

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 8th July, 2021 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 'A' - The Tudor 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 Charles Edwards
County Councillor Graham Gooch
County Councillor Michael Green
County Councillor Jayne Rear
County Councillor Aidy Riggott
County Councillor Cosima Towneley
County Councillor Shaun Turner

County Councillor Azhar Ali was also in attendance under the provisions of Standing Order No. C14(2).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Lorraine Beavers.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 June 2021

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Procurement Report

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

- i. Essential Household Goods Support Scheme;
- ii. Recovery Infrastructure Organisation (alcohol, drugs, and complex needs peer support); and
- iii. Provision of Enforcement Agency Services for the collection of unpaid Penalty Charge Notices.

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

- i. Essential Household Goods Support Scheme;
- ii. Recovery Infrastructure Organisation (alcohol, drugs, and complex needs peer support); and
- iii. Provision of Enforcement Agency Services for the collection of unpaid Penalty Charge Notices.

5. Levelling Up Fund - Proposed Submission

Cabinet considered a report on the Levelling Up Fund. The Levelling Up Fund was a £4.8 billion competitive capital fund that was announced by the Government as part of the National Infrastructure Strategy in the 2020 Spending Review.

The report detailed the submission criteria and sought approval to submit an application for Round 2 of the submission process.

Resolved: That;

- i. The submission criteria to apply to the Fund be noted;
- ii. Approval be given for development funding to cover design and business case-making costs in 2021/22;
- iii. Approval be given to underwrite a capital contribution to be made as local match funding to support a funding bid, estimated at up to £5 million;
- iv. Subject to approval of (ii) and (iii) above, approval also be given for a funding application to be prepared for submission in Round 2 of the process, that was expected to be announced between November 2021 and March 2022 based on a local match funding contribution estimated at up to £5 million; and
- v. Approval be given that the priorities of inward investment, jobs, skills and tackling health inequalities, underpinned by local transport and access interventions, be the focus of the county council's bid to the Fund.

6. Recommendation of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund Joint Advisory Committee

Cabinet considered a report setting out the recommendations of the Edward Stocks Massey Bequest Fund.

Resolved: That;

- i. The allocation of funds as recommended by the Joint Advisory Committee at its meeting on 22 June 2021, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved;
- ii. The provisional award of £950 to part fund Holly Grove School for the Roots and Leaves project subject to the Joint Advisory Committee being satisfied with the arrangements for the outstanding project costs, be approved; and
- iii. In respect of the Higher Education Student Scholarship Awards, the setup of the interview panel of the Joint Advisory Committee be approved and the committee be authorised to award the scholarships at its meeting on 17 December 2021.

7. Low Carbon Investment Projects

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for a programme of work and investment designed to properly understand and deliver carbon and cash savings across the buildings, assets and activities of the county council and the wider business community.

The investment package, worth £2.7m would include specialist research to identify energy savings options in council owned buildings, such as White Cross and Lancashire Business Parks, and the early implementation of low carbon technologies as exemplars at key development sites including the Lancashire Central and Samlesbury Enterprise Zone. This would include the installation of additional electric vehicle charging points at some of these locations.

Resolved: That;

- i. The overall package of £2.7m low carbon investment, that aims to commit the majority of funds within the 2021/22 financial year with a spend profile over up to three financial years be approved; and
- ii. The Executive Director of Growth, Environment and Transport, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, be authorised to approve projects which are within the individual project budgets and where prior options appraisal work has taken place to inform delivery.

8. Urgent Decisions taken by the Leader of the County Council and the relevant Cabinet Members

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

9. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business.

10. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 2 September 2021 at County Hall, Preston.

11. 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.

12. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and 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.

13. Appendix 'B' of Item 5 - Levelling Up Fund - Proposed Submission

Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The appendix 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 'B' of Item 5 - Levelling Up Fund - Proposed Submission, be noted.

14. Work to Operational Premises

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Cabinet considered a report outlining works to be undertaken on the county council's operational premises.

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

15. Proposal for a New Sporting Campus in Central Lancashire

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Cabinet received a report providing an update on the proposal for a New Sporting Campus in Central Lancashire.

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

Angie Ridgwell
Chief Executive and
Director of Resources

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