

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on Thursday, 4th March, 2021 at 2.00 pm in Microsoft Teams

Present:

County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE

Leader of the Council
(in the Chair)

Cabinet Members

County Councillor Keith Iddon
County Councillor Albert Atkinson
County Councillor Michael Green
County Councillor Philippa Williamson
County Councillor Peter Buckley
County Councillor Graham Gooch
County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillor Azhar Ali OBE and County Councillor John Fillis were also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. C14(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 4 February 2021

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Proposed 2021/22 Highway Maintenance and Transport New Starts Capital Programmes

Cabinet considered a report that sought approval for an addition to the Department for Transport's grant funding allocations for Highway Maintenance and Integrated Transport, together with the additional capital funding allocations that were approved by Full Council on 11 February 2021, to the relevant blocks of the capital programme. The report also recommended the proposed apportionment of this funding and also requested approval of a number of detailed programmes of work relating to this funding set out at Appendices 'D' to 'J'.

In presenting the report, the Deputy Leader emphasised that recommendation (vi) was for flood alleviation works that would be brought forward and aimed to prevent future flooding to properties and highways. Additionally, it was emphasised that recommendation (vii) was to encourage active travelling and was to be used to improve existing walking and cycling networks in Lancashire.

Resolved: That;

- i. The addition of the Department for Transport Highway Maintenance funding of £28.811 million, Integrated Transport funding of £6.101 million and additional capital funding approved by Full Council on 11 February 2021 to the appropriate Highway and Transport Blocks of the Capital Programme, be approved;
- ii. Subject to approval at (i) above, the proposed apportionment of the 2021/22 Department for Transport Highway Maintenance funding and the additional capital funding approved by Full Council on 11 February 2021 as detailed in the report and at Appendices 'A' and 'B', be approved and additionally the proposed apportionment of the 2021/22 Department for Transport Integrated Transport Funding at Appendix 'C', be approved;
- iii. Subject to such approval of apportionments in (ii) –
- iv. The proposed 2021/22 New Starts Highway Maintenance programmes set out as projects at Appendices 'D' to 'I' be approved;
- v. Approval be given to the proposed drainage allocation of £1 million being split equally as described in the report and drawn down as required to allow flexibility to address emerging issues;
- vi. Approval be given to £1.5 million of the £5 million additional funding approved by Full Council for flood defence being allocated to highway flood alleviation works aimed at preventing future flooding to property and highways and that this funding be drawn down as required to allow flexibility to address emerging issues.
- vii. Approval be given to £1 million of the £2 million additional funding approved by Full Council for walking and cycling being used to improve existing walking and cycling networks and that funding be drawn down as required to allow flexibility to address emerging issues;
- viii. The proposed 2021/22 New Starts Public Rights of Way programme set out at Appendix 'J' be approved; and
- ix. Approval be given to the further programmes/projects identified in the report being developed and presented for approval at a future date.

5. Developing Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Cabinet considered a report that set out the responses to the formal consultations for four proposals that supported delivery of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy, following original approval by Cabinet on 1 October 2020.

It was noted that the financial implications of the report were set out in Appendix 'E' of the report and were listed at item 15 in the "Part II" section of the agenda.

Resolved: That;

- i. After consideration, the results of the formal consultations, following the publication of statutory proposals, and the prescribed alterations to Barrowford Primary School and St Leonard's Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School, in order to establish a special educational needs unit within each of these schools be approved;
- ii. After consideration, the results of formal consultations following the publication of statutory proposals, and the prescribed alterations that will permit the expansion and relocation of Broadfield Specialist School and the expansion of Sir Tom Finney Community High School be approved;
- iii. Subject to (ii) above, the installation of two temporary classrooms on the current site of Broadfield Specialist School, in order to ensure sufficiency of specialist provision prior to the relocation and expansion of the school be approved; and
- iv. Cabinet considered and noted the implementation and review of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy.

6. Provision of Secondary School Places in Burnley

Cabinet considered a report to increase secondary school places in Burnley for admission in the 2021/22 academic year, due to the closure of Hameldon Community College.

It was noted that the financial implications of the report were set out in Appendix 'A' of the report and were listed at item 16 in the "Part II" section of the agenda.

Resolved: That;

- i. A temporary increase, for one year only, in the admission number of Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic College School from 250 to 280 places and Burnley High School from 120 to 130 places, be approved; and
- ii. The capital expenditure detailed in Appendix 'A' of the report to deliver an ICT room refurbishment and ICT equipment provision for Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic College and the delivery of internal works at Burnley High School to provide additional classrooms and enclose open plan classrooms to facilitate an increased admission number for 2021, be approved.

7. Review of Accommodation at Burnley Campus – Phase One

Cabinet considered a report detailing the review of phase one of the Burnley Campus. It was noted that phase one of the review set out a reconfiguration of accommodation in order to meet the strategic requirements as set out in the report, following the closure of Thomas Whitham Sixth Form.

It was noted that the financial implications of the report were set out in Appendix 'A' of the report and were listed at item 17 in the "Part II" section of the agenda.

Resolved: That;

- i. The review of Burnley Campus, Phase 1 be approved;
- ii. The relocation of Reedley Hallows Nursery and Reedley Hallows Children and Family Wellbeing Service to part of the former Thomas Whitham accommodation, be approved;

- iii. The provision of additional places, for one year only in 2021, at Barden Primary School, through the addition of one classroom to the school be approved;
- iv. The provision of a Special Educational Needs unit for Barden Primary School, located within the former Thomas Whitham accommodation be approved;
- v. The provision of additional accommodation for Holly Grove Special School, increasing the building capacity by using the vacated Reedley Hallows nursery accommodation allowing the number of pupils to be increased in the future via a further Cabinet report be approved; and
- vi. The capital expenditure detailed in Appendix 'A' of the report to deliver phase 1, be approved.

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

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the public consultation of Lancashire's Short Break offer, following the Cabinet decision on 12 March 2020.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to add an additional recommendation which was that Cabinet should receive quarterly progress reports on the implementation of the re-designed Short Break Offer.

Resolved: That;

- i. The recommendations outlined in the report relating to the proposals for arrangements for short breaks in Lancashire: Break Time, Day Time and Night Time, be approved;
- ii. The commencement of commissioning activity in relation to Break Time with the new Break Time short break offer to go live on 1 April 2022, be approved;
- iii. Additional funding proposals of £409,000 for the new Break Time offer from April 2022, be approved;
- iv. The recommissioning of Day Time and Night Time short breaks with the new contracts for these services starting in 2021 be approved; and
- v. Cabinet receives quarterly progress reports on the implementation of the re-designed Short Break Offer.

9. A New Environment and Climate Programme for Lancashire County Council

Cabinet considered a report setting out proposals for a new programme of environmental improvement and carbon reduction for the county council.

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

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

Resolved: That the urgent decision taken by the Leader of the County Council, since the last meeting of Cabinet, be noted.

11. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business.

12. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 1 April 2021 as a virtual meeting.

13. 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.

14. 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 item of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated against the heading to the item.

15. Appendix E of Item 5 - Developing Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

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.

Resolved: That, Appendix E of Item 5 - Developing Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, be noted.

16. Appendix A of Item 6 - Provision of Secondary School Places in Burnley

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Resolved: That, Appendix A of Item 6 - Provision of Secondary School Places in Burnley, be noted.

17. Appendix A of Item 7 - Review of Accommodation at Burnley Campus - Phase One

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Resolved: That, Appendix A of Item 7 - Review of Accommodation at Burnley Campus - Phase One, be noted.

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