

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5th September, 2024 at 2.00 pm in
Committee Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston**

Present:

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

Cabinet Members

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

County Councillors Matthew Tomlinson and Jennifer Mein were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. C13(2).

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2024

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Angie Ridgwell, Chief Executive

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, the Leader of the County Council, on behalf of Cabinet, congratulated and thanked Angie Ridgwell, Chief Executive, who will be leaving the county council on 27 September 2024 to take up the position of Chief Executive of Hertfordshire County Council, for her service to the county council and

Lancashire over the past 6 and a half years. The comments were echoed by County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Leader of the Opposition on the council. Cabinet wished her all the best for the future in her new role.

4. Questions for Cabinet

There was one question for Cabinet.

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

5. Corporate Performance Report - 2024/25 Quarter 1

Cabinet considered a report providing the first overview of corporate performance for 2024/25. There were 42 key performance indicators established which would be monitored over the course of the year, with an additional key performance indicator on the proportion of key performance indicators on track to be delivered.

This report was set out to provide an overview of corporate performance to monitor the delivery of the four priorities of the corporate strategy:

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

The report also had an additional section on corporate health.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the report and the additional information set out in Appendices 'A' to 'D', the key performance indicators proposed for 2024/25 and the actions set out in Appendix 'C', be approved.

6. 2024/25 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring Report

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the county council's 2024/25 revenue and capital financial position, as at the end of June 2024. The Quarter 1 monitoring position contained assumptions relating to demand levels and savings delivery across a number of services, most particularly social care, which at this stage in the financial year were based on a number of assumptions based on costs, income to date and service knowledge.

It was noted that there were spending challenges across all council services as was common with many councils across the country. Whilst Lancashire remained in a relatively strong financial position, this was within a sector with declining financial sustainability that needed to be addressed at a national level. Some of the financial challenges the council currently faced were set out in the report, as well as some of the achievements and progress that had been made this year to date.

The forecast outturn position was £7.590m after implementing £20.76m of remedial actions and use of one-off funding. Directorates had been asked to complete further



remedial action plans to look to produce a balanced budget by the end of the financial year.

The capital delivery programme for 2024/25 was £187.095m following confirmation of slippage from 2023/24 in the outturn report to Cabinet in July 2024. The forecast expenditure was £186.322m giving an underspend of £0.773m (0.41%).

Resolved: That the current forecast overspend of £7.590m on the revenue budget in 2024/25, the next steps proposed for a balanced budget by year end, and the current forecast of capital expenditure £186.322m for 2024/25, be noted.

7. Procurement Report

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

- i. Renewal of ServiceNow Licenses;
- ii. Acceptance and Disposal of Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating containing Persistent Organic Pollutants services;
- iii. Agency Staff Neutral Vendor Managed Service and Workforce Solutions;
- iv. Responsive Minor Adaptations; and
- v. Traditional Road Surfacing and Associated Services.

It was noted that Appendix 'B' of the report contained financial details concerning fees for the Agency Staff Neutral Vendor Managed Service and was therefore in Part II and appeared at Item No. 19 on the agenda.

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

- i. Renewal of ServiceNow Licenses;
- ii. Acceptance and Disposal of Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating containing Persistent Organic Pollutants services;
- iii. Agency Staff Neutral Vendor Managed Service and Workforce Solutions;
- iv. Responsive Minor Adaptations; and
- v. Traditional Road Surfacing and Associated Services.

8. Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System Dementia Strategy 2024-29

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System Dementia Strategy 2024-29. It was noted that a new Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System Dementia Strategy 2024-29 had been developed, following extensive engagement with partners in health and social care, hospices, the voluntary sector, and with those with lived experience and their carers in Lancashire and South Cumbria. The Dementia Strategy identified five key priorities for the Integrated Care System to focus on over the next five years, to be delivered through five sub-groups which ensure broad and inclusive representation.



Resolved: That the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System Dementia Strategy 2024-29, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

9. Lancashire Child and Youth Justice Plan 2024-25

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire Child and Youth Justice Plan for 2024-25.

Resolved: That Full Council be asked to approve the Lancashire Child and Youth Justice Plan 2024-25, as set out at Appendix 'B' of the report, in accordance with the county council's constitution.

10. Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan for 2024-2028. The Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028 sets out the county council's vision and priorities to ensure that children and young people were safe, healthy, happy, develop skills for life and were active citizens who felt that they had a voice and influence.

Resolved: That Full Council be asked to approve the Lancashire Children and Young People's Plan 2024-2028, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, in accordance with the county council's constitution.

11. Provision of Additional Primary School Places - Proposal to Expand Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to expand Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School. It was noted that current pupil projections indicated there would be a shortfall of primary school places in the Goosnargh and Grimsargh planning area in Preston, and the adjoining planning area of Longridge in Ribble Valley from 2025/26.

To address the increased demand in those two areas, the report sought approval to commence a public consultation in relation to a proposal to expand Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School, increasing the school's published admission number from 30 to 60, which would gradually increase the capacity of the school from 210 to 420 places.

Resolved: That a public consultation be undertaken on the proposal to permanently expand Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School, to increase the Published Admission Number from 30 to 60 from September 2026 with an initial temporary expansion proposed from September 2025.

12. SEND Sufficiency Strategy Implementation - Provision of Special Educational Needs Units in Mainstream Schools

Cabinet considered a report which detailed the results of the formal consultations to create Special Educational Needs Units at Carnforth Community Primary School, North Road, Carnforth; Clayton Brook Primary School, Great Greens Lane, Clayton



Brook, Bamber Bridge, Preston; and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, Cedar Road, Chorley.

Resolved: That, following consideration of the results of the formal consultations following the publication of the statutory proposal, the following be approved:

- i. The creation of Special Educational Needs Units within Carnforth Community Primary School, Clayton Brook Primary School and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School; and
- ii. The funding for building alterations/adaptations and/or acquisition of resources or necessary expenditure.

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

Resolved: That the three urgent decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council, and the relevant Cabinet Members, since the last meeting of Cabinet, be noted.

14. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business.

15. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday, 3 October 2024 at County Hall, Preston.

16. Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

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

17. Exclusion of Press and Public

It was noted that the Part II item listed on the agenda related to an appendix for a report already discussed in Part I on the agenda. There being no questions to be raised on the appendix, it was agreed that the meeting remain in Part I.

Resolved: That the meeting remain in Part I, open to press and public.

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive

County Hall
Preston



Questions to Cabinet

Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on 5 September 2024

1.	Questioner: County Councillor Sue Whittam	Respondent: County Councillor Jayne Rear
	<p>Item 11 - Provision of Additional Primary School Places - Proposal to Expand Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School</p> <p>As the local County Councillor for Goosnargh I welcome the expansion of Goosnargh Oliversons Church of England Primary School. Due to the number of homes being built in North West Preston, I am aware of the significant demand for local school places. Can the Cabinet Member advise what else is being done to help parents obtain local school places, particularly for those moving into the area and require places in not just the reception classes but in the years above.</p>	<p>Thank you for your question, Cllr Whittam.</p> <p>I am aware of the pressures on school places particularly in North West Preston. This is due mainly to the huge number of new homes that have been built in that area. We work closely with existing schools to offer parents a good choice of school places in the area.</p> <p>Our School Place Delivery Programme provides oversight regarding how the council mitigates identified shortfall of school places to ensure it meets its statutory duty in relation to the sufficiency of educational capacity across Lancashire. The School Place Delivery Programme for 2023-2025 identified the need to commission two new primary schools and a secondary school to meet demand in Goosnargh, Grimsargh and Longridge and Preston North/Rural in forthcoming years</p> <p>To ensure that the community infrastructure is not destabilised, these schools will be brought forward through a phased delivery programme. At this time, the council are seeking permission to</p>



		<p>consult on the expansion at Goosnargh Oliverson's Church of England Primary School, which is an interim measure to support the right number of places, in the right area at the right time to meet the expected demand coming forward from September 2025.</p> <p>A full updated programme with further detail will be presented at Cabinet in October 2024. This will provide further detailed information and reassurance for you as the local County Councillor for the area.</p>
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