

# Lancashire County Council

## Cabinet

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 2nd December, 2021 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster 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 Michael Green  
County Councillor Jayne Rear  
County Councillor Aidy Riggott  
County Councillor Cosima Towneley  
County Councillor Shaun Turner  
County Councillor Mrs Sue Whittam

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

### 1. Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Sue Whittam attended on behalf of County Councillor Graham Gooch for this meeting.

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

None

### 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 November 2021

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

### 4. Questions for Cabinet

One question was asked by a county councillor at the meeting and one question was asked by a county councillor to receive a written response. The questions and responses are attached to the minutes.

## **5. Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2021/22**

Cabinet considered a report on the Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan which had been updated for 2021/22. The plan reflected the services in place, and the social care planning and response to the winter pressures.

It was noted that that the winter was anticipated to be more challenging than ever, and the plan included information about various actions being taken across the winter period.

In presenting the report, members expressed thanks to all the officers involved in producing the report.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2021/22, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved; and
- ii. Support be given to the ongoing work of Adult Social Care to ensure people who need social care support across the winter period, coupled with the continuing pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges across the care sector, get the right support for them at the right time.

## **6. Future of Wennington Hall School**

Cabinet considered a report on the future of Wennington Hall School and to consider the responses received to stage one of the consultation on the proposal to close the school.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The consultation arrangements that were undertaken and the responses that were received in respect of the authority's proposal, be noted; and
- ii. Approval be given for the council to publish a Statutory Notice of its proposal to close Wennington Hall School, with implementation commencing from 31 August 2022.

## **7. Lancashire Education Strategy 2022-2025**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the Lancashire Education Strategy 2022-2025.

It was noted that the Education Strategy was set out at Appendix 'A' of the report and set out the priorities in Lancashire for Education over the next three years.

**Resolved:** That, the following be approved;

- i. The Lancashire Education Strategy 2022-2025 and to support the priorities set out within it;
- ii. The implementation of the Team around the Schools and Settings model for school improvement; and
- iii. That an annual report on the Education Strategy be submitted to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

## **8. Proposal to Extend the Age Range at Ribblesdale High School, Clitheroe**

Cabinet considered a report proposing to extend the aged range of pupils at Ribblesdale High School, Clitheroe.

In presenting the report, it was noted that if a decision was not to be made within two months of the end of the representation period, then the proposal and any representations about the proposals would be passed to the schools' adjudicator for decision.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. Approval be given to extend the age range at Ribblesdale High School, Clitheroe to provide aged 4-16 places. This will be achieved by providing 210 primary places on the neighbouring Higher Standen Farm site in a new building, commencing with an intake of 30 reception pupils for September 2023; and
- ii. Approval be given for an appropriate statutory decision letter to be sent out, as specified under legal requirements, to give the reasons for the decision to those who are to be informed of them.

## **9. School Place Provision Strategy 2022 to 2025**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the School Place Provision Strategy for 2022 to 2025.

**Resolved:** That, after consideration of the priorities for improvement and areas for action referred in the draft School Place Provision Strategy 2022-25, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, the adoption of the School Place Provision Strategy 2022-25 be approved.

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

It was noted that no urgent decisions have been taken on behalf of Cabinet since the last meeting.

## **11. Urgent Business**

It was noted that there was one item of urgent business in relation to the revised Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **11(a) Health and Wellbeing Board Revised Terms of Reference**

Cabinet considered a report on the revised Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board. It was agreed to accept the report as an urgent item in order to ensure that the changes requested could be considered by Full Council intime for implementation in January.

In presenting the report, it was noted that to ensure the Health and Wellbeing Board remained focussed and effective in tackling health inequalities in Lancashire, it was proposed to reduce the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board to the statutory

members plus two additional councillors and four representatives from the district councils, three councillors and a District Chief Executive. The full list of the proposed membership was set out at Appendix 'A' of the report.

**Resolved:** That, Full Council be recommended to consider and approve the proposed changes to the membership of Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday 20 January 2021 at County Hall, Preston.

## **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 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.

## **15. Former Skerton High School Site, Lancaster**

Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and 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 on the site of the former Skerton High School in Lancaster.

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

## **16. Adult Social Care - Procurement of Consultancy Support Specialist**

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 on the procurement of a Consultancy Support Specialist for Adult Social Care.

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

## **17. New Sporting Campus in Central Lancashire**

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 that provided an update on the 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

County Hall  
Preston