

## Questions to Cabinet

Responses for the Cabinet Meeting on 8 June 2023

1.	Questioner: County Councillor Sue Whittam	Respondent: County Councillor Jayne Rear
	<p><b>Item 14 - School Place Planning Delivery Programme 2023-25: Update</b></p> <p>The report on school planning includes a consultation on the much needed new primary school on the Whittingham hospital site and also the expansion at Cottam Primary School which is equally needed in North West Preston. Does the Cabinet Member share with me the view that it is important that school places are provided as soon as practicable and also to be as local as possible?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question, I am pleased to have the opportunity to respond to it.</p> <p>As strategic commissioner of education provision in Lancashire, our School Place Provision Strategy 2022/25 sets out our ambition to provide good access, quality and outcomes in education with the aim to provide 'the right number of school places, in the right areas, at the right time to meet need'.</p> <p>Our delivery plan for 2023/25 sets out how we intend to achieve this ambition and in doing so we continue to work in collaboration with our schools, academy trusts and dioceses across the education partnership to identify opportunities for expansion, confirm plans and arrangements and so deliver those additional places which are needed in our communities. I am grateful to those partners who have been able to agree to work with us on these projects.</p>



		This most recent report sets out progress and next steps in making the delivery plan a reality and there will continue to be further reports to Cabinet on this important area of business.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Questioner: County Councillor Dr Erica lewis</b>	<b>Respondent: County Councillor Graham Gooch</b>
	<p><b>Item 11 - Lancashire Accommodation with Support Plan</b></p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member please advise why no formal consultation has taken place on this strategy?</p>	<p>The housing and accommodation needs assessment and support plan builds on the existing Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018-2025 which was approved by cabinet in September 2028. The Strategy outlined the county council's proposals in relation to the development of Housing with Care and Support for older adults and younger adults with disabilities and cabinet was asked at that time to resolve that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the draft Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018 – 2025, as set out in the report, be endorsed.</li> <li>ii. the undertaking of consultation with key partners on the draft strategy be approved.</li> <li>iii. the Executive Director of Adult Services and Health &amp; Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, be authorised to make any necessary amendments to the Strategy at the conclusion of the consultation.</li> </ul> <p>Following the above approval the strategy was discussed and shared with a number of partner agencies including the NHS and districts who are represented along with some housing</p>



		<p>providers on the steering group that was established to oversee the implementation of the strategy.</p> <p>The county council recognises that it is not the planning authority but holds key information critical to the approval of housing developments and future design and planning and is keen to use this intelligence to inform future plans. It has with the support of its partners involved a sector specialist to evaluate current and future requirements in consultation primarily with district councils to formulate the document before cabinet today.</p> <p>The housing support needs assessment provides in depth assessment of the needs of our residents across Lancashire which will help to inform future developments. District Councils have been involved and engaged in this work through the Housing with Care and Support Steering Group, which is chaired by CEO of West Lancaster District Council. Responsibilities for planning and consultation on housing developments sits with district and county council will support this process.</p> <p>We expect consultation will follow where that is necessary and /or applicable to particular developments. The county council will continue to engage and involve existing and potential future residents of developments such as the successful apartment schemes for adults with learning disabilities, to deliver the most</p>
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		suitable solutions and is pleased to have this user insight /perspective also represented on the steering group.
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