitment of governors in schools and improve the diversity of governors recruited.
- ii. Details of the number of governor vacancies, per district, be provided to the committee.
- iii. Consideration be given to the design of the poster used to market the recruitment of governors. Input from members of the committee and representatives from the Youth Council to be taken into regard.

Spring Term Update Education Strategy 2023

The committee was presented a report on the Education Strategy, which provided an update of the work undertaken during the Spring Term on the five key priorities of the strategy.

Resolved: That the following recommendations be shared with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills:

- i. That the map of alternative provision, under the further reduce exclusions priority of the strategy, be shared with the committee.
- ii. Details on how the strategy is addressing the key priority of rising numbers of Elective Home Education be presented to a future meeting of the committee.
- iii. When possible, figures on the attendance projects and the impact they have had on improving attendance within schools be shared with the committee.

Meeting of the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee 11 May 2023

Chair: County Councillor David Westley
Support Officer: Samantha Parker

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Continuing Development of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board and Partnership

A report was presented to the committee including information on the function of the Integrated Care Board with regards to commissioning responsibilities, NHS spending and performance.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee considered the information provided.
- ii. The Joint forward plan and delegation be shared with the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee for the work planning meeting to be held on 28 June 2023.

Wider Determinants of Health

The committee received a presentation which explained Life Expectancy, what the Wider Determinants of Health were, and Health Equality vs Equity. It also provided information about the Foundations of Wellbeing, the Health Equity Screening Tool, and the Vulnerability Dashboard.

Resolved: That;

- i. The work that had been undertaken to address health equity through the Foundations for Wellbeing project be endorsed.
- ii. The proposal to take the work forward, in terms of increasing knowledge, skills and awareness of health equity and support into policy development be endorsed.
- iii. The crucial role members play in influencing and advocating for health equity across local government be recognised.
- iv. Further consideration be given by the Chair and Deputy Chair through the Health Scrutiny Steering Group and with the Cabinet Member on a potential recommendation around Public Health resourcing.



- v. The district council representative on the Household Support Fund and the Health Equity Screening Tool be shared with Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee members.
- vi. Further information be provided to the Chair and Deputy Chair on work undertaken around indoor air quality and infection prevention.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 July 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

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 on 9 May 2023 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 Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, as now presented, be noted.

Meeting of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board 9 May 2023

Chair: County Councillor Michael Green

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Voice of the Community

Lucy MacNeill provided the Board with an overview of the activity in Fleetwood, and that of Future Fleetwood, supporting access to food and initiatives for children and young people locally.

Resolved: That the Board noted the update and look to support work with children and young people by improving partnership working.

Place Based Partnership Update

The report provides a progress update on the actions taken to develop the Lancashire Place-Based Partnership. The report covers the period March-May 2023 following the last update to the Board in March 2023 and intends to ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board are fully sighted on the progress during the development stage.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board considered and commented as appropriate on the progress report on the development of the Lancashire Place-Based Partnership.

Family Hubs Networks

The Board received an update on the Family Hubs Networks and were informed that the development of the Family Hubs Networks continues to progress, with local project teams established in six districts across Lancashire.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board considered and commented as appropriate on the progress report on the development of Family Hubs Networks in Lancashire.

Better Care Fund

The Board received an update on the Lancashire Better Care Fund Reset work.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- i) Considered and commented as appropriate on the progress in the “reset” of the Lancashire Better Care Fund (BCF) and next steps.
- ii) Received further updates on Lancashire Better Care Fund (BCF) reset activity and the Discharge Support Fund use and impact at future Board meetings.
- iii) Considered and commented as appropriate on the approach to using the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund as set out in the plan.
- iv) Contributed ideas and expectations for the 2023-25 Lancashire Better Care Fund (BCF) Lancashire Plan.
- v) Sam Gorton, Democratic Services, Lancashire County Council arrange an informal workshop for the Board to discuss Better Care Fund Planning 2023 and beyond, key questions including housing and unpaid carers.

Urgent Business

The Board were asked to note that the Integrated Care Board (ICB) Joint Resource Capital Plans 2022/2023 had been produced and there was a requirement for the Health and Wellbeing Board to receive them. It was also noted that the 2023/2024 plans would need to come to the Board.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board would receive both the Integrated Care Board Joint Resource Capital Plans 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 at its next meeting in July 2023.



To consider Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36

1. By County Councillor Maxwell-Scott:

Lancashire County Council notes and is supportive of the UK Government's ambition to make our country a clean energy superpower, is proud of the UK's record on cutting greenhouse emissions and welcomes the global leadership we are demonstrating on these vital issues.

However, Lancashire County Council is concerned by the impact of widely reported and often illegal protests on its residents, threatening our essential infrastructure, public services and amenities, such as occurred when a recent slow march in Lancaster brought the city to a standstill.

Lancashire County Council understands the urgent need to act on the environment but believes the most desirable way to do so is by working in cooperation with our residents as well as the Government to pursue our shared objectives rather than by causing disruption to our community's lives, livelihoods and wellbeing.

Lancashire County Council therefore:

Condemns utterly all illegal protests by organisations such as Just Stop Oil, and urges them to cease all such activities.

Recommends instead that our collective energies be harnessed by working together constructively to achieve our net-zero targets.

And resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner to ask him to ensure that the rights and safety of our residents are the top priorities for policing in Lancashire.

2. By County Councillor Edwards:

This Council recognises the importance of local radio to provide support for events, community groups and impartial journalism.

BBC Radio Lancashire has been a valued part of the community for over 50 years and continues to this day to champion the very best of the county.

This Council resolves to write to the Director-General of the BBC to highlight the positive impact BBC Radio Lancashire has on our community and ensure that it is adequately resourced to maintain its role as a source of trusted local news, information and entertainment.

3. By County Councillor Whittam:

Recent NHS figures show that the number of 11 to 15 year old children using vapes has increased by 50% between 2018 and 2021. A recent Lancashire Trading Standards survey

of young people aged 14 to 17 showed that 1 in 6 make regular use of vapes, almost 3 times as many as in 2020. Lancashire Trading Standards have seen a significant increase in complaints about sales of disposable vapes to young people.

Although selling vapes to residents under the age of 18 is illegal, it is clear from the recent rise in teenage use of vapes and the recent surge in the use and promotion of cheap, colourful products, that unscrupulous businesses are targeting children. Almost half of Lancashire's young people have claimed to have never smoked a cigarette, but have tried a vape.

This council welcomes the Prime Minister's recent statement expressing deep concern about the sharp rise in children vaping and is shocked by reports of illicit vapes containing lead getting into the hands of school children.

This Council therefore resolves:

- (i) To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister welcoming the crackdown on unscrupulous businesses targeting young people with vaping products.
- (ii) To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in support of the review on the rules for issuing on-the-spot fines to shops that break the law by selling vapes to underage children, and look into banning the sale of nicotine-free vapes to under 18s.
- (iii) To ask the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing to take a report to Lancashire's Health and Wellbeing Board, to include enforcement activity related to the illegal sale of vaping products to children and opportunities for further communicating the potential dangers of vaping to young people.

4. By County Councillor Barnes:

Play streets are resident-led short road closures, creating a safe place for children and young people to play freely together on their avenue, street or close. Play streets promote 'free play' and don't require organised activity to take place. Children are free to play with their friends or family and can enjoy playing on their doorstep safely.

They were first introduced in Bristol in 2009 and have now been taken up by hundreds of street communities all over the UK. Play streets are supported by over 90 councils at the time of writing: from Bath and North East Somerset to Blackpool and beyond.

With council permission and general consensus from neighbours, residents legally close the road to through-traffic, using 'Road Closed' signs and cones, or other barriers such as wheelie-bins. Residents still have vehicle access and can leave their cars parked on the road. Volunteer stewards (usually residents) stand at each end of the street and walk in front of any moving vehicles to keep it safe.

In 2019, the Department for Transport wrote to all English councils encouraging them to support play streets and advising them about which legal routes to use. [Revised road closure guidance to boost children's outdoor play - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/814242/Revised-road-closure-guidance-to-boost-childrens-outdoor-play-2019.pdf).

They followed this up by publishing updated guidance on temporary traffic regulation orders for play streets: [Temporary traffic regulation orders for special events - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/temporary-traffic-regulation-orders-for-special-events).

Our children in Lancashire deserve the opportunity to play out safely, improve their physical and mental health through play and do so in an area with reduced nitrogen oxide levels too.

Lancashire County Council therefore resolves to:

- (i) Develop a policy framework to enable a pilot to take place across Lancashire including designing a quick and simple application process for residents wishing to facilitate playing out sessions on their street, and removing barriers to them doing so.
- (ii) Make contact with relevant officers where similar schemes are currently operating successfully, to learn about the key steps to successfully implementing the policy, and to research the concept on the Playing Out website.
- (iii) Present proposals to Cabinet for approval, with a view to advertising the new scheme in time for communities to come forward to be part of the pilot starting in Autumn 2023.

