

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 12th March, 2020 at 2.00 pm in Cabinet Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE Leader of the Council
(in the Chair)

Cabinet Members

County Councillor Keith Iddon
County Councillor Phillippa Williamson
County Councillor Peter Buckley
County Councillor Graham Gooch
County Councillor Shaun Turner

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Albert Atkinson and Michael Green.

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

County Councillor Peter Buckley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12a 'M55 Heyhouses Link Road' on the grounds that his wife was an elected member of Fylde Borough Council.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 February 2020**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2020 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. **Proposed 2020/21 Highway Maintenance, Road Safety, Cycling Safety and Public Rights of Way New Starts Capital Programmes**

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for the apportionment of Department for Transport capital grant funding for highway maintenance and transport in 2020/21 and of a number of detailed programmes of work relating to this funding as set out at Appendices 'D' to 'L'.

Resolved: That:

- i The proposed apportionment of the anticipated 2020/21 Department for Transport Highway Maintenance funding as detailed at Appendices 'A' and 'B' be approved.
- ii The proposed apportionment of the anticipated 2020/21 Integrated Transport Programme at Appendix 'C' be approved.
- iii The proposed 2020/21 New Start Highway Maintenance programmes set out as projects at Appendices 'D' to 'I' be approved.
- iv The proposed 2020/21 New Start Road Safety, Cycling Safety and Public Rights of Way programmes as set out at Appendices 'J' to 'L' be approved.

5. Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Burnley, Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and Wyre) (Revocation, Amendment, And Various Parking Restrictions March (No1)) Order 201

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals to make a Traffic Regulation Order to address anomalies in parking restrictions and to clarify, simplify and tidy up a number of discrepancies identified in the Preston and Wyre districts, and which proposed new restrictions in the districts of Burnley, Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and Wyre to improve safety on the highway for all users and also provide some amenity parking.

Resolved: That:

- i The proposals for parking restrictions on the various lengths of road within the Burnley, Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and Wyre districts, as detailed within this report and as set out in Appendices 'A' - 'K' including the draft proposed order, statement of reasons and plan be considered.
- ii The proposed Traffic Regulation Order for parking restrictions on various lengths of road within Burnley, Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston, Rossendale, South Ribble and Wyre districts at Appendix 'A-2' be approved.

6. Toucan Crossing and Shared Use Cycleway, A6 Bolton Road, Chorley

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals to remove footway and provide a cycle track with right of way on foot along three lengths of A6 Bolton Road, Chorley, together with proposals for a Toucan crossing required in conjunction with the cycle tracks.

In considering this report, it was noted that consultation and formal advertising of the proposals had been undertaken with a number of objections received.

Resolved: That the proposed removal of footway and construction of cycle tracks with right of way on foot and a Toucan Crossing facility as shown in Appendix 'A' be approved.

7. The Treatment of Residual Waste from 2025

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to procure a 15 year contract for the thermal treatment of Lancashire's residual waste from 2025, providing a better environmental solution for the county and potentially reducing costs.

Resolved: That:

- i The procurement of a contract for the treatment of residual waste in Lancashire from 2025 on the basis outlined in the report be approved.
- ii The Head of Service for Waste, in liaison with Procurement and Legal services, be authorised to make any appropriate amendments to the proposed contract during the procurement process to ensure that the council achieves the best financial and environmental outcome from the procurement exercise insofar that the basic principles of what is to be procured as outlined in the report are not significantly changed.
- iii The Chief Executive and Director of Resources be requested to arrange for county councillors to be provided with 'bite size' briefings on the subject matter as appropriate.

8. Implementation of the Lancashire and Blackpool Regional Adoption Agency

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals to form a regional adoption agency by April 2020 in line with Government requirements.

Resolved: That the merger of Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Council's Adoption Services to form the Lancashire and Blackpool Regional Adoption Agency, with Lancashire acting as the Host Authority, be approved.

9. Review and Redesign of Lancashire's Short Break Offer for Children and Young People with Disabilities

Cabinet considered an update on the review of Lancashire's Short Break offer following the decision taken by Cabinet on 8 August 2019. The report set out a number of recommendations in relation to the delivery of a redesigned Short Break Offer that would enable the county council to fulfil its statutory responsibilities in relation to the sufficiency of provision of short breaks for children and young people with disabilities, and their parents and carers.

Resolved: That:

- i The outcomes of the review of the full short breaks offer in Lancashire be noted.
- ii The proposed changes to the model and arrangements for short breaks in Lancashire: Break-time, Day-time and Night-time (overnight) that are set out in the report, be agreed.
- iii The proposed changes to the eligibility criteria for Lancashire: Break-time, Day-time and Night-time short breaks that are set out in the report, to approve funding of £765,000 from reserves in 2020/21 and to be built into the Medium Term Financial Strategy from 2021/22 be agreed.
- iv Approve a consultation on the proposed changes which will be the subject of a further report to Cabinet in due course.

10. Consultation regarding the Future of Individual Service Funds in Lancashire

Cabinet considered a report on a consultation regarding the future of Individual Service Funds in Lancashire.

Resolved: That approval be given to consultation taking place on the draft Individual Service Fund policy, set out at Appendix 'A', to inform the final Individual Service Fund policy and procedures which will be brought back to Cabinet for a final decision in due course.

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

No urgent decisions had been taken by the Leader of the County Council since the last meeting of Cabinet.

12. Urgent Business

An item of Urgent Business was presented and it was noted that the item would require consideration in Part II (see minute 12a below).

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 9 April 2020 at County Hall, Preston.

14. 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.

15. Exclusion of Press and Public

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

16. Lancashire Urban Development Fund - Additional Resources

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for additional resources for the Lancashire Urban Development Fund.

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

17. Capital Strategy for Schools – Condition Led Capital Investment Programme, 2020/21

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for the allocation of schools capital funding.

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

18. Public Health - Health Care Services

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for the future commissioning of public health care services.

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

12(a) M55 Heyhouses link Road

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals in respect of the M55 Heyhouses Link Road.

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

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive and
Director of Resources

County Hall
Preston