

Full Council

Thursday, 14th December, 2023 at 1.00 pm in Council Chamber, County Hall,
Preston

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Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive

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Preston

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Agenda Item 3

Questions submitted under Standing Order B28

No.	To be asked by:	Question:	For answer by (Cabinet Member):
1.	CC Gibson	<p>Does the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport accept the study by the Local Government Association (LGA) that found decades of reductions in funding from successive Conservative governments have left councils facing the biggest ever annual pothole repair backlog with councils now facing a £1.3 billion shortfall in their pothole repair budgets?</p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member support the LGA proposal to commit to a 10-year programme where funding for local roads is boosted by devolving the equivalent of 2p per litre of existing fuel duty?</p>	CC Swarbrick
2.	CC Fillis	<p>With the continued historic increases in NHS waiting times in Lancashire and the expected winter increases to follow, can the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care please advise what steps are being taken to reduce the discharge times for those patients who need support to return to their home or transferred to an appropriate care environment?</p>	CC Gooch
3.	CC Aziz	<p>As Lancashire County Council is a member of the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety and considering that Lancashire County Council has invested a considerable amount of finances across the county in the introduction of 20 mph roads, is the Cabinet Member aware of the result of this investment including the number of drivers charged with speeding on 20 mph roads?</p>	CC Swarbrick
4.	CC Hind	<p>Does the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing support the government's recent proposal that the effective legal smoking age should rise by one year, every year?</p>	CC Green

5.	CC Whittam	We often take for granted that the food we eat is safe. However, there have been a number of high-profile cases recently regarding food either being mislabelled, or where the food contents are not as indicated, which can have dire consequences. Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing advise what work is being done by the County Analyst to keep food safe for Lancashire's residents?	CC Green
6.	CC Serridge	Transdev is one of the biggest bus companies operating services across East Lancashire. Can the portfolio holder please say when he or his officers last discussed the levels of service and reliability Transdev has given to residents in East Lancashire?	CC Swarbrick

Minutes

At a meeting of the Full Council held at Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston, on Thursday, 12th October, 2023

Present:

County Councillor Alan Cullens BEM (Chairman)

County Councillors

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

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Andrea Kay, Matthew Maxwell-Scott and Ash Sutcliffe.



County Councillor Lian Pate joined the meeting virtually.

Announcements

Chorley Rural West By-Election – Report of the Returning Officer

The Chief Executive, as the Returning Officer for the election of County Councillors, reported that on Thursday 14 September 2023 a by-election was held for the Chorley Rural West Electoral Division following the death of former County Councillor Keith Iddon, and that County Councillor Alan Whittaker of the Labour Party was duly elected.

Deaths

The Chairman reported the recent deaths of former County Councillor Margaret Livesey, who sadly passed away on 30 September 2023 and former County Councillor Howard Eccles, who sadly passed away on 28 July 2023.

The Council observed a one-minute silence.

Devolution

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

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

3. Question Time

County Councillors Mark Clifford, Kim Snape, Loraine Cox, Scott Smith and Charles Edwards asked their questions as follows:

No.	Question From	Subject	For Answer By
1	County Councillor Mark Clifford	Recognition for Reflections staff	Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property
2	County Councillor Kim Snape	20mph speed limits	Leader / Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
3	County Councillor Loraine Cox	Nature recovery in Lancashire	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change
4	County Councillor Scott Smith	Proposed Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone	Cabinet Member for Economic



		impact	Development and Growth
5	County Councillor Charles Edwards	Support and information on breastfeeding for new mothers	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

County Councillor Alan Vincent, Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property; County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Leader of the Council, and County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport; County Councillor Shaun Turner, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change; County Councillor Aidy Riggott, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth; and County Councillor Michael Green, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing replied.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 July 2023 and the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 15 September 2023

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 July 2023 and the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 15 September 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Appointment of Independent Persons

County Councillor Alan Vincent moved a report proposing the appointment of two new independent persons to fulfil the role required by the Localism Act 2011 in relation to allegations of members' misconduct.

Resolved: that the appointment of Ms J England and Ms L Keane to fulfil the role of independent person as required by the Localism Act 2011, for a two-year term with effect from 12 October 2023, is approved.

6. Lancashire County Council Timetable of Meetings 2024/25

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report asking Full Council to approve the timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for the period 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025.

Resolved: that the timetable of Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings for the period 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025 inclusive, as set out at Appendix A, is approved.

7. Lancashire County Pension Fund Annual Report Year Ending 31 March 2023 & Investment Pooling Consultation

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report from the Pension Fund Committee updating Full Council on performance and state of the Lancashire County Pension Fund, and investment activities during the preceding year.



Resolved: that Full Council notes the performance and state of the Lancashire County Pension Fund and investment activities for the year ended 31 March 2023 as set out in the report

8. Appointment of New Employer Representative on the Lancashire Local Pension Board

County Councillor Eddie Pope moved a report requesting the appointment of a new employer representative on the Lancashire Local Pension Board.

Resolved: that the appointment of Mr Mark Davies as a new employer representative on the Lancashire Local Pension Board as set out in the report is agreed, and that he be bound by the county council's Code of Conduct with immediate effect

9. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

10. Report of the Cabinet (Part B)

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Cabinet from its meetings on 6 July 2023 and 7 September 2023, along with details of an urgent key decision taken since the last meeting of Full Council, in accordance with Standing Order C22.

Resolved: that the report of the Cabinet, now presented, be noted

11(a) The Urgency Committee

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Urgency Committee setting out details of the decision taken by either the Director of Law and Governance (the Monitoring Officer) or 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

11(b) The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

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

Resolved: that the report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee, now presented, be noted

11(c) The Employment Committee

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved the report of the Employment Committee from its meeting held on 11 July 2023.

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

11(d) The Pension Fund Committee



County Councillor Eddie Pope moved the report of the Pension Fund Committee from its recent meeting on 15 September 2023.

Resolved: that the report of the Pension Fund Committee, now presented, be noted

11(e) 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 (25 July 2023)
- Children, Families and Skills (20 September 2023)
- Environment, Economic Growth and Transport (29 June and 21 September 2023)
- Health and Adult Services (12 July and 13 September 2023)

Resolved: that the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, now presented, be noted

11(f) The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

County Councillor Michael Green moved the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board from its recent meetings on 18 July and 5 September 2023.

Resolved: that the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, now presented, be noted

11. 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 26 June and 18 September 2023.

Resolved: that the report of the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, now presented, is noted

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

1. It was moved by County Councillor Jean Parr and seconded by County Councillor Samara Barnes that:

This council notes:

- Councillors represent their community and it is important that they reflect the diversity within their communities, particularly those with protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation).
- The work of the Cooperative Party in developing a Declaration for councils aimed at increasing diversity in local government.
- The council does not fully represent the gender balance of the county nor its ethnic diversity. There is a wide divergence of representation between the parties on the council.



- This council already has a parental leave policy and provides access to counselling and wellbeing.

This council believes:

- Diversity in representation makes for good decision making.

This council resolves:

- To adopt The Co-operative Party's Diverse Councils Declaration to increase diversity in our local government:

The Co-operative Party's Diverse Councils Declaration

This Council commits to being a Diverse Council. We agree to:

1. Provide a clear public commitment to improving diversity in democracy.
2. Demonstrate an open and welcoming culture to all, promoting the highest standards of behaviour and conduct.
3. Set out a local Diverse Council Action Plan ahead of the next local elections.

Including:

- Appoint Diversity Ambassadors for each political group on the council to work with each other and local party associations to encourage recruitment of candidates from under-represented groups.
 - Encourage and enable people from under-represented groups to stand for office through the provision of activities such as mentoring and shadowing programmes and information and learning events for people interested in standing as official candidates.
 - Proactive engagement and involvement with local community groups and partner organisations supporting and representing under-represented groups.
 - Ensure that all members and candidates complete a candidates' and councillors' survey distributed at election time.
 - Set ambitious targets for candidates from under-represented groups at the next local elections.
4. Work towards the standards for member support and development as set out in the LGA Councillor Development Charter and/or Charter Plus.
 5. Demonstrate a commitment to a duty of care for councillors by:
 - Continuing to provide access to counselling services for all councillors having regard for the safety and wellbeing of councillors whenever they are performing their role as councillors.
 - Taking a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and harassment of members including through social networks.
 6. Provide flexibility in council business by:
 - Regularly reviewing and staggering meeting times.
 - Encouraging and supporting remote attendance at meetings wherever feasible.
 - Agreeing recess periods to support councillors with caring or work commitments.
 7. Ensure that all members take up the allowances to which they are entitled, particularly any reimbursement for costs of care, so that all members receive fair



remuneration for their work and that the role of member is not limited to those who can afford it.

8. Ensure that councillors from under-represented groups are represented whenever possible in high profile, high influence roles.

Following a period of debate, on being put to the vote, the motion was LOST.

2. It was moved by County Councillor Nikki Hennessey and seconded by County Councillor Julie Gibson that:

The Charter for Families Bereaved through Public Tragedy was written by the former Bishop of Liverpool to ensure the suffering endured by families bereaved following the 1989 Hillsborough disaster is not repeated after future disastrous events.

Liverpool City is one of our great neighbours, we have had many families directly and indirectly affected by the Hillsborough Tragedy itself. Lancashire County Council should stand shoulder to shoulder with all bereaved families who have suffered loss and we should ensure that Lancashire County Council does not make the same mistakes in the aftermath of any future disasters.

Lancashire County Council therefore resolves to:

Adopt The Charter for Families Bereaved Through Public Tragedy

In adopting this charter, Lancashire County Council commits to ensuring that Lancashire County Council learns the lessons of the Hillsborough disaster and its aftermath, so that the perspective of the bereaved families is not lost.

We commit to Lancashire County Council becoming an organisation which strives to:

1. In the event of a public tragedy, activate its emergency plan and deploy its resources to rescue victims, to support the bereaved and to protect the vulnerable.
2. Place the public interest above our own reputation.
3. Approach forms of public scrutiny – including public inquiries and inquests – with candour, in an open, honest and transparent way, making full disclosure of relevant documents, material and facts. Our objective is to assist the search for the truth. We accept that we should learn from the findings of external scrutiny and from past mistakes.
4. Avoid seeking to defend the indefensible or to dismiss or disparage those who may have suffered where we have fallen short.
5. Ensure all members of staff treat members of the public and each other with mutual respect and with courtesy. Where we fall short, we should apologise straightforwardly and genuinely.
6. Recognise that we are accountable and open to challenge. We will ensure that processes are in place to allow the public to hold us to account for the work we do and for the way in which we do it. We do not knowingly mislead the public or the media.



The following friendly amendment was proposed by County Councillor Peter Buckley:

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Lancashire County Council notes the text of the Charter which commits an organisation to strive to:

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It is important that lessons are learnt following tragedies such as the Hillsborough Disaster and more recently the Manchester Arena Terror Attack, and that appropriate policies and procedures are constantly reviewed to ensure these principles are upheld.

This Council therefore resolves to instruct the Chief Executive and Head of Health, Safety and Resilience to bring to Cabinet proposals for including the principles of the Charter, and expanding upon them, in the council's "Emergency, Planning, Resilience and Response Framework", adopting best practice from partners including the Lancashire Resilience Forum and other local authorities.

The friendly Amendment was accepted by County Councillor Nikki Hennessey and became the substantive Motion. The substantive Motion, as amended by County



Councillor Buckley's friendly Amendment, was then put to the vote and was CARRIED and it was therefore:

Resolved: that:

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3. It was moved by County Councillor Azhar Ali and seconded by County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal that:

Over the last 12 months there have been a number of deaths resulting from falls from bridges on the M65 from junction 10 to junction 14 which are owned and managed by Lancashire County Council.

Lancashire County Council has a commitment to a Lancashire anti suicide strategy and this Council therefore resolves to:

- (i) Carry out urgent surveys of all the motorway bridges from junction 10 to junction 14 of the M65.
- (ii) Take preventative measures including increasing the height of the railings like other motorway bridges to reduce significantly the risk of falls and critical accidents.

The following friendly amendment was proposed by County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick and seconded by County Councillor Scott Smith:

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- (i) Carry out urgent surveys of all the motorway bridges from junction 10 to junction 14 of the M65.
- (ii) Take all reasonable preventative measures on all motorway bridges owned by LCC to reduce significantly the risk of falls and critical accidents.
- (iii) Ask the Chief Executive to write to National Highways to take similar steps on their estate.

The friendly Amendment was accepted by County Councillor Ali and became the substantive Motion. The substantive Motion, as amended by County Councillor Swarbrick's friendly Amendment, was then put to the vote and was CARRIED and it was therefore:

Resolved: that:

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4. It was moved by County Councillor Lizzi Collinge and seconded by County Councillor Lorraine Beavers that:



Lancashire County Council recognises the good work of community groups last winter in keeping our residents warm and well during the ongoing cost of living crisis. Whilst the council deplores that this is necessary, we recognise our responsibility to our residents to contribute to the humanitarian response.

This council resolves to establish a Warm and Welcome Places Grants Scheme to support community organisations to provide Warm and Welcome spaces across the county, with detailed criteria to be approved by Cabinet, to include all costs including costs of utilities, equipment, food and drink, activities and volunteer costs, to be funded from the Public Health Grant.

Grants would be available of up to £2,000 for a basic Warm and Welcome Space (including hot drinks), and £4,000 for enhanced Warm and Welcome Spaces (including hot meals and social activities).

Further, this council resolves to again include our libraries in the humanitarian response and reproduce the Warm and Welcome offer from Lancashire Libraries.

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

Lancashire County Council recognises the good work of our Lancashire Libraries and community groups last winter in helping to keep our residents warm and well.

This Council further recognises the success of the support we put in place last winter, including the Lancashire Warm Spaces Grant Scheme, our Lancashire Warm Spaces online directory and supportive resources and the dedicated cost of living support, activities and warm refreshments offered across our 64 Lancashire Libraries.

This Council welcomes the new Cost of Living Fund established by the Government to fund work by organisations supporting low-income households.

To complement this new fund, this council resolves to establish a Warm and Welcome Places Grants Scheme for 2023/24 to support community organisations to provide Warm and Welcome spaces across the county in the winter period, with detailed criteria to be approved by Cabinet.

Further, this council resolves continue to promote a Warm and Welcome offer from our Lancashire Libraries and to continue to promote our Lancashire Warm Spaces online directory and supportive resources.

The Amendment was accepted by County Councillor Lizzi Collinge and became the substantive Motion.



Following a period of debate, the substantive Motion, as amended by County Councillor Green's Amendment, was then put to the vote and was CARRIED. It was therefore:

Resolved: that:

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Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive

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Minutes

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Present:

County Councillor Alan Cullens BEM (Chairman)

County Councillors

A Ali OBE	J Fillis	S Rigby
U Arif	A Gardiner	A Riggott
T Ashton	G Gooch	M Salter
R Bailey	M Goulthorp	A Schofield
L Beavers	M Green	S Serridge
J Berry	C Haythornthwaite	J Shedwick
P Britcliffe	N Hennessy	J R Singleton JP
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M Clifford	J Mein	D Westley
J Couperthwaite	G Mirfin	A Whittaker
L Cox	D O'Toole	S Whittam
S Cunliffe	J Parr	P Williamson
F De Molfetta	L Pate	R Woollam
G Dowding	J Rear	B Yates
C Edwards	P Rigby	

1. Apologies and Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Terry Aldridge, Samara Barnes, Julie Gibson, Steve Holgate, Andrea Kay, Matthew Maxwell-Scott, Yousuf Motala, Jackie Oakes, Jenny Purcell, Matthew Tomlinson, and Ron Woollam.

County Councillors Noordad Aziz, Munsif Dad BEM JP, Mohammed Iqbal MBE, Nweeda Khan, Sobia Malik, Margaret Pattison, John Potter, and Kim Snape joined the meeting virtually.



2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

3. Lancashire Combined County Authority and Devolution Proposal

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson moved a report on the Lancashire Combined County Authority and Devolution Proposal.

The following Amendment to the resolution was proposed by County Councillor Azhar Ali OBE and seconded by County Councillor John Fillis:

Add an additional recommendation:

- (viii) If the consultation does not receive a response from at least 30% of the population of Lancashire then the consultation period will be extended for a further 8 weeks.

On being put to the vote, the Amendment was LOST.

Following a period of debate, County Councillor Scott Cunliffe proposed an additional Amendment which was to add the words "to note" at the beginning of recommendation (ii). Following a brief adjournment and following advice given to Council from Heloise MacAndrew, Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer), the Amendment was withdrawn.

There being no further Amendments, the substantive Resolution was then put to the vote. 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 (58)

Ali	Couperthwaite	Hind	Riggott	Williamson
Arif	Cox	Hindle	Schofield	Yates
Ashton	Cullens	Hosker	Serridge	
Bailey	Cunliffe	Howarth	Shedwick	
Beavers	De Molfetta	Jones	Singleton	
Berry	Dowding	Khan, H	Smith	
Britcliffe	Edwards	Mein	Sutcliffe	
Brown	Fillis	Mirfin	Swarbrick	
Buckley	Gardiner	O'Toole	Towneley	
Burrows	Gooch	Parr	Turner	
Cheetham	Goulthorp	Pate	Vincent	
Clarke	Green	Rear	Westley	
Clempson	Haythornthwaite	Rigby, P	Whittaker	
Clifford	Hennessy	Rigby, S	Whittam	

Against (0)



Abstain (0)

The Resolution was therefore CARRIED.

It was therefore:

Resolved: That the Deal Document as announced by the Government, linked here <http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lancashire-devolution-deal>, be noted, and the following be agreed:

- i. The draft Proposal attached at Appendix 'A' of the report, to create a Lancashire Combined County Authority (CCA) for the administrative areas of Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire;
- ii. A formal consultation on the draft Proposal with the residents and other stakeholders of the wider CCA area, in a partnership between Blackburn with Darwen Council, Blackpool Council and Lancashire County Council;
- iii. The approach to the consultation as set out in the Proposal document;
- iv. The Chief Executive be authorised to approve any minor amendments to the draft Proposal or consultation arrangements, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and is conditional upon such amendments being agreed by all three upper tier Councils;
- v. The draft Equality Impact Assessment at Appendix 'B' of the report; and
- vi. To receive and consider the results of the consultation and whether to formally submit a final Proposal document to Government at a meeting of Full Council in March 2024.

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive

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Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 December 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

Non-Attendance of County Councillor

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Brief Summary

This report asks Full Council to consider the non-attendance of County Councillor Andrea Kay at meetings of the council and committees.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to consider approving the non-attendance of County Councillor Andrea Kay at meetings of the council and committees for reasons of illness, for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, until 31 May 2024.

Detail

Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, if a member of a local authority fails, throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his/her last attendance, to attend any meeting of the authority he/she shall cease to be a member of the authority unless the reasons for non-attendance are approved by the authority before the expiry of the six-month period.

Due to illness, County Councillor Kay last attended a meeting on 13 July 2023 and the six months will, therefore, expire on 13 January 2024 which is prior to the next meeting of Full Council on 23 February 2023. Full Council is, therefore, asked to consider approving the non-attendance of County Councillor Kay for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds of illness from 13 July 2023 until 3 May 2024.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

Without the approval of Full Council to the reason for non-attendance, County Councillor Kay would cease to be a member of the county council.

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



Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 December 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Caring for the vulnerable;
Delivering better services;
Protecting our environment;
Supporting economic growth.

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

A copy of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2022/23 is set out at Appendix 'A' as submitted by the Scrutiny Management Board.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to note the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2022/23.

Detail

Following the establishment of new overview and scrutiny arrangements for 2022/23, there is a requirement for the Scrutiny Management Board to produce an Annual Report to Full Council. The Government's Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities, and best practice guidance from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny highlight this as a key way to ensure that Full Council is informed about the activities of the scrutiny committees.

The Annual Report provides a summary of activity undertaken by scrutiny during 2022/23 and incorporates information relating to scrutiny's findings, impacts and its contribution to corporate priorities. A copy of the Annual Report is set out at Appendix 'A'.

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'	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

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List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A





Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

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Foreword



**CC David Westley,
Chair of Scrutiny
Management Board**

I am delighted to present this report on the work of Scrutiny during the civic year 2022/23. The report gives an insight into the important work undertaken by the various scrutiny committees over the past year and the positive impact it has had on the democratic process.

Throughout the year Scrutiny Members continued their vital role in Lancashire County Council by holding the decision makers to account, developing and reviewing policy as well as considering how the Council is delivering its commitments to the residents of Lancashire.

The Scrutiny Management Board and Scrutiny Committees have welcomed the opportunity to work

closely with the Cabinet and Senior Officers. Scrutiny has sought to focus on the critical issues for the Council and provide constructive input in finding ways to improve outcomes for residents.

A sincere thank you go to the Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members as they bring energy and enthusiasm to their roles. Under their leadership the Committees are working together on cross cutting issues, providing constructive challenge and recommendations to the Cabinet, Senior Officers and Partners.

Finally, I would also like thank all the scrutiny officers for their hard work, support and guidance that have been essential in delivering effective scrutiny.





Introduction

What is Scrutiny?

Scrutiny is an important function in supporting the county council's governance arrangements.

Scrutiny committees are made up of county councillors from a variety of party-political backgrounds and some scrutiny committees have a small number of co-opted members.

Scrutiny has powers to scrutinise decisions that Cabinet are planning to take, or those that have already been taken and/or implemented. Further to this, there are specific powers for scrutiny to hold the NHS to account as part of the health scrutiny arrangements.





Strengthening Scrutiny Arrangements

The Local Government Association conducted a Corporate Peer Challenge in October 2021. From this review, it was recommended that the county council look how the overview and scrutiny could further increase its impact on accountability and development of policy.

Since then, a review was undertaken, with proposals presented and agreed at the Full Council Annual General Meeting in May 2022, which included changes to the structure of the scrutiny function.

The changes intended to deliver several improvements, including:

1. To ensure scrutiny work planning is better structured and reflects the council's corporate priorities.
2. To make it clearer which committee is responsible for which service, function or issue.
3. To raise the profile of scrutiny and ensure it is influencing decisions about services for the people of Lancashire.

Scrutiny plays an important role in supporting the council's governance arrangements, and the function has been on its own improvement journey, working with the LGA to provide training and guidance for all councillors and senior officers.

This annual report aims to demonstrate and help measure scrutiny's performance in its first year of the new arrangements in operation.



Scrutiny in Lancashire

Scrutiny in Lancashire is made up of four service area committees, one board and one steering group, and each have a different area of responsibility:

Scrutiny Management Board

Chair: County Councillor David Westley

Children, Families and Skills

Chair: County Councillor Andrea Kay

Community, Cultural and Corporate Services

Chair: County Councillor Ged Mirfin

Environment, Economic Growth and Transport

Chair: County Councillor Rob Bailey (Dec 2022 – present) and County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick (May – Dec 2022)

Health and Adult Services and Health Steering Group

Chair: County Councillor David Westley





>>> Scrutiny Learning and Impacts...

Of the 212 parished areas in Lancashire only 18 received funding from the county council to carry out public realm work. A recommendation that all remaining parish and town councils be offered a chance to apply for a direct allocation subject to appropriate checks was made.

The Warm and Welcome Task Group provided the necessary influence to Cabinet in establishing the Lancashire Warm Spaces Grant Scheme.

Scrutiny training included briefing sessions on:

- Mental Health
- Alternative School Provision
- Public Health Annual Plan
- SEND Transport School Dashboard

Members of the Youth Council provided valuable input and supported the redesign of the recruitment poster for School Governors.

Health partners continued to engage well with scrutiny and as a result has afforded the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to monitor key developments including the New Hospitals Programme, the community mental health transformation and virtual wards.

A letter of appreciation was sent to all the Parish Lengthsman in Lancashire following an update on Parish and Town Councils at the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Committee.

Following the review of scrutiny arrangements, the Scrutiny Management Board was established. This has enabled effective co-ordination and monitoring of overview and scrutiny's work across each of the scrutiny committees. The Board also established a newly formed Councillor Support Steering Group.

Scrutiny Listened...

Youth Council

The Youth Council representatives on the Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee have an invaluable role in providing committee members and senior officers with the views from children and young people on all topics considered in committee meetings.

Schools

Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee membership includes five voting co-opted members representing faith schools and parent governors. Members engaged with schools in preparation for the School Place Planning and School Transport Inquiry Day.

District Councils

All 12 district councils responded to the Public Realm Agreements Task Group's survey. The responses provided a wealth of insight on how they fulfilled the terms of the existing Public Realm Agreements.

Libraries

Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Committee members requested detail on LCC support to the Library's Friends' Groups. Part of the review entailed engagement with groups to seek views on support, which was considered by members, from which recommendations were made to further enhance support provided.

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Since the ICB's formal establishment in July 2022, the ICB has engaged well with scrutiny and continues to regularly attend scrutiny meetings discussing a number of service areas including workforce, winter planning, GP's and dentistry.

Scrutiny Contribution to Corporate Priorities

Delivering Better Services

Councils Web Presence and Customer Digital Experience



The Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee received a report on areas of work linked to Customer Experience, including the activities to improve the Customer Experience within the county council's services, data and insight, the role Members play in understanding Customer Experience, and digital interaction. From this report five recommendations were made and accepted by the Cabinet Member.

Libraries and Libraries Friends Groups



The Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee received a report in response to a request from the committee to review how the Library Friends' groups supported the county council to deliver library services, and how the council in turn supports them. As a result, several recommendations were made and accepted by the Cabinet Member.

Protecting our Environment

Management of LCC Countryside Sites



The Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee received a report on the Management of Lancashire County Council Countryside Sites. From discussions, six recommendations on further enhancements for service users were made and accepted by the Cabinet Member.

Public Rights of Way and the Lovecleanstreets app



The Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee received a presentation on the implementation of the 'Love Clean Streets' app for reporting problems on Lancashire's network of public rights of way, which will be a replacement for the current 'Report It' system. As a result, recommendations were made and accepted by the Cabinet Member.

Caring for the Vulnerable

Family Hubs



The Children's, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee were presented with an update on progress to develop the Family Hubs network across Lancashire. Family Hubs provide a way of joining up locally to improve access to services, strengthen the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers and putting relationships at the heart of family help. Work in the initial priority areas of Burnley, Pendle and Lancaster had begun and the rollout across all Districts would take place by September 2023. The update gave members of the committee the opportunity to ask important questions about the rollout of this key service for families in Lancashire.

NHS Community Mental Health Transformation Programme



The Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee received a presentation on the Community Mental Health Transformation, part of a national NHS England programme which sought to provide an integrated partnership across all partner agencies. Following discussions, several recommendations were agreed with a view to further monitoring of the programme as it progresses.

Happier Minds

The Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee received a report from the LCC Public Health Team on Happier Minds which covered a wide range of areas from emotional health, dementia, alcohol and drug use and suicide and self-harm. As a result, a number of recommendations were agreed with a view to further monitoring at future meetings of the committee.

Supporting Economic Growth

Highway Safety Inspection Policy, KPI's and lovecleanstreets app



The Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee received an overview of the current Highway Safety Inspection Policy and set out how the new Lovecleanstreets App would be included in the policy. A full copy of the policy was included for information. Following discussions, a number of recommendations were made and accepted by the Cabinet Member.

Looking Ahead 2023/24

Key scrutiny areas from each committee:

Environment, Economic Growth and Transport:

- Road Safety
- Net Zero Infrastructure
- Levelling Up East Lancashire

Health and Adult Services:

- New Hospitals Programme
- Strengthening Community Services
- Mental Health Service Transformation

Children's, Families and Skills:

- Family and Complex Safeguarding
- Alternative Provision Strategy
- Schools Transport

Community, Cultural and Corporate Services:

- Culture Review
- Lancashire Ethnic Minorities Partnership Update
- People Strategy
- Community Safety Working Group

Scrutiny Management Board:

- Review of Cabinet's budget proposals for 2024/25

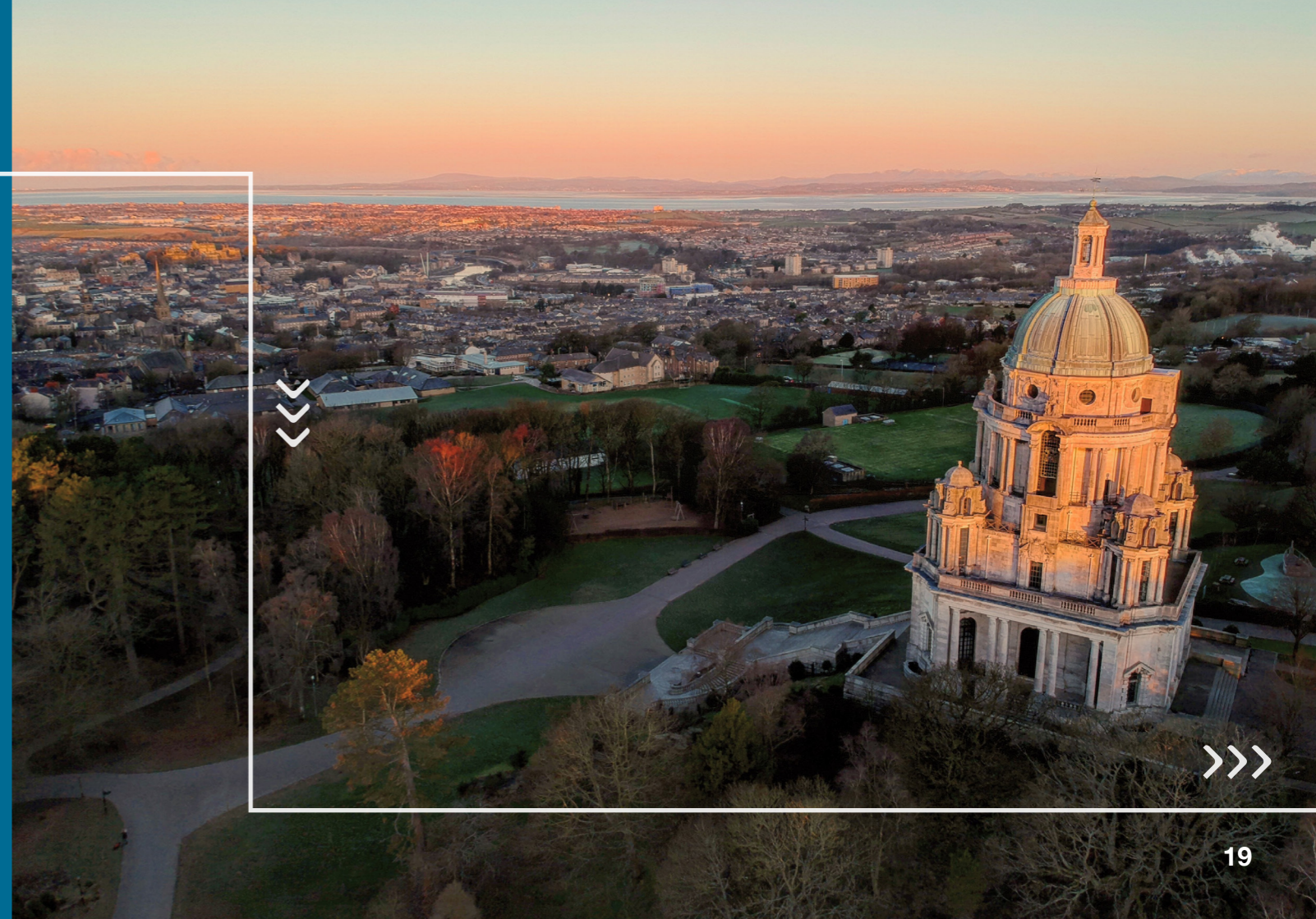


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Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 December 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel - 2023/24 Members' Allowance Scheme

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

This report sets out the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the council's Members' Allowance Scheme for 2023/24 following the Panel's meeting on 24 November 2023.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to:

- (i) Consider the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel, as set out in the report and at Appendix 'A', relating to the county council's Members' Allowance Scheme; and
- (ii) Subject to (i) above, approve the revised Members' Allowance Scheme for 2023/24 and authorise the Director of Law and Governance to make any consequential changes to the Constitution.

Detail

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

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

The Members' Allowance Scheme sets out that:

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

The 2023/24 Members' Allowance Scheme was approved by Full Council at its meeting on 23 February 2023, although at that time the staff pay award had not been finalised.

The staff pay award has now been agreed. In most previous years the pay increase for staff has been expressed as a percentage. However, for 2023/24 a mix of a flat rate increase of £1,925 (for staff on spinal column point 43 or below) or 3.88% (for those on spinal column point 44 and above) has been agreed. This includes an uprating of 3.88% on allowances (such as travel, accommodation, overtime etc).

As the main increase has not been expressed as a percentage, it was necessary to convene a meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel to consider what the appropriate increase for councillors would be. This meeting was held on 24 November 2023.

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

- A copy of the existing Members' Allowance Scheme for 2023/24;
- A report endorsed by North West Employers which provided a comparison between Lancashire County Council's members' allowances and those of other county councils in England; and
- The information and advice of officers on possible increases to councillors' allowance and the financial context.

The Panel also invited views from the political groups on the Members' Allowance Scheme. The Conservative and Labour Groups attended the Panel's meeting to present their views and to make recommendations with regards to changes they wished the Panel to consider.

Having considered the information presented, the Panel recommended to Full Council that:

- The Basic Allowance be increased by £1,925 (the same flat rate as the 2023/24 staff pay award);

- The current ICT and mobile phone subsidies of £240 per year be removed, and be added instead to the Basic Allowance; and
- The Special Responsibility Allowances be increased using the Scheme's existing multipliers and based on the increased Basic Allowance (£13,777).

The Panel was informed that the same percentage increase (18.64%) would also be applied to the Chairman / Vice Chairman Allowances and the Dependants' Carers' Allowance.

The recommended changes above would all apply with effect from 1 April 2023.

The rationale for the Panel's recommendations was:

- To bring Lancashire's members' allowances in line with those of other, similar authorities because research demonstrated that Lancashire paid less than county councils covering similarly sized populations; and
- To recalibrate Lancashire's members' allowances because they had increased below the rate of inflation for several years.

The last major review of members' allowances was in 2003, when the Basic Allowance was set at £8,500. If the Basic Allowance had increased with inflation over that time, it would currently be £14,857.

Full Council will note that uprating members' allowances as recommended by the Panel would increase the total cost of members' allowances by £269,997. Details of the recommended changes are set out at Appendix 'A'.

Full Council is asked to consider the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out above and approve any changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme for 2023/24.

Appendices

Appendix	Title
Appendix A	Recommended changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme 2023/24

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

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



Financial

Basic, Special Responsibility and Chairman / Vice Chairman Allowances

The changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme, as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel, will result in additional costs of £269,997.

The total costs are as follows:

	Current Total	Recommended Total
Basic Allowances	£975,408	£1,157,268
Special Responsibility Allowances	£446,602	£529,870
Chairman / Vice Chairman Allowances	£26,117	£30,986
Total	£1,448,127	£1,718,124

The additional costs for the recommended Basic, Special Responsibility and Chairman / Vice Chairman Allowances will need to be factored into the next update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, resulting in additional financial pressure of circa £264,000 above what is already in the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2024/25. In 2023/24, there will be an in-year pressure of circa £239,000 on the members' allowances budget.

Dependants' Carers' Allowance

In 2022/23 a total of £137.05 was claimed by councillors under the Dependants' Carers' Allowance. Increasing this allowance as recommended by the Panel could therefore be expected to cost an additional £25.55.

However, this allowance is a maximum hourly rate because councillors' claims must be based on actual receipted expenditure. In accordance with the Scheme, total payments per councillor in any one year for this allowance shall not exceed £1,987 (equating to 210 hours at the maximum hourly rate).

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

Paper Date Contact/Tel

None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



Appendix A

Recommended Changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme

Basic Allowance

Current (£)	Recommended (£)
11,612	13,777

Dependents' Carers' Allowance (per hour)

Current (£)	Recommended (£)
7.97	9.46

Chairman / Vice Chairman Allowance

Position	Current (£)	Recommended (£)
Chairman	17,411	20,657
Vice-Chairman	8,706	10,329

Special Responsibility Allowances

Position	% of Leader	Current (£)	Recommended (£)
Leader	100.00	34,836	41,331
Deputy Leader	70.00	24,385	28,932
Cabinet Members (8)	55.00	19,160	22,732
Lead Members (5)	27.50	9,579	11,366
Champions (6)	17.50	6,097	7,233
Committee Chairs (9)	25.00	8,709	10,333
LCDL Chair (1)	12.50	4,355	5,167
DC Deputy Chair (1)	50.00 (% of Chair)	4,355	5,167
O&S Deputy Chairs (4)	47.00 (% of Chair)	4,094	4,857
Majority Group Secretary	15.00	5,225	6,200

Majority Group Whip	15.00	5,225	6,200
Opposition Group Leader	55.00	19,160	22,732
Opposition Group Deputy	27.50	9,579	11,366
Opposition Group Secretary	10.00	3,484	4,133
Opposition Group Whip	10.00	3,484	4,133

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 December 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' refers)

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Brief Summary

The report of the Cabinet from its recent meeting on 6 July 2023 and 7 September 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.

This report also presents details of an urgent key decision taken since the last meeting of Full Council, in accordance with Standing Order C22.

Recommendation

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

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List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



Meeting of the Cabinet (5 October 2023)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Money Matters 2023/24 Position - Quarter 1

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the county council's 2023/24 revenue and capital financial position, as at the end of June 2023.

Resolved: That, the following be noted:

- i. The current forecast overspend of £7.629m on the revenue budget in 2023/24; and
- ii. The revised 2023/24 capital programme of £153.796m.

Procurement Report

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

- i. Provision of waste wood collection, transportation and treatment services;
- ii. Provision of Bikeability Training in Lancashire; and
- iii. Provision of Tier 4 Substance Misuse Services.

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

- i. Provision of waste wood collection, transportation and treatment services;
- ii. Provision of Bikeability Training in Lancashire; and
- iii. Provision of Tier 4 Substance Misuse Services.

Proposed Puffin Crossing and 40mph and Derestricted Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Orders, Holm Road / A59 Whalley Clitheroe Bypass, Barrow

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to install a puffin crossing and reduce the speed limit along an associated section of the A59 Whalley Clitheroe Bypass in Barrow.

Resolved: That the making of the proposed traffic regulation orders associated with the scheme as set out in the report, be approved.

Various Parking Restrictions Burnley, Chorley, Hyndburn, Lancaster, Pendle, Preston, Ribble Valley, Rossendale, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre Areas 2023 No1 Order 202*

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce various parking restrictions in Burnley, Chorley, Hyndburn, Lancaster, Pendle, Preston, Ribble Valley, Rossendale, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre.

Resolved: That the proposals for new and existing restrictions on the various lengths of road as detailed within the report and as set out in the Draft Order at Appendix 'A1' of the report, for the reasons outlined in the Statement of Reasons at Appendix 'M' of the report, be approved.

Technology Enabled Care Policy

Cabinet considered a report setting out the new Technology Enabled Care Policy.

Resolved: That the draft Technology Enabled Care Policy as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Healthy Weight Services

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to work collaboratively with district councils in delivering a whole system approach to obesity.

Resolved: That

- i. The establishment and development of collaboration agreements for the delivery of healthy weight services with all 12 district councils and, if necessary, to enter a procurement exercise post 1 January 2024 in respect of any districts where agreement had not been reached on a formal collaboration, be approved; and
- ii. The Director of Public Health be authorised to approve the collaboration agreements and, in conjunction with the Head of Service - Procurement, to determine the lotting of the remaining districts if procurement was needed.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public) – Urgent Business

Chorley - Land Disposal

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 a Land Disposal in Chorley.

The reason for urgency was due to the complex negotiations over the site which had only just concluded, and the need to complete the transfer of the site as soon as possible.

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

Meeting of the Cabinet (2 November 2023)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Medium Term Financial Strategy Update 2024/25 - 2026/27

Cabinet considered a report that provided a forecast of the financial position for the county council for the next 3 years and contained an updated position compared to that presented to Cabinet and Full Council in February 2023.

Resolved: That

- i. The revised funding gap of £18.294m covering the period 2024/25 to 2026/27, as set out in the revised financial outlook forecast for the council, be noted;
- ii. The budget adjustments for 2024/25, and following years' changes, included in the revised medium term financial strategy, be approved; and
- iii. The contents of the county council's reserves position be noted.

Appointments to Outside Bodies

Cabinet considered a report that set out the outcome of the Political Governance Working Group's review of outside bodies, following the Working Group's meetings on 17 May and 21 September 2023.

Resolved: That

- i. The following be approved:
 - a. The proposed Protocol on County Council Appointments to Outside Bodies as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report;
 - b. The revised list of outside bodies and appointments as set out at Appendix 'B' of the report, including the addition of the Pennine Community Safety Partnership and the Pilkington Charitable Trust, and those to be joint working arrangements instead;
 - c. The appointment of County Councillor Ash Sutcliffe to the Pennine Community Safety Partnership and the Pilkington Charitable Trust; and
 - d. The appointment of Andy Walker, Head of Business Growth, to the Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee.
- ii. The Director of Law and Governance be authorised to finalise arrangements for the administration of the Emily Rainford Trust, the Marsden Heights Educational Foundation, and the Bostock Scholarship Fund.



Procurement Report

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

- i. Framework Agreement for the supply, installation, maintenance and repair of bus shelters;
- ii. Provision of Traffic Management Services;
- iii. Provision of a Dynamic Purchasing System - Cleaning and Facilities Services;
- iv. Fleet Vehicle Replacement Programme 2023/2024; and
- v. Improvements for Accrington Railway Station Access.

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

- i. Framework Agreement for the supply, installation, maintenance and repair of bus shelters;
- ii. Provision of Traffic Management Services;
- iii. Provision of a Dynamic Purchasing System - Cleaning and Facilities Services;
- iv. Fleet Vehicle Replacement Programme 2023/2024; and
- v. Improvements for Accrington Railway Station Access.

Adult Services Non Residential Care Charging Policy

Cabinet considered a report on the Adult Services Non-Residential Care Charging Policy. The Non-Residential Care Charging Policy set out how Lancashire County Council charged for non-residential adult social care services and formed part of the suite of Care Act policies currently under review in readiness for Care Quality Commission inspection.

Resolved: That the Non-Residential Care Charging Policy as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Adult Services Residential Care Charging Policy

Cabinet considered a report on the Adult Services Residential Care Charging Policy. The Residential Care Charging Policy set out how Lancashire County Council charged for residential and nursing adult social care services and formed part of the suite of Care Act policies currently under review in readiness for Care Quality Commission inspection.

Resolved: That the Residential Care Charging Policy as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.



Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2023/24

Cabinet considered a report on the Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2023/24. The Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan had been updated for 2023/24, to reflect the services in place and the social care planning and response to winter pressures.

Resolved: That the Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2023/24, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Statutory and Non Statutory Complaints and Customer Feedback 2022-2023

Cabinet considered a report on the statutory and non-statutory complaints and customer feedback for 2022-2023.

Resolved: That the annual reports on Complaints and Customer Feedback for 2022/23, be noted.

Corporate Parenting Board - Revised Terms of Reference

Cabinet considered a report on the revised Terms of Reference of the Corporate Parenting Board.

Resolved: That the Corporate Parenting Board's revised Terms of Reference, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

Approval to Consult on the Inclusion of Armed Forces Children & the Children of School Staff in the Admission Arrangements for Lancashire Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools from 2025 to 2026

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to consult on the inclusion of the Armed Forces Children & the Children of School Staff in the Admission Arrangements for Lancashire Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools from 2025 to 2026. The county council, as admission authority, determined the admission criteria that were used to prioritise pupils for places at community primary and secondary schools.

Resolved: That the proposal to undertake a formal consultation process to change Lancashire County Council's admission criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools be approved to include:

- i. Children of Staff; and
- ii. Children eligible for Services Premium.

Update of the School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25.

Resolved: That, the following be approved:

- i. The temporary expansion of Broughton in Amounderness Church of England Primary School, Preston, by 1 form of entry, by increasing the admission number from 35 to 60 with effect from 2024/25;
- ii. The commencement of a public consultation on the proposal to permanently expand Broughton in Amounderness Church of England Primary school, Preston, by 1 form of entry, by increasing the published admission number from 35 to 60 with effect from 2025/26;
- iii. The temporary expansion of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Primary School, Pendle, by 0.5 form of entry, by increasing the published admission number from 15 to 30 for 2024/25;
- iv. The capital allocation for the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Primary School, Pendle, project set out at Appendix 'A' of the report; and
- v. The additional capital allocation for the Longridge High School project set out at Appendix 'A' of the report.

Lancashire Warm Spaces Grant Scheme

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire Warm Spaces Grant Scheme.

Resolved: That, the following be approved:

- i. The implementation of a warm spaces grant scheme for local organisations, to a total value of £72,000; with a maximum allocation of £500 per application; and
- ii. The utilisation of Lancashire Libraries as warm spaces, with a budget allocation of £25,000.

Urgent Key Decisions

It is a requirement of Standing Order C22 that any urgent Key Decision taken under the provisions of Standing Order C21 must be reported to Full Council for information.

The following urgent Key Decision was taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 5 October 2023:

- Chorley - Land Disposal

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 December 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
N/A;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting held on 16 October 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.

Recommendation

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

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

Meeting of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee (16 October 2023)

Chair: County Councillor Alan Schofield

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Approval of the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2022/23

The committee considered the 2022/23 Statement of Accounts for Lancashire County Council and Lancashire County Pension Fund, presented by Khadija Saeed, Head of Corporate Finance.

Resolved: That the 2022/23 Statement of Accounts for Lancashire County Council and Lancashire County Pension Fund, as presented, be approved.

Response to the Information Request of the External Auditor

The committee considered a report which set out the proposed external audit fees payable by the council for 2023/24, presented by Neil Kissock, Director of Finance.

Resolved: That Public Sector Audit Appointments' fee proposal and the county council's response to the consultation be noted.

External Audit: Progress Report and Sector Update

The committee considered the Audit Progress Report and Sector Update as of October 2023, presented by Stuart Basnett, Audit Manager at Grant Thornton UK.

Resolved: That the Audit Progress Report and Sector Update for October 2023 be noted.

Internal Audit Progress Report

The committee considered an update on the Internal Audit Service's work and outcomes for 2022/23, for the period to 24 September 2023, presented by Andy Dalecki, Head of Internal Audit.

Resolved: That the Internal Audit Progress Report be noted.

Local Member Grants Scheme - Update Report

The committee considered an update report on the outcomes of the Local Member Grants Scheme monitoring activity carried out by Democratic Services, for the period January 2021 to March 2023, presented by Josh Mynott, Democratic and Member Services Manager.

Resolved: That

- i) The Local Member Grants Scheme – Update Report for January 2021 to March 2023 be noted;
- ii) Democratic Services be asked to inform the appropriate county councillor when organisations do not provide evidence of expenditure for their Local Member Grant; and
- iii) A further report on the Local Member Grants Scheme be provided at the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee meeting on 29 January 2023, to include updated figures for 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register - Quarter 3 Update

The committee considered the updated Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register for Quarter 3 of 2023/24, presented by Heloise MacAndrew, Director of Law and Governance.

Resolved: That the updated Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register be noted.

Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)

Appendix 'B' to Item 10

The committee considered the private and confidential Appendix B to Item 10 – Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register – Quarter 3 Update.

Resolved: That Appendix B to Item 10 – Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register – Quarter 3 Update, be noted.

RIPA Policy - Annual Review

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

Resolved: That, subject to the incorrect Director references being amended,

- i) The Corporate Policy and Guidance on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, as presented, be approved;



- ii) The Shadow RIPA Surveillance Policy, as presented, be approved; and
- iii) The Covert Social Networking Checks and Surveillance Policy, as presented, be approved.

Oracle Fusion Data Breach - Update

The committee considered a private and confidential report which provided an update on the Oracle Fusion data breaches reported to the Information Commissioner's Office and the steps taken by the county council in response, presented by Jo Winston, Information Governance Manager.

Resolved: That

- i) The report on the Oracle Fusion Data Breach be noted; and
- ii) Further updates in relation to ongoing actions and the work of the Oracle Fusion Steering Group be provided at a future committee meeting to be agreed.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 December 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
N/A;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

The Employment Committee
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The report of the Employment Committee from its meeting held 30 November 2023 is attached at Appendix 'A'.

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 Employment Committee, as now presented, be noted.

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List of Background Papers**

Paper Date Contact/Tel

None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



Meeting of the Employment Committee (30 November 2023)

Chair: County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Review of Coroner Salaries and Fees 2023/24

The committee considered a report on proposed salary increases for the Senior, Area and Assistant Coroners and a request to extend the casual Case Examiner post.

Resolved: That

- i) The salaries and fees paid to the Senior, Area and Assistant Coroners be increased by 3.5%, with effect from 1 April 2023;
- ii) The Area Coroners' salaries be increased as set out in the report, with effect from 1 April 2023; and
- iii) The extension of the casual Case Examiner role be approved as set out in the report, until the end of 2024.

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 December 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
N/A;

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 months of October and November 2023. The reports of the committees are attached as follows at Appendix 'A':

- Scrutiny Management Board (31 October 2023)
- Children, Families and Skills (1 November 2023)
- Community, Cultural and Corporate Services (28 September 2023 and 9 November 2023)
- Environment, Economic Growth and Transport (26 October 2023)
- Health and Adult Services (25 October 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.

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 Scrutiny Management Board 31 October 2023

Chair: County Councillor David Westley

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23

Members received a copy of the draft overview and scrutiny annual report 2022/23 for consideration and comment.

Resolved: That the report be received.

Money Matters 2023/24 Position - Quarter 1

The Board reviewed the Money Matters 2023/24 Position – Quarter 1 report which was presented to Cabinet at its meeting held on 5 October 2023. The report provided an update on the 2023/24 revenue and capital financial position, as at the end of June 2023 (Quarter 1).

Resolved: That

- (i) The information received be noted.
- (ii) The Money Matters 2023/24 Position – Quarter 2 report be presented to the Scrutiny Management Board at its meeting to be rescheduled in January 2024.

Medium Term Financial Strategy Update 2024/25 - 2026/27

The Board was presented with a copy of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Update 2024/25 - 2026/27 report which was due to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 2 November 2023. The report contained an updated position compared to that presented to Cabinet and Full Council in February 2023.

Resolved: That;

- (i) The report be noted.
- (ii) The Medium Term Financial Strategy Update 2024/25 - 2026/27 report due to be presented to Cabinet at its meeting scheduled for 18 January 2024, be

presented to the Scrutiny Management Board's next meeting to be rescheduled in January 2024.

Budgeted Savings Tracker

The Board was presented with a report on the tracking and delivery of savings agreed by Full Council in the current and previous financial years.

Resolved: That:

- (i) The report be noted.
- (ii) A report providing further explanation and how the plans are proceeding to implement those savings as set out in the minutes be provided to the Scrutiny Management Board its next scheduled meeting.
- (iii) Portfolio holders of those services identified be invited to attend the next meeting of the Board.

Work Programmes 2023/24

Members were invited to consider the 2023/24 work programmes for all the scrutiny committees and the Scrutiny Management Board.

Permission was sought and agreed that the Carbon Capture in Grasslands (biochar) topic be moved from the reserve list for consideration at the meeting of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee on 25 April 2024.

With regards to the work programme for the Scrutiny Management Board, it was reported that advice from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny on the budget scrutiny process, was that this work should be undertaken throughout the year. It was suggested that the quarterly Money Matters reports should be added to the agenda for all future meetings of the Board.

Resolved: That the:

- (i) Scrutiny work programmes be noted.
- (ii) Political Governance Working Group activity be noted.
- (iii) All future Money Matters reports be added to the 2023/24 work programme for the Scrutiny Management Board.

Report on the activity of the Councillor Support Steering Group

Members were provided with a report which provided an overview of matters presented and considered by the Councillor Support Steering Group (CSSG) at its meetings held on 26 July and 6 September 2023.



With regards to the information provided on Vivup Lifestyle Savings scheme for staff, it was suggested that further promotion could be undertaken to help improve the uptake across the council.

Resolved: That:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) Feedback on the promotion of the Vivup Lifestyle Savings be reported back to the county council's HR Team.



Meeting of the Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee 1 November 2023

Chair: County Councillor Sue Hind

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Young People in Education, Employment or Training and Young People not in Education, Employment of Training

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Jayne Rear, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Julie Bell, Interim Director of Education, Skills and Culture, Aby Hardy, Head of Education Improvement and Sarah Hirst, 16-19 Education and Skills Lead to the meeting.

The committee considered a report that provided an update to the report presented at the April 2023 meeting on the work the council was doing to support young people into education, employment, or training (EET) after they had completed their compulsory school education.

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

- i. The Youth Futures Team be invited to attend a future meeting of the Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee to talk about their work, the progress they have made and any challenges and barriers they have faced.

School Place Planning Annual Update

The Chair welcomed Mel Ormesher, Head of Service Asset Management to the meeting.

The committee considered a report that provided the annual update on school place planning in Lancashire against the School Place Planning Strategy 2022-25, the School Place Delivery Programme 2023-25, and provided an update on academy conversion.

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

- i. A report to be presented to a future meeting of the committee to consider the new schools programme in Northwest Preston, taking into consideration the outcome of the consultation, feedback from existing schools and what that means in terms of the next stage.



Work Programme 2023/24

The committee considered a report which provided information on the work programme for the Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee.

It was suggested if the committee meeting scheduled on 1 May 2024 could be moved, as it was the day before the local elections.

It was also noted that attached at Appendix 'B' of the report was the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport responses to the committee's recommendations, following its review of the report on the School Place Planning Inquiry Day on the 20 September 2023 and committee members were asked if they had any comments on the responses.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24 be noted; and
- ii. The response to recommendations of the School Place Planning Inquiry Day be noted.



Meeting of the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee

28 September 2023

Chair: County Councillor Ged Mirfin

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Report of the Community Safety Working Group

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Peter Buckley, Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services, Clare Platt, Head of Service Equity, Welfare and Partnerships, and Alison Wilkins, Senior Health Practitioner (Stronger and Safer Communities) to the meeting.

The committee considered a report that provided an overview of the work undertaken by the Community Safety Working Group and detailed the recommendations of the working group.

Resolved: That the following recommendations be endorsed by the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee and presented to the next meeting of the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board:

- i. That the amendments and updates made to the draft Community Safety Agreement 2022 – 25 be agreed subject to the following:
 - a. The addition of the following wording to be included in the agreement – 'We are looking at several ways to improve communication and links with elected members on community safety issues'.
 - b. Consideration to be given to multiple diagrams to be included in the agreement to explain which partners are involved in each of the 6 key issues.

Resolved: That the following recommendations be endorsed by the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee and shared with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cultural Services, subject to a minor amendment on recommendation ii (part e) that be amended to state meetings are held once every 4 months, not 6 months:

- ii. Officers to work with elected members to improve communication and links on community safety issues including:
 - a. Delivering a Bite Size Briefing to describe the work on Community Safety and the context within which that work sits for all county councillors.



Updates to include all key community safety issues affecting local communities as outlined in the Community Safety Agreement.

- b. Consideration to be given to an annual meeting to take place to coincide with the review of the Community Safety Agreement which involves councillors, wider stakeholders, and community groups.
 - c. Officers to meet with county councillors nominated to sit on local CSP's separately to help frame how they can be best supported in their role and to provide them with a better understanding of the community safety landscape, work that is already underway, and how we operate in partnership.
 - d. Officers who attend meetings of the CSP's, to be allocated to provide ongoing support for nominated councillors, with a briefing to be provided ahead of each CSP meeting to ensure that any relevant data is shared in a meaningful way.
 - e. A meeting of all county council representatives that sit on local CSP's to take place on a 4 monthly basis.
- iii. Consideration be given for elective member representation (observer status as a minimum) to be included on the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board.
 - iv. Consideration for the agenda and minutes of the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board meeting to be made available to members of the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee and the Community Safety Working Group for the purpose of scrutiny.
 - v. Consideration to be given to the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board in relation to Community Safety.
 - vi. A mapping exercise to take place, to map out the full network of support, with an update to be provided to the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee at an appropriate time.
 - vii. Information to be shared on what KPI's are currently used in terms of all the key issues, at an appropriate time.
 - viii. Consideration be given to how the Combined Authority proposal may impact how Community Safety arrangements will operate.

Change and Improvement: LCC Change Plan

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Alan Vincent, Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader), and John Morrissey, Director of Organisational Development and Change to the meeting.



The report provided an update to the committee on the development of the county council's Change Plan; and to set out the next steps for the committee to consider. It was noted that the implementation of the county council's Change Plan would begin from October 2023, and it was suggested that a further report on the progress of the recommendations be reported to the committee in 6 months' time.

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

- i. A further update to be provided to the committee on Change and Improvement: LCC Change Plan in 6 months' time.

Council Estate, Use and Occupancy of Council Buildings and Asset Disposal

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Alan Vincent, Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader), Mike Kirby, Director of Strategy and Performance, and Mel Ormesher, Head of Service Asset Management to the meeting.

The report provided an overview of the county council's property assets, use, occupancy, and the disposal process.

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

- i. Current map data provided for each of the Service areas, presenting the location of assets, to be provided in a table / grid form and, broken down by district.
- ii. Further information to be provided in relation to Table B: Property Assets Running Costs to include the following:
 - a. Costs to be broken down further for buildings that are owned by the county council (freehold) and those that are leased and include property holding responsibilities.
 - b. A performance table detailing the grades of costs for assets, for example different highlights for very expensive buildings to inexpensive buildings.
 - c. Breakdown of assets by cost per meter squared and information explaining what the total condition cost means. Where possible, data to be provided on the age of buildings and the impact this has on cost.
 - d. Clarity on what each of the P1, P2 P3 and P4 categories mean, including a link to the Asset Management Strategy.
- iii. A briefing note to be provided on the following:
 - a. Information on RAAC and what the situation is for Lancashire Schools and other county council owned buildings.

- b. Details on what the cost of working with LASER is to undertake a base line carbon assessment, and consideration be given to whether it would be more cost effective to bring this in house.
 - c. Regarding property asset disposals, data to be broken down by district (geographic location) and by category to determine what type of asset had been disposed.
 - d. Moving forward, data to be provided on relocation costs and / or savings for moving staff and facilities from buildings.
 - e. Information on what the revenue implications are of Property Asset Disposals, as detailed in Table C. Consideration to be given to business planning and tightening up the business case process, where the county council has service ambitions and opportunities for reconfiguring and relocating.
 - f. Data to be provided on buildings or rooms that have been let and leased for revenue purposes rather than disposed of.
- iv. Consideration be given to improving the briefing process to councillors so they are informed earlier in the process about assets that are available for community asset transfer so they can share their expertise and information in their communities and with prospect community groups who may be interested.
 - v. Benchmarking Data in this area of work from other authorities (taking into consideration specific and individual circumstances for authorities) to be shared with the committee once this information becomes available, further to a request made through the County Council's Network.
 - vi. Consideration to be given to a press release about how successful the process of property asset disposal has been at the county council.
 - vii. Consideration be given to a survey to be provided to community groups or CICs to capture valuable feedback from groups who have gone through the process of asset transfer. Information to be provided on the new processes put in place to strengthen the asset transfer process, agreed as part of the updated Asset Management Policy, and where possible, consideration be given to how successful the previous community asset transfer policy was and the length of time it took to complete a transfer.

Report on the Work of the Warm and Welcome Public Spaces Task Group

The Chair welcomed County Councillor David Westley, Chair of the Warm and Welcome Public Spaces Task Group to the meeting.

The report provided an overview of the work undertaken by the Warm and Welcome Public Spaces Task Group at its final meeting held on 30 March 2023.

Resolved: That the report on the Warm and Welcome Public Spaces, be noted.



Work Programme 2023/24

The committee considered the work programme for the 2023/24 municipal year, including the responses to the previous committee's recommendations from the relevant Cabinet Members.

Resolved: That the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny work programme for 2023/24, including the progress relating to the committee's recommendations, be noted.



Meeting of the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee

9 November 2023

Chair: County Councillor Ged Mirfin

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Strategy and Performance: Data and Analytics

The Chair welcomed County Councillor Peter Buckley, Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services, Mike Kirby, Director of Strategy and Performance, Donna Talbot, Head of Service Business Intelligence, and Vishal Mistry, Principal Data Manger, to the meeting.

The report provided the committee with an update on the county council's current position regarding its use of data and analytics, further to a report considered by the committee on the 10 November 2022.

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

- i. A report on the draft Artificial Intelligence Strategy to be presented to a future meeting of the committee, so that the committee can help shape the strategy, before it is presented to Cabinet;
- ii. A further report to come back to the committee at an appropriate time, taking into consideration the following:
 - a. The cost benefit analysis of delivering work related to data and analytics.
 - b. Staff resources and whether the county council has enough resource working on data analysis, including data manipulation and production of dashboards.
 - c. Benchmarking data against other local authorities in terms of data and analytics.
 - d. The implications that a combined authority might bring to the use of data.
- iii. The Partnership Working report due to be presented to the committee in March 2024, to take into consideration how we work with other external organisations (such as the NHS, Department for Transport, Police, and local authorities) on data sharing and Overview and Scrutiny and what forums are already in existence; and
- iv. Request the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee to consider reviewing the Traffic Asset Management Plan (TAMP),



taking into consideration if it is working effectively and to what extent the data is demonstrating the need to address highway issues.

Communications / Digital Services: Update on The Council's Web Presence and Customers' Digital Experience

The Chair welcomed, County Councillor Peter Buckley, Cabinet Member for Community and Cultural Services, John Morrissey, Director of Organisational Development and Change, Ellen Smith, Customer Experience Lead, Andrew Hill, Head of ICT Operate, Terry White, Head of Service Customer Access, Ged Maclennan, Customer Access Manager, Clare Blackburn, Customer Service Manager, and Louise Wood, Strategic Communications and Web Manager, to the meeting.

The report provided the committee with key updates on areas of activity to improve the Customer Experience across a range of services, including digital and non-digital initiatives, within the wider organisational change context. The report also provided updates on the recommendations made by the committee at the meeting held on Thursday 9 March 2023.

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

- i. Consideration be given to using a tool such as Acorn - CACI to help profile our customers and learn more about them and their needs;
- ii. A report to be presented to a future meeting of the committee to consider users that are digitally excluded, and information on what strategies are being put in place by the county council to address this need;
- iii. Agree to receive a customer experience dashboard on a scheduled basis, providing a small number of key indicators which illustrate progress against customer experience priorities; and
- iv. A report to be presented to a future meeting of the committee considering potential changes to ICT infrastructure due to the fast-changing pace of technology, the associated costs, and whether the council would have the necessary resources to keep up with these developments.

Work Programme 2023/24

The committee considered the work programme for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Resolved: That the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny work programme for 2023/24, be noted.



Meeting of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee

26 October 2023

Chair: County Councillor Rob Bailey

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Electricity North West – Enabling Net Zero Infrastructure

The committee was presented a report which provided an update on progress in enabling net zero infrastructure in Lancashire.

Resolved: That:

- (i) Further consideration be given to inviting representatives from the National Grid on enabling Net Zero Infrastructure to a future meeting of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee.
- (ii) The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change give consideration to the role Lancashire County Council has with Electricity North West Limited's Local Area Energy Planning (LAEP) process and confirm the council's position on this.

Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicles and LCC Fleet

A report was presented to the committee which provided details on measures to introduce ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs) into the Lancashire County Council fleet. The challenges presented by this, how they could be overcome and the technology and options that may be applicable to the fleet in the future were provided. The report also updated the committee on progress since the former Internal Scrutiny Committee report on ULEVs on the 4th March 2022.

Resolved: That a briefing note setting out the breakdown of the current fleet (including school buses) and the projection of future funding required to introduce Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicles into the fleet be provided to the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee.



Meeting of the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee 25 October 2023

Chair: County Councillor David Westley

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

NHS Lancashire Place Update and Future Arrangements

An update report was presented to the committee on the main areas of progress in relation to Lancashire Place and discuss proposals for the governance of the delegated responsibility acquired through the place partnerships.

From discussions, the committee confirmed the following feedback on the governance options for Lancashire Place:

- 1) The preferred option for Lancashire Place is a Joint Committee,
- 2) If it is possible that the statutory functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board could be integrated, then it should be combined with the Lancashire Place Partnership,
- 3) That the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board could be reframed from its current state subject to the results of any legal work to establish its feasibility,
- 4) Representation of the districts is required within whatever governance structure is decided upon.

Resolved; That the:

- i) Update and outcomes from the District Chief Executive Workshop be considered and the selected priority areas and approach to progression of these workstreams be endorsed.
- ii) Key updates from across the Lancashire Place be considered.
- iii) Feedback (as outlined above) be provided on the governance options for the future of the Lancashire Place.

Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018-25

An update was presented on the current progress of the Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018- 2025 since the last report to the committee on 1 February 2022.

Resolved; That the following be considered:

- (i) Progress with developments in Extra Care and Supported Living.
- (ii) Progress of reshaping supported living services, including the development of new settings and the decommissioning of some shared properties.



Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 December 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 is attached at Appendix 'A'.

This includes the following meeting:

- Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board – 14 November 2023

The agenda, reports and minutes of the meeting are available to view [here](#). Members can also contact the officers specified in each report for further information about each item.

Recommendation

That the report of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board, as now presented, be noted.

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List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A



Meeting of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board 14 November 2023

Chair: County Councillor Michael Green

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Voice of the Community

The Board received a presentation from Caroline Greer who provided the Board with an overview of the work of the UDevelop CIC who create structured programmes aimed at helping shape, change and have a positive ongoing impact on a person's life.

Resolved: That the Board received and commented on the update.

Creating a Smoke Free Generation

The Board received a report which outlines the Government's intention around creating a Smoke Free Generation and how the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board can support the Government's approach to national and local implementation.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing:

- (i) Supported the Government's intention to achieve a Smoke Free Generation.
- (ii) Endorsed the Council's submission of a bid for additional national funding to enable expansion of the 'Swap to Stop' programme to help smokers to stop smoking ([Appendix 'B'](#)).
- (iii) That the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, formally write to the Integrated Care Board to request the pooling of funds for joint working towards a smoke free generation, to avoid duplication and as part of a single plan for prevention and health inequalities.

The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

The Board received a report which highlights plans in place across NHS and Local Government organisations to support health and wellbeing needs of Lancashire residents during the Winter.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Endorsed the plans.
- (ii) Considered any future areas for improvement and collaboration.

Better Care Fund

The Board received a report which provided a progress update of the Better Care Fund reset work and actions taken since the last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2023.

Resolved: The Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Received the report and comment on the progress to date on the review and reset programme and receive a further report at the Board's next meeting in January 2024.
- (ii) Considered and endorse the proposal of focussing on the theme of Intermediate Care first.
- (iii) Received and consider the Finance Summary Report (circulated separately to the Board).
- (iv) Agreed and sign-off the Lancashire BCF Quarterly Report (circulated separately to the Board).
- (v) Would receive the decisions for spend, following further discussions on the additional Integrated Care Board funding allocation of £10m into social care at its next Board meeting in January 2024.

To consider Notices of Motion submitted under Standing Order B36

1. By County Councillor Clifford:

County Councillors have received evidence of children missing education across Lancashire due to bullying and intimidation and a recent study has found a third of respondents are unhappy with their school's response.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

1. Record the number of bullying complaints made to Ofsted and the county council to build a Lancashire-wide picture;
2. Confirm this Council has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and request the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills ensures bullying has more of a focus in the annual safeguarding training for all school staff, delivered by the county council; and
3. Put bullying on the agenda for the next Lancashire Headteachers' briefing to discuss best practice and how families can be supported by Children's Champions, Children and Family Wellbeing support workers, and attendance workers in these situations.

2. By County Councillor Pattison:

Lancashire County Council notes the lack of dental provision in Lancashire and the rest of England and therefore resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, asking them to urgently intervene to ensure:

1. Dental provision is in place for all residents in Lancashire;
2. Access for people who cannot afford to pay for private dental care is provided;
3. All localities across Lancashire have dental provision in place close to people's homes; and
4. Children are automatically given an NHS dentist in their locality.

3. By County Councillor Sutcliffe:

Lancashire County Council recognises that most journeys in Lancashire are made by car.

Lancashire County Council further recognises that Lancashire's drivers currently face problems that make their journeys longer and more difficult than they should be.

Lancashire County Council therefore welcomes the government's Plan for Drivers announced by the Secretary of State for Transport and the suite of measures it proposes to support drivers across Lancashire.

Lancashire County Council commits to integrating the Plan for Drivers with existing council policies to ensure its benefits are maximised for Lancashire residents.

4. By County Councillor Beavers:

This Council notes:

- The recent proposal by water companies to ask customers to "foot the bill" for their incompetence by increasing water bills to pay for an approximate £96 billion investment.
- That earlier this year, raw sewage was discharged into the sea at Blackpool and the Fylde Coast at the height of the tourist season causing many tourist attractions to close.
- That in the six months ending September 2022, United Utilities made £426 million in profits for their shareholders, but they couldn't fix a pipe in a timely manner.
- That Lancashire taxpayers should not have to foot the bill for water companies who were too busy paying dividends to shareholders instead of doing the job that they should do of protecting Lancashire's rivers and waterways and ensuring our water systems are safe.

This Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP to:

1. Express our concern, that in a cost of living crisis, water companies are trying to cover up their incompetence and failures, by passing the bill onto the people of Lancashire.
2. Ask her to ensure that no taxpayer funding is given to water companies who pollute our rivers and waterways, and that action is taken to prevent excess profits and shareholder dividends for these failing companies.