

Lancashire County Council

Urgency Committee of the Full Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th June, 2013 at 10.00 am in The Diamond Jubilee Room (Formerly Cabinet Room 'B') - County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Jennifer Mein (Chair)

County Councillors

D Borrow	D O'Toole
A Barnes	Mrs L Oades
Mrs S Charles	S Serridge
C Dereli	D T Smith
M Green	D Westley
R Newman-Thompson	B Winlow

County Councillors Barnes, Smith, and Westley replaced County Councillors Holgate, Driver and Atkinson for this meeting.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 24 May 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Interests

There were no interests declared.

4. Committees and appointments

Before the report on Committees and appointments was presented, it was moved and seconded that consideration of the item be deferred until July. Following a vote, the motion was not carried, and it was:

Resolved: That consideration of the report on committees and appointments proceed as set out in the agenda

The committee considered the proposals to create an "Executive Scrutiny Committee" and a "Budget Scrutiny Working Group". An outline of proposals was

presented, which had been developed for consideration with Group Leaders. It was proposed that the Executive Scrutiny Committee comprise 13 members, with membership to be politically balanced.

County Councillor Bill Winlow was proposed as the chair of the new Committee, and County Councillor Alyson Barnes proposed as Deputy Chair.

It was agreed that the Executive Scrutiny Committee meet monthly approximately 2 days in advance of the day of the Cabinet meeting, with the remit to examine forthcoming decisions of Cabinet and Key Decisions of individual Cabinet Members and cabinet Committees.

It was proposed that the Budgetary Scrutiny Working Group be a working group reporting to the Executive Scrutiny Committee, and consist of 7 members, being 3 Labour, 2 Conservatives, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Independent. County Councillor Alyson Barnes was proposed as Chair of the Working Group

The Budget Scrutiny Working Group would meet as necessary around the period of budget setting, and would have the role of reviewing and scrutinising developing budget proposals and providing a response to be agreed by the Executive Scrutiny Committee to formal Cabinet budget proposals.

It was agreed that the Chief Executive be authorised to approve detailed Terms of Reference for the new committee and working group, and agree any consequential amendments to the constitution arising from the decision, under the agreed process for dealing with matters of urgent business.

It was also agreed that the new arrangements be reviewed after 6 months.

An amendment was moved and seconded that the Budget Scrutiny Working Group be a formal committee of 13 members, membership to be politically balanced. On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost, and it was therefore:

Resolved : That

- i. An Executive Scrutiny Committee be established with 13 members, membership to be politically balanced, to scrutinise in advance the decisions of the Cabinet and Key Decisions of Individual Cabinet Members and Cabinet Committees, as set out in the outline proposals presented
- ii. County Councillor Bill Winlow be confirmed as Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Committee and County Councillor Alyson Barnes be confirmed as deputy chair for 2013/14
- iii. A Budget Scrutiny Working Group be established as a Working Group of the Executive Scrutiny Committee with 7 members, on the basis of 3 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Independent, to scrutinise the budget proposals of the Cabinet, as set out in the outline proposals presented
- iv. County Councillor Alyson Barnes be confirmed as chair of the Working Group for 2013/14

- v. The Chief Executive to be authorised to approve detailed terms of reference for the new Committee and Working Group and to agree any consequential amendments to the constitution arising from the decision, under the agreed process for dealing with matters of urgent business
- vi. A review of the new arrangements take place after 6 months.

5. Standing Order 19(4)

The Committee considered an amendment to Standing Order 19(4) of the Constitution. It was proposed that the Standing Order be rewritten to say:

"The Leader and Deputy leader of the main opposition group, and the Leader of the second opposition group, may, as of right, attend meetings of the cabinet and participate fully in discussion on all agenda items, but cannot vote."

Resolved : That Standing Order 19(4) be amended to read:

"The Leader and Deputy leader of the main opposition group, and the Leader of the second opposition group, may, as of right, attend meetings of the cabinet and participate fully in discussion on all agenda items, but cannot vote."

6. Urgent Business

The Chair advised that there was an item of Urgent Business, in relation to the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

It was proposed that the county councillor representation on the Health and Wellbeing Board as approved at the previous meeting of the committee be amended to be the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, and the Cabinet Member for Children Young People and Schools and a Liberal Democrat nomination. In addition, the views of the Health and Wellbeing Board be sought on an increase in the number of County Councillor representatives on the Board to four, to include the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services.

Resolved: That

- i. The County Councillor representation on the Health and Wellbeing Board be amended to be the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, and the Cabinet Member for Children Young People and Schools and a Liberal Democrat nomination
- ii. the views of the Health and Wellbeing Board be sought on an increase in the number of County Councillor representatives on the Board to four, to include the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services.

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