

Lancashire County Council

Cabinet

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 5th October, 2023 at 2.00 pm in
Committee Room 'B' - The Diamond Jubilee 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 Graham Gooch
County Councillor Michael Green
County Councillor Jayne Rear
County Councillor Aidy Riggott
County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick
County Councillor Cosima Towneley
County Councillor Shaun Turner

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**

There were no apologies.

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

None.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 September 2023**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. **Questions for Cabinet**

There were no questions received.



5. Money Matters 2023/24 Position - Quarter 1

Cabinet considered a report that provided an update on the county council's 2023/24 revenue and capital financial position, as at the end of June 2023.

The Quarter 1 monitoring position contained assumptions relating to demand levels across a number of services such as social care and waste management, which at this stage in the financial year were difficult to predict.

It was noted that whilst an overspend was forecasted across the revenue budget, activity was ongoing to find offsetting reductions to achieve a balanced final outturn position.

Resolved: That, the following be noted:

- i. The current forecast overspend of £7.629m on the revenue budget in 2023/24; and
- ii. The revised 2023/24 capital programme of £153.796m.

6. Procurement Report

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

- i. Provision of waste wood collection, transportation and treatment services;
- ii. Provision of Bikeability Training in Lancashire; and
- iii. Provision of Tier 4 Substance Misuse Services.

Resolved: That the commencement of procurement exercise for the following be approved:

- i. Provision of waste wood collection, transportation and treatment services;
- ii. Provision of Bikeability Training in Lancashire; and
- iii. Provision of Tier 4 Substance Misuse Services.

7. Proposed Puffin Crossing and 40mph and Derestricted Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Orders, Holm Road / A59 Whalley Clitheroe Bypass, Barrow

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to install a puffin crossing and reduce the speed limit along an associated section of the A59 Whalley Clitheroe Bypass in Barrow. It was noted that the proposals would be externally funded by a developer and were necessary to support a planning condition imposed on this development. The report also detailed objections raised to the proposed traffic regulation orders and it was noted that the works would be funded through a Section 278 Highways Act (1980) Agreement by the developer.

Resolved: That the making of the proposed traffic regulation orders associated with the scheme as set out in the report, be approved.



8. Various Parking Restrictions Burnley, Chorley, Hyndburn, Lancaster, Pendle, Preston, Ribble Valley, Rossendale, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre Areas 2023 No1 Order 202*

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce various parking restrictions in Burnley, Chorley, Hyndburn, Lancaster, Pendle, Preston, Ribble Valley, Rossendale, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Wyre.

Resolved: That the proposals for new and existing restrictions on the various lengths of road as detailed within the report and as set out in the Draft Order at Appendix 'A1' of the report, for the reasons outlined in the Statement of Reasons at Appendix 'M' of the report, be approved.

9. Technology Enabled Care Policy

Cabinet considered a report setting out the new Technology Enabled Care Policy.

It was noted that the new policy outlined how technology would support and enable adults and children to prevent and delay the need for formal care. The Technology Enabled Care Policy followed on from Cabinet's approval of the Changes to the Telecare Services report in September 2022 which recommended that, with effect from 3 April 2023, a three tier, non-means tested, charging structure be introduced.

The Technology Enabled Care Policy also supported Lancashire County Council's draft 'Going Digital – A Technology Enabled Care Strategy for 2026' which was currently being developed.

Resolved: That the draft Technology Enabled Care Policy as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

10. Healthy Weight Services

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to work collaboratively with district councils in delivering a whole system approach to obesity. It was noted the report included the future delivery of healthy weight services and the development of collaboration agreements with each of the 12 district councils in Lancashire from 1 April 2024 for a minimum of 5 years with the right to extend the agreements for up to a further 3 years.

Resolved: That

- i. The establishment and development of collaboration agreements for the delivery of healthy weight services with all 12 district councils and, if necessary, to enter a procurement exercise post 1 January 2024 in respect of any districts where agreement had not been reached on a formal collaboration, be approved; and
- ii. The Director of Public Health be authorised to approve the collaboration agreements and, in conjunction with the Head of Service - Procurement, to determine the lotting of the remaining districts if procurement was needed.



11. 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.

12. Urgent Business

There were no items of Urgent Business in Part I of the Agenda.

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Cabinet would be held at 2pm on Thursday, 2 November 2023 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 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.

16. Urgent Business

There was one item of Urgent Business to be considered in relation to a Land Disposal in Chorley.

16(a) Chorley - Land Disposal

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

Cabinet considered a report on a Land Disposal in Chorley.

The reason for urgency was due to the complex negotiations over the site which had only just concluded, and the need to complete the transfer of the site as soon as possible.

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



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