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**TO: COUNCILLORS**

<b>COUNCIL MINUTE BOOK</b>
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## CABINET

**HELD: Wednesday, 22 February 2017**

Start: 6.30 pm

Finish: 6.45pm

## PRESENT:

Councillor: Councillor I Moran (Leader of the Council in the Chair)

### Portfolio

Councillors:	Councillor T Aldridge	Portfolio Holder for Older People
	Councillor J Hodson	Portfolio Holder for Planning
	Councillor J Patterson	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services
	Councillor K Wilkie	Portfolio Holder for Street Scene
	Councillor K Wright	Portfolio Holder for Health and Community Safety
	Councillor C Wynn	Portfolio Holder for Finance

In attendance: Devine, G Hodson, D Westley  
Councillors

Officers:

- Chief Executive (Ms K Webber)
- Director of Development and Regeneration (Mr J Harrison)
- Director of Housing and Inclusion (Ms J Sinnott-Lacey)
- Borough Solicitor (Mr T Broderick)
- Borough Treasurer (Mr M Taylor)
- Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion (Mr S Walsh)
- Interim Director of Street Scene (Mr P Samosa)
- Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

## 83 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

## 84 SPECIAL URGENCY (RULE 16 ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES)/URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of special urgency.

## 85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

86 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no items under this Heading.

87 **MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS**

Consideration was given to the report relating to the following matters requiring decisions as contained on pages 1577 – 1924 and page 1987 of the Book of Reports.

88 **LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - SCOPING AND ISSUES & OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

Councillor Hodson introduced the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration which sought authorisation to publicly consult on the Scope of a new Local Plan and the Local Plan Review: Issues & Options Topic Document. He went on to thank Officers for their efforts and the Local Plan Working Group for their contribution to the production of a high quality document.

He circulated a motion proposing that the item be referred to the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the motion from Councillor Hodson and the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

RESOLVED (A) That the minutes of the Local Plan Cabinet Working Group meetings of 18 October 2016, 7 December 2016 and 19 January 2017 (provided at Appendices A-C); the Scoping Consultation Feedback Report and the responses received to the Scoping Consultation (provided at Appendix D); the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment of the Issues & Options Paper (provided at Appendices E and F); and the Duty to Co-operate Statement (provided at Appendix G) be noted.

(B) That the Local Plan Review: Issues & Options Topic Papers (provided at Appendix H-L) be approved for public consultation and that comments on the Scope of a new Local Plan also be sought from the public alongside the public consultation.

(C) That the item be referred to the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment and that the call-in procedure is not appropriate for this item due to it being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 March 2017.

89 **PROVISION OF NEW CYCLE & PEDESTRIAN LINK THROUGH THE TAWD VALLEY, SKELMERSDALE, LINKING TO WEST LANCASHIRE COLLEGE**

Councillor Hodson introduced the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration which sought approval for proposed amendments to the plans for the Tawd Valley cycle and pedestrian link in Skelmersdale.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

RESOLVED That the proposed amendments to the route of, and proposals for, the Tawd Valley cycle and pedestrian link be approved.

90 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 (financial/business affairs) and 5 (legal matters) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act and as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

91 **MATTER REQUIRING DECISION**

Consideration was given to the report relating to the following matter requiring decision as contained on pages 1925 – 1985 and 1989 of the Book of Reports.

92 **PLANNING APPEAL DECISION REGARDING LAND TO THE EAST OF PRESCOT ROAD, AUGHTON**

Councillor Hodson introduced the joint report of the Director of Development and Regeneration and Borough Solicitor which provided an update on the Council's proceedings in relation to land to the East of Prescott Road, Aughton.

A motion from Councillor Hodson was circulated at the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the motion from Councillor Hodson and the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

RESOLVED (A) That the granting of permission to proceed with the legal challenge (and listing of the full hearing of the substantive challenge, at Manchester High Court, on 4 July 2017) be noted.

- (B) That Counsel's Further Opinion (Appendix B to the report) and recent developments as outlined in paragraph 4 to the report, be noted.
- (C) That the Council continue proceedings to challenge the Planning Inspectorate's appeal decision regarding land to the east of Prescott Road, Aughton.
- (D) That the Director of Development and Regeneration and the Borough Solicitor be given delegated authority in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning to undertake any necessary actions in relation to the proceedings referred to in (C) above.

Note

No representations had been received in relation to the above item being considered in private.

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**Leader**

## CABINET

**HELD: Tuesday, 14 March 2017**

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 7.20pm

## PRESENT:

Councillor: Councillor I Moran (Leader of the Council, in the Chair)

Councillors:		<u>Portfolio</u>
	Councillor Y Gagen	Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Human Resources
	Councillor T Aldridge	Portfolio Holder for Older People
	Councillor J Hodson	Portfolio Holder for Planning
	Councillor J Patterson	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services
	Councillor K Wilkie	Portfolio Holder for Street Scene
	Councillor K Wright	Portfolio Holder for Health and Community Safety
	Councillor C Wynn	Portfolio Holder for Finance

In attendance: Councillor D Evans  
Councillors

Officers:

- Chief Executive (Ms K Webber)
- Director of Leisure and Wellbeing (Mr D Tilleray)
- Director of Housing and Inclusion (Ms J Sinnott-Lacey)
- Director of Development and Regeneration (Mr J Harrison)
- Director of Street Scene (Mrs H McDougall)
- Borough Solicitor (Mr T Broderick)
- Borough Transformation Manager and Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion (Mr S Walsh)
- Deputy Borough Treasurer (Mr M Kostrzewski)
- Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

## 93 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

## 94 SPECIAL URGENCY (RULE 16 ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES)/URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of special urgency.

**95      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. Councillor Moran declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6(l) (Appointment to West Lancashire College Board) as his wife is employed by West Lancashire College.
2. Councillors Aldridge (tenant of a Council garage), Patterson (tenant of Council accommodation) and Wright (connected person tenant of Council accommodation) declared disclosable pecuniary/pecuniary interests in agenda items 6(d) (Capital Programme Monitoring) and 6(l) (HRA Revenue and Capital Monitoring) but considered they were entitled to speak and vote by virtue of an exemption as nothing in these reports relates particularly to the relevant tenancy or lease.
3. Councillor J Hodson declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6(f) (Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 – Consultation Draft) in view of him being a landlord and the document contained references to private landlords.

**96      PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no items under this heading.

**97      MINUTES**

RESOLVED              That the minutes of the meetings of Cabinet held on 10 January and 22 February 2017 be received as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

**98      MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS**

Consideration was given to the report relating to the following matters requiring decisions as contained on pages 2015 – 2215 of the Book of Reports.

**99      QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS ( Q3 2016-17)**

Councillor Moran introduced the report of the Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion which presented performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 31 December 2016.

Minute no. 63 of the Corporate & Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2 March 2017 was circulated at the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the minute of the Corporate & Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.



RESOLVED (A) That the Council's performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 31 December 2016 be noted.

(B) That the call-in procedure is not appropriate for this item as the report was submitted to the meeting of the Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 2 March 2017.

100 **COUNCIL PLAN 2017-18**

Councillor Moran introduced the report of the Chief Executive which sought approval of the "Council Plan 2017-18".

Additional information relating to the financial position contained within the Council Plan 2017-18 was circulated at the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the additional information and the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

RESOLVED (A) That the "Council Plan 2017-18" attached as Appendix A to this report be approved and referred to Council for adoption.

(B) That authority is given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to make any final amendments to the document, prior to publication.

(C) That call-in is not appropriate for this item, as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 March 2017.

101 **CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 2017-18**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion which sought approval for the Suite of Performance Indicators to be adopted as the Council's Corporate PI Suite 2017/18.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

RESOLVED (A) That the Suite of Performance Indicators 2017/18 (Appendix A) and targets identified be approved and adopted as the Council's Corporate PI Suite 2017/18.

- (B) That the Borough Transformation Manager and Deputy Director of Housing & Inclusion, in consultation with the Leader of the Council as Portfolio Holder, be authorised to finalise and amend the suite having regard to any agreed comments of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 30 March 2017, and to make necessary amendments to the suite in year in response to any issues that may arise, for example government policy or collection mechanisms.
- (C) That call-in is not appropriate for this item as it is being considered at the next meeting of Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 30 March 2017.

102     **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING**

Councillor Wynn introduced the report of the Borough Treasurer which updated Members on the current position in respect of the 2016/17 Capital Programme.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED (A) That the current position in respect of the 2016/2017 Capital Programme be noted.
- (B) That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 March 2017.

103     **DEVELOPING AN ORMSKIRK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Councillor Moran introduced the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration which advised on the concept of developing a Business Improvement District (BID) for Ormskirk Town Centre.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED     That the appointment of Groundwork to undertake a feasibility study to investigate the implications of developing a BID for Ormskirk Town Centre at a cost of £7,600 be approved.

104     **HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2017-2022 (CONSULTATION DRAFT)**

Councillor Wright introduced the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing which sought approval of the draft Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 for public consultation.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED (A) That the draft Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 attached as Appendix 1 be made available to the public and stakeholders for a period of consultation from 20 March 2017, for a period of 6 weeks.
- (B) That the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, be authorised to make any minor changes to the strategy prior to the consultation period.
- (C) That call-in is not appropriate as the report will be submitted to the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the 30 March 2017.

105 **USE OF SECTION 106 MONIES IN BURSCOUGH**

Councillor Gagen introduced the joint report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing and Director of Development and Regeneration which considered a proposal for Section 106 monies received by the Council from housing developers to be used for the enhancement of public open space and recreation provision in Burscough.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED That the use of £21,292 of S106 monies to help fund the proposed project to create a new public picnic area and improve public access from the Leeds and Liverpool Canal at Burscough Cricket Club be approved.

106 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Councillor Wynn introduced the report of the Borough Treasurer which set out details on the Key Risks facing the Council and how they are managed and proposed changes to the Risk Management Policy.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

- RESOLVED (A) That the progress made in relation to the management of the risks shown in the Key Risks Register (Appendix A) be noted and endorsed.

- (B) That the updated Risk Management Policy at Appendix B be approved.

107 **FIRSWOOD ROAD HOUSING ALLOCATION**

Councillor J Hodson introduced the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration which sought authority to consider and take all necessary measures to bring forward the development of the Firswood Road Local Plan housing allocation in Lathom South/Skelmersdale.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

**RESOLVED** That the Director of Development and Regeneration be authorised to take all necessary measures to facilitate development of the Firswood Road housing allocation, which may include the use of Compulsory Purchase Order powers to purchase the land.

108 **CIL FUNDING PROGRAMME - ASSESSMENT OF SCHEMES**

Councillor J Hodson introduced the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration which sought approval to slight changes to the assessment of potential schemes for CIL Funding Programmes in future years, in order to facilitate greater Member participation in the assessment process.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

**RESOLVED** That the new approach to the assessment of schemes for CIL Funding Programmes as set out at section 4 of the report be approved.

109 **HRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING**

Councillor Patterson introduced the joint report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion and the Borough Treasurer which provided an update on the current position on the 2016/17 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Council Housing Capital Investment Programme.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

**RESOLVED (A)** That the financial position in respect of the 2016/2017 HRA and Council Housing Capital Investment Programme be noted.

- (B) That the proposed £50,000 capital budget virement from the Disabled Adaptation scheme to the Lift scheme as set out in paragraph 6.3 of the report be approved.
- (C) That call-in is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 March. 2017.

110 **APPOINTMENT TO WEST LANCASHIRE COLLEGE BOARD**

Councillor Moran introduced the report of the Borough Solicitor which advised of an invitation from the National Training and Colleges Group (NCG) for the Chief Executive to join the West Lancashire College Board.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report before it and accepted the reasons contained therein.

**RESOLVED** That the invitation from NCG be noted and the Chief Executive be authorised to accept the appointment for the reasons set out in paragraph 5 of the report.

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**Leader**



Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 7.50pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillor: N Furey (Chairman)

Councillors:	R Pendleton	Mrs M Blake
	J Davis	P Hudson
	P Moon	E Pope
	D West	D Westley
	D Whittington	A Yates

Officers:

- Director of Housing and Inclusion (Ms J Sinnott-Lacey)
- Director of Development and Regeneration (Mr J Harrison)
- Deputy Director of Leisure and Wellbeing (Mr J Nelson)
- Deputy Borough Treasurer (Mr M Kostrzewski)
- Strategic Planning and Implementation Manager (Mr P Richards)
- Homelessness and Private Sector Manager (Mrs L Lea)
- Partnership and Performance Officer (Ms A Grimes)
- Assistant Solicitor (Mr N Astles)
- Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

**46 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Bullock.

**47 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2, Members noted the termination of membership of the Committee of Councillors Ashcroft and Delaney and the appointment of Councillors Currie and D Evans respectively, for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

**48 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There were no items of urgent business.

**49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**50 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

**51 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no items under this heading.

**52 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2017 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**53 RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 22 February and 14 March 2017 respectively.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 22 February and 14 March 2017 be noted.

**54 CALL-IN**

There were no items under this heading.

**55 LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - SCOPING AND ISSUES & OPTIONS CONSULTATION -  
ITEM REFERRED BY CABINET TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor that advised that following consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 22 February 2017 the report, of the Director of Development and Regeneration, 'Local Plan Review – Scoping and Issues & Options Consultation' had been referred to this Committee for consideration with a request that any agreed comments be referred to the Portfolio Holder for Planning.

The Strategic Planning and Implementation Manager informed the Committee that, following approval by Cabinet, the public consultation had now commenced.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in relation to the consultation process, approach and the events taking place throughout the Borough.

The Director of Development and Regeneration also attended the meeting and provided additional clarification on issues raised.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

**56 COUNCIL PLAN 2017-18**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chief Executive that gave details of the Council Plan 2017-18 (Appendix A, Version dated 20 February 2017) as contained on pages 633 to 660 of the Book of Reports, that sought comments, if any, following consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 March 2017 and prior to consideration of the final version of the Plan by Council at its meeting on 26 April 2017.

The Partnership and Performance Officer attended the meeting, provided an overview, referencing details as set down in the report.



RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

**57 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 2017-18**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion as contained on pages 661 to 670 of the Book of Reports that detailed the Suite of Performance Indicators for adoption as the Council's Corporate PI Suite 2017/18 and sought agreed comments, if any, prior to final adoption, following approval by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 March 2017.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- Public consultation – process and consultees.
- Suite of indicators – understanding the indicators and their purpose.
- Percentage of indicators linked to regional / national statistics.

The Partnership and Performance Officer attended the meeting provided an overview and clarification, referencing details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

**58 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Treasurer, as contained on pages 671 to 684 of the Book of Reports, which provided an overview of the current progress on the Capital Programme.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting, summarised the current position of the Programme, referring to details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That the current position in respect of the 2016/2017 Capital Programme be noted.

**59 HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2017-2022 (CONSULTATION DRAFT)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing as contained on pages 685 to 734 that sought agreed comments, if any, of the Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 (Consultation Draft), approved for consultation by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 March 2017.

The Homelessness and Private Sector Housing Manager attended the meeting, provided an overview and clarification on issues raised referring to details as set down in the report.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- People presenting as “homeless” – actual numbers.

- Choice-based lettings – process / “choices” available.
- Out-of-hours service.
- “Hidden” homelessness / anticipating homelessness.
- Advise service – referring people to other agencies; link / role of charities; faith and voluntary organisations.
- Duty on local authorities to regularly review its strategy.
- Monitoring mechanisms.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked the Homelessness and Private Sector Manager for the excellent report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and thanks be extended to everyone involved in bringing the Strategy forward.

## **60 HRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING**

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion and the Borough Treasurer as contained on pages 735 and 744 of the Book of Reports which provided an update on the current position on the 2016/17 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Council Housing Capital Investment Programme.

The Deputy Borough Treasurer attended the meeting and provided an overview in relation to the financial position referencing details as set down in the report.

RESOLVED: That the financial position in respect of the 2016/2017 HRA and Capital Housing Capital Programme be noted.

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**Chairman**

## CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

HELD: Thursday, 2 March 2017

Start: 7.30pm  
Finish: 10.30pm

### PRESENT:

Councillor: N Hennessy (Chairman) D West (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: M Barron T Blane  
C Cooper P Cotterill  
S Currie G Hodson  
D Evans J Kay  
D McKay R Melling  
M Nixon A Yates  
S Bailey

In attendance J Hodson (Portfolio Planning)  
Councillors: T Devine

Officers: Director of Leisure and Wellbeing (Mr D Tilleray)  
Deputy Director of Street Scene (Mr P Samosa)  
Environmental Protection and Community Safety Manager  
(Mr A Hill)  
Economic Regeneration Manager (Ms P Huber)  
Performance and Partnership Officer (Ms A Grimes)  
Assistant Solicitor (Mr N Astles)  
Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Ms C A Jackson)

Also in attendance: Mrs L Mangan (Tenant Representative)  
Ms H Scully (Tenant Representative)  
Mr G Raphael (Finance Director, Heathier Lancashire and South  
Cumbria)  
Mr P Sandman (Head of Visitor Economy, Liverpool City Region  
Liverpool Enterprise Partnership)

### 48 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

### 49 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, Members noted the termination of membership of Councillors Greenall and Pryce-Roberts and the appointment of Councillors Ms Melling and Cooper respectively, for this meeting only, thereby giving effects to the wishes of the political groups.

### 50 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

(Note: The Chairman varied the order the items were considered so that item 10 Improved Planting was dealt with following item 7 Public Speaking. The minutes

follow the order as set down in the agenda.)

**51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Cotterill, during consideration of Item 15 'Crime and Disorder', declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Governor of Lathom High School in relation to lines in the presentation and discussion of the work being undertaken with schools.

**52 DECLARATIONS OF A PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

**53 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 2 March 2017 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**54 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Representations were received from a resident in relation to the following item:-

Agenda item 10 – Improved Planting.

**55 WORK PROGRAMME**

The following items were considered.

**56 LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH CUMBRIA SUSTAINABILITY AND  
TRANSFORMATION PLANS (STPS)**

This item had been added to the Committee's work programme following agreement at the last meeting.

Mr Gary Raphael, Finance Director, Lancashire and South Cumbria Change Programme (Healthier Lancashire) (L&SC) attended the meeting and consideration was given to his presentation on the STPs that was supported by a series of slides as contained on pages 473 to 488 of the Book of Reports.

In his presentation the Finance Director (L&SC) provided information on 'delivering the change across Lancashire and South Cumbria concentrating on the major gap, Finance and Efficiency.

The financial approaches, to include areas of extra spending to 2021 and where that extra spending would be used were explained. This included an explanation of the short term action required and mitigation through new models of care.

The presentation concluded with a summary of the L&SC plans to:

- hit their nationally set financial controls totals each year
- break even by 2020/21
- keep acute income flat for two years and reduce in last two years (by £16m and £32m)
- spend 21% more on primary, community, mental health and continuing healthcare over the next four years (to enable demand for acute services to be flattened)
- deliver substantial provider savings (£176m)
- mitigate social care shortfalls (national announcement awaited)

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- Annual Figures (aggregated provider deficit before £44m STF)
- Indicative extra spending required to stop the growth in acute activity (extra spending – dip in figures after 2018/19)
- Commissioning doctors for local practices
- Rural areas – approaches to health support
- Budget restraints – impact on services, staff shortages, retention and recruitment
- Availability of “appendices” as referenced (Finance & Estate Workbooks)
- Efficiency approaches (procurement) – rationale to disposal/recycling equipment (crutches; zimmer frames); liaison with manufacturers/ /chemists (drugs & consumables dispensation quantities); stock-control (consistency of approach)
- Savings and efficiencies – utilising digital technology
- Efficiency approaches (services) - clinicians working across services; treatment / links outside West Lancashire; tackling bureaucracy
- Approaches to “sharing of costs” – distribution of funds
- West Lancs LDP – West Lancs CCG Contract / Virgin Health Care

The Finance Director L&SC answered questions and provided clarification on the points raised. He indicated that information referred to, when published, would be made available on-line.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the Finance Director, L&SC (Healthier Lancashire) for his attendance and contribution to the item.

**RESOLVED:** As a consequence of the discussion on this item it was recommended:

- (1) That a request be made for a representative of the Cheshire & Merseyside STP to attend a future meeting of the Committee, to talk about the shortfall of £8million (identified in the L&SC STP) which does not reflect the actual deficit within West Lancashire because of boundary issues.
- (2) That the Finance Director, L&SC, be requested to provide a further (all Member) briefing / update as more information on the STPs becomes available.

- (3) That the provision of additional information referred to by the Finance Director, L&SC and presentation be noted.

**57 IMPROVED PLANTING**

This 'one-off' topic was included as part of the Committee's Work Programme 2016/17.

The Committee heard from the Deputy Director of Street Scene who in his presentation provided information in relation to the maintenance of shrub beds on Council owned land. This includes land predominantly in the Skelmersdale area, around Council owned housing and around the industrial estates. He went on to explain that there are significant areas of land owned by Lancashire County Council which is the responsibility of that Council. These include land adjacent to highways and shrub beds around subways.

The maintenance undertaken by Street Scene during the shrub cutting season was also referred to. It was explained that although Street Scene prune shrubs and remove weeds, diseased plants and litter, they have no responsibility for the restocking of the plants.

The Deputy Director of Street Scene, concluded that if other funding became available, Street Scene Officers could provide advice in respect of planting and maintenance.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- Opportunities to access funding streams – availability of grants (Natural England; Woodland Trust); support from local businesses; requests to local nurseries.
- Community involvement – role of volunteers; participation in 'event days.'
- Land ownership responsibilities – working in collaboration with the County Council.

The member of the public who had submitted the topic idea and had made representations thanked the Committee for including the topic and for the comments and advice.

The Chairman thanked the speaker and her colleague for raising the matter.

**RESOLVED:** A. That the presentation and closer collaboration between the Borough Council and Lancashire County Council in relation to the maintenance and plant management of Council land, be noted.

**58 WEST LANCASHIRE TOURISM - THE VISITOR ECONOMY REVIEW**

Consideration was given to the following three items.

**59 LIVERPOOL CITY REGION - VISITOR ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT**

Consideration was given to the presentation by Peter Sandman, Head of Visitor Economy, Liverpool City Region Visitor Economy which was supported by a series of slides as contained on pages 489 to 526 of the Book of Reports.

The presentation opened with an explanation of the Role of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), a destination management organisation for the Liverpool City Region (LCR) and its stakeholders.

Mr Sandman then went on to explain the destination management of Visit Liverpool, its membership; the role of the LCR Visitor Economy Board and the composition of its Visitor Economy Networks to promote the International Brand of Liverpool.

Information presented included the value of the Visitor Economy to the Liverpool Region, the importance of tourism and the infrastructure. Reference was made to the Visitor Economy Strategy and Destination Management Plan to 2025 and its targets.

The Head of Visitor Economy referred to how Liverpool, since being the Capital of Culture in 2008 had seen an increase in its visitor numbers, both in the day and staying visitors and went on to explain the model in terms of visitor spread to attract and disperse visitors across the City and geographically. The importance of an area to play to its strengths, position and packaging a town and area, to attract visitors was highlighted. This could include accessing and assessing: demographics; customer needs; inbound visitors and inbound motivations to visit.

Members considered the opportunities for West Lancashire. These included:

- Identifying and investing in its key assets – Ormskirk Town Centre; closeness to WWW Martin Mere; Leeds & Liverpool Canal; Rufford Old Hall; strength of the West Lancashire's rural recreation offer (walking; cycling; barging).
- Customer focus – Packaging and Itineraries
- Visibility – thematic marketing,
- Ease of access – transport connectivity; journey planning
- Welcoming Visitors – value of place / location
- Value of Tourism for West Lancashire – Intelligence & Research

Potential areas for engagement outside the Borough and joint promotion of the visitor economy included:

- Southport – growth as a visitor destination; marketing opportunities
- Thematic links – Heritage, Wildlife, Local Produce
- Funding opportunities – Discover England Fund – focused on international visitors to Northern Coastal Resorts.
- Cruise Liner Terminal – investment opportunity for excursions.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- John Lennon Airport – its importance to Liverpool and connection to the wider region.
- LCR Single Investment Fund – investment in business tourism with a specific focus on Southport - widening scope into West Lancashire.
- Liverpool Enterprise Partnership – packages / proposition promotions / opportunities for joint working.
- Value of technology – digital applications to access / promote West Lancashire
- Visitor Dispersement – District representation (Visitor Economy Board)

Mr Sandman contributed to the discussion and provided clarification on the points raised in relation to his presentation.

As a consequence of the discussion and presentation it was concluded:

- (1) Officers should continue to engage with the Liverpool Enterprise Partnership to build on links with West Lancashire.
- (2) Draw on the experiences of Visit Southport and Visit Liverpool to provide something similar for West Lancashire.
- (3) Explore how West Lancashire tourism can tie-in with the City of Liverpool.

RESOLVED: The Head of Visitor Economy, Liverpool City Region, Local Enterprise Partnership be thanked for his attendance and presentation and contribution to the Committee's review ' West Lancashire Tourism – The Visitor Economy' .

## **60 THE VISITOR ECONOMY IN WEST LANCASHIRE - AN UPDATE**

The Economic Regeneration Manager provided an update in relation to the visitor economy and provided information in relation visitor use of the canal network and access to the Borough of coach parties.

### Canals

The canals are accessed and used for many reasons, including leisurely walks, dog walking, fishing, canoeing, boating and nature walks.

There are around 40 pubs, cafes and accommodation on or close to the Liverpool and Leeds canal running through West Lancashire.

The Borough has three large marinas

- Fethlers Wharf, Scarisbrick
- Fethlers Wharf, Rufford
- St Mary's Marina, Rufford



All of the marinas offer a large number of moorings and offer additional facilities for those boaters that are passing through. They each have a café that are very popular with visitors and provide a stop-off for cyclists.

Burscough Wharf is an important visitor destination alongside the canal. Council-owned Burscough Stables is home to a number of businesses that support the boating community and is a focus point for canal boat users, including acting as a regular mooring for a mobile fuel barge. There are pro-active businesses in the Burscough Stables who are actively working with the Canals and Rivers Trust to develop projects around the Canal at Burscough.

The Wharf is host to the Annual Burscough Heritage Weekend.

### Coach Parties

As a visitor destination Ormskirk is advertised in coach travel magazines and a number of coach companies come into Ormskirk.

As part of the Ormskirk Town Strategy more research will be undertaken into coach travel to increase knowledge and better target visitor groups.

Reference was also made to the Visitor Lancashire Magazine 2017 that is being widely circulated that features 24 hours in and Around Ormskirk. The article includes references to many of the tourist attractions in the Borough including Burscough Wharf, WWT Martin Mere, National Trust Rufford Old Hall as well as Ormskirk.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

## **61 PROJECT PLAN**

The Project Plan as set down at pages 463 to 467 of the Book of Reports was reviewed.

The next steps of the review were noted to include, subject to confirmation, a presentation from a representative from WWT Martin Mere as set down in the Project Plan.

RESOLVED: That the Project Plan be noted.

## **62 CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY**

A presentation was received from the Environmental Protection and Community Safety Manager on behalf of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The presentation was supported by a series of slides as contained on pages 505 to 527 of the Book of Reports.

In his presentation, the Environmental Protection and Community Safety Manager gave an overview of the CSP structure; its funding streams and Projects undertaken

in 2016/17; the multi-agency approach to managing key local priorities and the close association with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Mr Hill provided insight into an instance of domestic homicide that had been reviewed, the processes employed, the lessons learned from the incident and the recommendations that came out of that review. As a result WLCSP commissioned FPS in West Lancashire to deliver a CSE awareness and prevention programme on Healthy Relationships.

Members were informed that the work undertaken by FPS in West Lancashire is to be showcased at a National CSE Conference in March 2017. The group have also been nominated, by WLCSP for an Unsung Hero Award which it is hoped will receive some national recognition for the excellent work commissioned by WLCSP on this theme.

Members were advised of the details of the “Make the Call – Don’t be a Bystander” Domestic Violence campaign which the Council co-ordinated, which approximately 400,000 people were made aware via social media. As a result of these two pieces of work, the WLCSP had completed the two recommendations given to it in the Domestic Homicide Review, from a neighbouring authority.

During discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of:

- Community Paramedic Skelmersdale & West Lancashire North West Ambulance Services – link to WLCSP.
- SRE – work being undertaken in Schools
- Healthy pupils’ capital programme - WLCSP involvement.
- CSE Campaign – methods of approach; lifting stigma
- Social media – Council usage; collaborative approach; effective use.

The Environmental Protection and Community Safety Manager responded to questions and provided clarification on issues raised. In response to a query regarding available data as a result of the social media campaign referred to, this was still being evaluated.

In response to the query regarding collaborative working effectively across Directorates to ensure social media activities are targeted and outcomes are measured, the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing assured Members that the Consultation and Communications Manager worked with Officers across the Council and reported through established mechanisms to Heads of Service.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked the Council’s Environmental Protection and Community Safety Manager for the presentation.

**RESOLVED:** As a consequence of the discussion on this item, the following comments be noted:

- (1) That the Community Action Days should continue.

- (2) That Officers continue to work across departments to ensure social media activities are targeted and outcomes measured.

**63 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Q2 & Q3)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion & Borough Transformation Manager, which detailed performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 30 September 2016 (Q2) and the quarter ended 31 December 2016 (Q3). Additional outturn information in respect of Q3, was also made available.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of:

- Performance managed through the LCC/BTLS Contract – provision of performance plans / breakdown of communications faults.

In response to a query relating to future access by all Members to papers at meetings electronically on tablets, the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing made an undertaking to raise this with the Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion & Borough Transformation Manager. An update would be circulated to all Members.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council's performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 30 September and 31 December 2016 be noted.

**64 A MARKET TOWN STRATEGY FOR ORMSKIRK REVIEW**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing that gave details on progress since the review entitled 'A Market Town Strategy for Ormskirk – Progress on Recommendations' concluded in March 2016 as contained on pages 531 to 542 of the Book of Reports.

The response from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Lancashire County Council and Officer comments, was circulated at the meeting.

The Chairman referred to the visit to LCC Scrutiny Committee on 10 February 2017 and the positive response to the report they had considered.

**RESOLVED:** That progress on actions undertaken since the completion of the review 'A Market Town Strategy for Ormskirk' be noted.

**65 WORK PROGRAMME - PROGRESS REPORT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor as contained on pages 459 to 462 of the Book of Reports. The report provided an update of the current position of the Work Programme for the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the way forward for 2017/18.

**RESOLVED:** A. That, progress against the Work Programme of the Committee for

2016/17 be noted.

- B. That, the work in relation to the in-depth review 'West Lancashire Tourism – The Visitor Economy' be concluded and arrangements be put in place for the draft final report and recommendations to be brought forward for consideration by the Committee at the first meeting for 2017/18.
- C. That the Work Programme 2017/18 for the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee be considered at the first meeting of the Committee 2017/18.

**66 MEMBERS ITEMS/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION (CCFA)**

There were no items under this heading.

**67 ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS UPDATE**

There were no items under this heading.

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**Chairman**

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

**HELD:** Friday, 10 February 2017

Start: 10.30 am

Finish: 12.05 pm

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor: N Delaney (Chairman)

Councillors: T Devine J Kay

In attendance: Mr R Arnott (Ward Hadaway Solicitors)  
Mr D Wood (Area Manager Co-op)  
Councillor Owens (Ward Councillor)

Officers: Principal Solicitor (Mrs K Lovelady)  
Senior Licensing Officer (Mrs M Murray)  
Member Services/Civic Support Officer (Mrs J Brown)

### 25 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence received.

### 26 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no changes to Membership of the Sub – Committee.

### 27 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

### 28 **DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

### 29 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of Interest.

### 30 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2017 be noted.

### 31 **LICENSING HEARING PROCEDURE**

The Chairman outlined the Licensing Hearing Procedure.

32 **APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF CO-OP (FORMER ROPERS ARMS SITE), 52 WIGAN ROAD, ORMSKIRK L39 2AU**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing Services as contained on pages 205 to 224 of the Book of Reports in respect of an Application for a Premises Licence in respect of Co-op (former Ropers Arms Site), 52 Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU.

In considering this matter the Sub – Committee had regard to its Licensing Policy and the guidance issued under S. 182 of the Licensing Act. It considered the relevant Licensing Objectives on this occasion was ‘the prevention of public nuisance’.

On hearing evidence from the Applicant and Ward Councillor the Sub – Committee:-

- RESOLVED: A. That the sale of alcohol shall be permitted between 07.00 hours and 23.00 hours Monday to Saturday and 08.00 hours to 22.00 hours Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- B. That the premises shall be open to the public between 06.00 hours and 23.00 hours Monday to Sunday.

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**Chairman**