

## Meeting of the Cabinet (7 March 2024)

**Chair:** County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

### Part I (Open to Press and Public)

#### Corporate Performance Report - 2023/24 Quarter 3

Cabinet considered a report providing an overview of the performance of forty three Key Performance Indicators as well as corporate risks and opportunities to enable monitoring against the four priorities of the corporate strategy:

- Delivering better services
- Protecting our environment
- Supporting economic growth
- Caring for the vulnerable

**Resolved:** That, following consideration of the report and the additional information set out in Appendices 'A' to 'C', the report be noted.

#### Procurement Report

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

- i. Dynamic Purchasing System for the supply of asphalt, aggregates and concrete;
- ii. Spray injection patching;
- iii. IT Reseller Agreement; and
- iv. Collection and delivery of letters and parcels

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

- i. Dynamic Purchasing System for the supply of asphalt, aggregates and concrete;
- ii. Spray injection patching;
- iii. IT Reseller Agreement; and
- iv. Collection and delivery of letters and parcels



## **Lancashire County Council (Access Road and Lytham Road, Freckleton, Fylde Borough) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 202\***

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to withdraw the proposal to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting on Lytham Road, following consideration of the objections from the residents and local councillors.

**Resolved:** That the withdrawal of the proposal to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting on Lytham Road, Freckleton, be approved.

## **Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Lytham St Annes, Fylde Borough) (Motor Caravan Restricted Waiting, Bus Only Limited Waiting and Various Parking Restrictions) Order 202\***

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a Restriction of Motor Caravan Parking from 6pm to 8am. The report further proposed to make amendments to the current time limit parking along the promenade and introduced a dedicated Bus drop off/pick up Bay to accommodate visiting coach parking along with No Waiting and No Loading restrictions to address potential road safety issues.

**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 'C' of the report, for the reasons outlined in the Statement of Reasons at Appendix 'G' of the report, be approved.

## **Proposed 2024/25 Highways New Start Capital Programmes**

Cabinet considered a report that recommended approval of the addition of the Department for Transport's 2024/25 grant funding allocation for Highway Maintenance, which was £28.811million, and the further additional funding of £3.661million to the highway block of the capital programme once confirmed. The report also recommended the proposed apportionment of the assumed level of funding as set out at Appendices 'A' and 'B' of the report.

The report further requested approval of detailed programmes of work relating to the funding as set out at Appendices 'C' to 'H' of the report.

**Resolved:** That

- i. Approval be given for the Department for Transport 2024/25 Highway Maintenance funding grant, once confirmed, to be added to the Highway Block of the Capital Programme;
- ii. Approval be given for the Department for Transport Network North additional funding for 2024/25 to be added to the Highway Block of the Capital Programme;
- iii. Approval be given for the proposed apportionment of the 2024/25 Department for Transport Highway Maintenance funding of £28.811million, and the additional £3.661million, as detailed in the report and at Appendices 'A' and 'B' of the report;



- iv. Approval be given for the proposed 2024/25 New Starts Highway Maintenance programmes as set out as projects at Appendices 'C' to 'H' of the report; and
- v. The Director of Strategy & Performance be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to approve the Localised Deterioration Fund schemes for 2024/25.

### **Revision of Foster Care Allowances 2024/25**

Cabinet considered a report that proposed the increase of Foster Care Allowance rates for 2024/25, in line with National Minimum Standards.

**Resolved:** That the increase in the current scale of Foster Care Allowances as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

### **A582 South Ribble Western Distributor Submission to the Major Road Network Funding Programme**

Cabinet considered a report that set out the latest updates on the A582 South Ribble Western Distributor scheme and sought approval for the submission of an outline business case to the Department for Transport for a focussed scheme and associated funding arrangements.

**Resolved:** That

- i. The submission of an outline business case for funding to the Department for Transport for a 'focused scheme' of improvements to the A582 South Ribble Western Distributor be approved, and the Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Health be authorised, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth, to approve the final content of the submission; and
- ii. Approval be given to incur expenditure up to £19 million towards development of highway infrastructure on this network as a commitment to fund the local contribution towards these improvements along with any subsequent cost increase above the level of grant agreed by the Department for Transport, this being subject to the Council's decision to proceed to full business case and its approval by the Department for Transport to release the requisite government funding.

### **Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2023/24**

Cabinet considered a report that set out the annual report of the Director of Public Health.

**Resolved:** That, following consideration of the report, the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for 2023/24, be noted.



## **Part II (Not Open to Press and Public) – Urgent Business**

### **Samlesbury Enterprise Zone (Report A)**

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 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 Samlesbury Enterprise Zone.

It was noted that the reason for urgency was due to ongoing discussions with the Government in relation to the scheme and to be able to meet the Government timescales.

**Resolved:** That

- i. The recommendations, as set out in the report, be approved; and
- ii. The decision be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order C28(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the county council's responsibilities. The reason was due to ongoing discussions with the Government in relation to the scheme and to be able to meet the Government timescales.

### **Samlesbury Enterprise Zone (Report B)**

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 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 Samlesbury Enterprise Zone.

It was noted that the reason for urgency was due to ongoing discussions with the Government in relation to the scheme and to be able to meet the Government timescales.

**Resolved:** That

- i. The recommendations, as set out in the report, be approved; and
- ii. The decision be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order C28(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the county council's responsibilities. The reason was due to ongoing discussions with the Government in relation to the scheme and to be able to meet the Government timescales.



# Meeting of the Cabinet (11 April 2024)

**Chair:** County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

## Part I (Open to Press and Public)

### Procurement Report

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

- i. Electrical and mechanical consultancy;
- ii. Reactive and planned improvement works;
- iii. Real Time Passenger Information Bus Services and Traffic Light Priority System; and
- iv. Lancashire Domestic Abuse Support in Safe Accommodation and Outreach Services.

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

- i. Electrical and mechanical consultancy;
- ii. Reactive and planned improvement works;
- iii. Real Time Passenger Information Bus Services and Traffic Light Priority System; and
- iv. Lancashire Domestic Abuse Support in Safe Accommodation and Outreach Services.

### Household Support Fund

Cabinet considered a report on the Household Support Fund.

**Resolved:** That

- i. The proposed approach to the allocation of the Household Support Fund, as detailed in the report, be approved;
- ii. The Director of Public Health, Wellbeing and Communities be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader), to approve the final detail of the scheme, and any subsequent Household Support Fund schemes in line with the principles set out and relevant government guidance; and
- iii. The decision be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order C27(3) as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the county council's responsibilities. The reason for this was to expedite implementation of the decision as there was an expectation that the scheme



is implemented from 1 April 2024, providing support to some of the most vulnerable households in Lancashire.

### **Residential Children's Homes**

Cabinet considered a report that set out proposals to establish up to 15 new residential children's homes, comprising four 4 bed homes, eleven 2 bed homes and two solo crisis beds in an existing home, which would deliver up to 40 additional in-house residential children's home beds.

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

- i. The establishment of up to 15 new homes, comprising four 4 bed homes, eleven 2 bed homes and two solo crisis beds in an existing home, which would deliver up to 40 additional in-house residential children's home beds;
- ii. The capital funding as set out in Appendix 'A' of the report for acquisition and works for the 15 new homes and two solo crisis beds; and
- iii. The programme be subject to review by the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader) and the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, in conjunction with the Executive Director for Education and Children's Services and the S151 officer, after the delivery of the first 9 homes and two crisis beds (first 3 waves) to ensure that the approval is delivering benefits as expected.

### **Childcare Expansion Capital Grant**

Cabinet considered a report on the Childcare Expansion Capital Grant scheme

**Resolved:** That:

- i. The approach to how the capital funding will be allocated and spent, be approved;
- ii. The capital grant be agreed, and added to the capital programme and budget;
- iii. The revenue grant be agreed, and the method of allocation be approved; and
- iv. The Director of Education, Culture and Skills be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, to agree the criteria for the award of the grant to providers.

### **Blackpool Road, Kirkham - Shared Use Cycletrack**

Cabinet considered a report that recommended a shared use cycle track be constructed within existing highway extent and on land already owned or to be acquired by the county council north of Blackpool Road, Kirkham, to be constructed from the East side of the A585, to the West side of the A585, making use of some sections of the existing pathway which already runs through the St George's Park housing estate. It was noted that objections had been received from a number of residents.



**Resolved:** That, following a variation to the old Section 278 agreement and land acquisition from Kirkham Town Council, the construction of a shared use cycletrack within existing highway widths on Blackpool Road and the A585, Kirkham and on land already owned by the county council and further land acquired from the Kirkham Town Council along the route option 1 as shown in the report, from the A583, crossing under the A585 and exiting onto Ribby Road and the A583, be approved.

### **Lancaster Road, Preston - Quality Bus Stop and Clearway**

Cabinet considered a report on the installation of a quality bus stop and clearway on Lancaster Road, Preston, following consideration of various highway safety improvements. It was noted that an objection had been received.

**Resolved:** That the installation of a quality bus stop and clearway on Lancaster Road, Preston as shown on the plan at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

### **Proposal to Construct Bus Stop Clearways on the Stagecoach 125 Bus Route in the Area of the A6 and A673 Chorley to Horwich**

Cabinet considered a report that proposed to introduce bus stop clearways and associated traffic regulation orders as part of a works package to improve bus stop access along the Stagecoach 125 bus route between Chorley and Horwich, making stops Equality Act compliant and providing improvements for those with mobility impairments.

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

- i. The revocation of 4 bus stop clearways on Bolton Road and Chorley Road; and
- ii. The introduction of 13 bus stop clearways and associated works on Bolton Road and Chorley Road.

### **SEND Sufficiency Strategy Implementation - Provision of Special Educational Needs Units in Mainstream Schools and Special School Places**

Cabinet considered a report proposing an increase in the number of specialist school places available either through establishing Special Educational Needs Units attached to mainstream schools and/or to increase capacity in Lancashire special schools.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. Following consideration of the results of the formal consultation following the publication of the statutory proposal, approval be given for the creation of a Special Educational Needs Unit within Flakefleet Primary School, Fleetwood;
- ii. The funding for building alterations/adaptations and/or acquisition of resources or necessary expenditure for Flakefleet Primary School, Fleetwood, be approved;
- iii. The funding for building alterations/adaptations in the Special Educational Needs Unit at Chaucer Primary School, Fleetwood, be approved;



- iv. The funding for building alterations/adaptations in the Special Educational Needs Unit at Morecambe Bay Primary School, be approved;
- v. The additional funding for the completion of the works required to create additional capacity at The Loyne Specialist School, Lancaster and the revised additional funding for Mayfield Specialist School, Chorley, as tabled at the meeting, be approved;
- vi. The budget for the completion of the third phase of the expansion of Thornton Cleveleys Red Marsh School, be approved; and
- vii. The additional funding for the completion of Phase 2 of the works required to create additional capacity at West Lancashire Community High School, Skelmersdale, be approved.

### **School Place Planning Basic Need Update**

Cabinet considered a report that provided details on the outcome of the statutory consultation regarding a proposal to permanently expand Archbishop Temple Church of England High School, Preston, from September 2025, by increasing the school's Published Admission Number from 155 to 210.

**Resolved:** That, following consideration of the findings of the Archbishop Temple Church of England High School statutory consultation, the following be approved:

- i. The proposal to permanently expand Archbishop Temple Church of England High School, Preston by 55 places, to increase the Published Admission Number from 155 to 210 from September 2025; and
- ii. The capital allocation for the permanent expansion of Archbishop Temple Church of England High School, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report.

### **The Future of Pinfold Primary School, Scarisbrick**

Cabinet considered a report on the future of Pinfold Primary School, Scarisbrick.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. The proposal, as detailed in the Statutory Notice, to close Pinfold Primary School, Scarisbrick, with implementation commencing from 19 April 2024, be approved;
- ii. The proposal, as detailed in the Statutory Notice, to expand Kingsbury Primary School, Skelmersdale, onto a satellite on the site of Pinfold Primary School, creating up to 20 special school places commencing from 22 April 2024, be approved; and
- iii. That an appropriate statutory decision letter be sent out, as specified under legal requirements, to give reason for the decisions to those who are to be informed of them.





## **Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)**

### **Waiver of Procurement Rules - Tier 4 Residential Rehabilitation and Detoxification**

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Cabinet considered a report that requested a waiver of Procurement Rules in relation to the Tier 4 Residential Rehabilitation and Detoxification recovery and treatment system.

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



# Meeting of the Cabinet (9 May 2024)

**Chair:** County Councillor Phillippa Williamson

## Part I (Open to Press and Public)

### Procurement Report

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

- (i) Employee Screening Service

The report also recommended the extension of the Young People's Supported Accommodation Contracts for four months, to allow the procurement exercise and contract mobilisation to be satisfactorily completed.

#### **Resolved:** That

- i. The commencement of procurement exercises for the following be approved:
  - a. Employee Screening Service
- ii. The extension of the Young People's Supported Accommodation Contracts for four months, to allow the procurement exercise and contract mobilisation to be satisfactorily completed, be approved.

### **Lancashire Enterprise Partnership - Integration of Functions into the County Council**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for Lancashire County Council to assume those tasks and financial responsibilities detailed in the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' guidance on Local Enterprise Partnership integration into local democratic institutions, as an interim solution, to be reviewed once the planned Combined County Authority was established.

#### **Resolved:** That

- i. Lancashire County Council takes steps to provide the necessary interim hosting of all former Lancashire Enterprise Partnership functions in consultation with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and Blackpool Council; and
- ii. The Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Health and/or the Executive Director of Resources be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Growth, to



undertake all the residual functions of the former Lancashire Enterprise Partnership including management of continued investment activity through the Growing Places Fund.

### **Bus Service Improvement Plan Phase 3 Funding**

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to proceed with the spending plan for £7.025m Bus Service Improvement Plan Phase 3 funding from the Department for Transport, as approved by the Enhanced Partnership Executive Board on 26 February 2024.

**Resolved:** That the spending plan as approved by the Enhanced Partnership Executive Board, as set out in the report, be approved.

### **Lancashire Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans**

Cabinet considered a report outlining the requirements for the development of Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans and the subsequent development of seven Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan documents for Lancashire.

**Resolved:** That

- i. The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans as summarised in the Executive Summary at Appendix 'A', be approved; and
- ii. The Director of Environment and Planning be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to approve any minor changes of each of the seven plans prior to publication.

### **Integrated Transport Capital Funding 2024/25: Proposed Apportionment**

Cabinet considered a report requesting approval of the proposed 2024/25 Transport Programme, funded by the Department for Transport's Integrated Transport Grant totalling £6.101 million; together with approval that an allocation of £491,000, held as a contingency in the 2023/24 Transport programme, be added to and allocated as part of the 2024/25 programme. It was noted that this would create a total fund of £6.592 million in 2024/25.

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

- i. The Department for Transport 2024/25 Integrated Transport grant of £6.101 million be added to the Transport Block of the Capital Programme.
- ii. The allocation of £491,000, held as a contingency in the 2023/24 Transport programme, be added to and allocated as part of the 2024/25 programme, creating a total funding envelope of £6.592 million in 2024/25.
- iii. The proposed apportionment of the 2024/25 Department for Transport Integrated Transport Grant as detailed at Appendix 'A' of the report; and
- iv. The proposed 2024/25 New Starts Public Rights of Way programme at Appendix 'B' of the report.



## **Proposed Bus Lane, New Hall Lane, Preston**

Cabinet considered a report proposing the introduction of a dedicated bus lane to improve journey times and reliability of bus services travelling southwest bound on New Hall Lane, as part of the Bus Service Improvement Plan.

**Resolved:** That the proposed creation of a 406m long bus only lane, with exception for cycles, as set out in this report and in Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

## **Determination of the Home to School Transport Policy - Academic Year 2025/2026**

Cabinet considered a report on the determination of Home to School Transport Policy - Academic Year 2025/2026.

**Resolved:** That the Home to School Transport Policy for the academic year 2025/2026, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report, be approved.

## **Part I (Open to Press and Public) – Urgent Business**

### **Additional Highway Maintenance Capital Allocations for 2024/25**

Cabinet considered a report on additional highway maintenance capital allocations for 2024/25.

It was noted that the reason for urgency was to ensure that the works were programmed in for 2024/25 and that work started immediately in May to ensure priority areas were addressed.

**Resolved:** That

- i. The following be approved:
  - a. The additional £5,000,000 funding provided by Cabinet, be added to the Highway Block of the Capital Programme for 2024/25.
  - b. The additional funding be allocated as follows:
    - i. £1,500,000 for the Localised Deterioration Fund
    - ii. £1,000,000 White lines and road signs
    - iii. £2,500,000 Responsive Patching
- ii. The Director of Highways and Transport be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, to approve the Localised Deterioration Fund schemes to be delivered from the additional funding for 2024/25.
- iii. The decision be implemented immediately for the purposes of Standing Order C28 as any delay could adversely affect the execution of the county council's responsibilities. The reason for this was to ensure work started immediately in May to ensure priority areas were addressed.



## **Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)**

### **City Deal - Proposed Revised Terms**

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 the proposed revised terms for the City Deal.

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



# Urgent Key Decisions

It is a requirement of Standing Order C21 that any urgent Key Decision taken under the provisions of Standing Order C20 must be reported to Full Council for information.

The following urgent Key Decisions were taken by Cabinet on 7 March 2024:

- [Samlesbury Enterprise Zone \(Report A\)](#)
- [Samlesbury Enterprise Zone \(Report B\)](#)

The following urgent Key Decision was taken by the Leader of the County Council, and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing on 21 March 2024:

- [0-19 Public Health Nursing Service Contract](#)

The following urgent Key Decision was taken by the Leader of the County Council, and the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader) on 1 April 2024:

- [Building Schools for the Future \(Phase 3\) - Acoustic Defects Remediation](#)

The following urgent Key Decision was taken by Cabinet on 9 May 2024:

- [Additional Highway Maintenance Capital Allocations for 2024/25](#)

