

CABINET

HELD: Tuesday, 26 March 2024

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 7.09 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor:

Councillor Yvonne Gagen	Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Legal & Democratic
Councillor Gareth Dowling	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning & Community Safety
Councillor Carl Coughlan	Portfolio Holder for Leisure; and Youth Champion
Councillor Vickie Cummins	Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing
Councillor Anne Mary Fennell	Portfolio Holder for Communities; and Dementia Champion
Councillor Neil Furey	Portfolio Holder for Street Scene
Councillor Rob Molloy	Portfolio Holder for Finance
Councillor Nicola Pryce-Roberts	Portfolio Holder for Housing
Councillor Adam Yates	Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Green Growth

In attendance: Councillors N Hennessy and P Hennessy

In attendance (virtually): Councillor D Westley

Officers: Chris Twomey, Corporate Director of Housing, Transformation & Resources
James Pierce, Head of Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services Section 151 Officer
Paul Charlson, Head of Planning & Regulatory Services
Kay Lovelady, Head of Legal & Democratic Services
Jacky Denning, Democratic Services Manager

Officers (attending virtually): Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Chief Operating Officer
Nicola Bradley, Tenancy Service Manager
Rebecca Spicer, Repairs & Servicing Manager
Carl Wallace, Income & Financial Inclusion Manager
Paul Waring, Senior Housing Officer

151 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Coughlan declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda items

relating to his Council garage tenancy (nothing in these reports relates particularly to his interests arising from that tenancy).

2. Councillors Carl Coughlan, Vicki Cummins and Yvonne Gagen declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items relating to Lancashire County Council (LCC) as employees of Lancashire County Council and did not enter into detailed discussions, which affected LCC.

153 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no items under this heading.

154 **SPECIAL URGENCY (RULE 16 ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES)/URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of special urgency.

155 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 6 February 2024 be received as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

156 **MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS**

Consideration was given to report relating to the following matters requiring decisions and contained on pages 23 to 212 of the Book of Reports.

157 **COUNCIL PERFORMANCE DELIVERY – Q3 2023/24**

Councillor Molloy introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which presented performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 31 December 2023.

The Minute of Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:

- A. That the Council's performance for its key performance indicators for the quarter ended 31 December 2023 be noted.
- B. That the call-in procedure is not appropriate for this item as the report was submitted to the meeting of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 14 March 2024.

158 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORTING 2024/25

Councillor Molloy introduced the report of the Corporate Director Transformation, Housing & Resources, which sought approval for the Council Priorities Delivery Plan for 2024/25.

The Minute of Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:

- A. That the delivery plan at Appendix 1 be approved for reporting as the Council Priorities Delivery Plan.
- B. That the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, be authorised to finalise and amend the plan (Appendix 1) and to make necessary amendments in year in response to any issues that may arise, for example budget decisions, government policy or indicator collection mechanisms.

159 2023-24 GRA REVENUE Q3 MONITORING REPORT

Councillor Molloy introduced the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement & Commercial Services which provided a summary of the General Revenue Account (GRA) position for the 2023/24 financial year at quarter 3.

The Minute of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That the 2023/24 GRA position be noted and endorsed.

160 GRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME Q3 MONITORING REPORT

Councillor Molloy introduced the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement & Commercial Services, which sought approval of the revised General Revenue Account (GRA) Capital Programme for 2023/24 and provided an update on progress on capital schemes.

The Minute of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:

- A. That the revised Capital Programme, including budget adjustments and re-profiling contained within Appendix A to the report, be approved.
- B. That progress against the Revised Capital Programme at quarter 3 be noted.

161 **2023-24 HRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL Q3 REVIEW**

Councillor Pryce-Roberts introduced the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement & Commercial Services, which provided a summary of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Housing capital programme positions for the 2023/24 financial year.

The minutes of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, the Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That the 2023/24 HRA and Housing capital programme positions be noted and endorsed.

162 **HOUSING POLICIES - RECHARGE POLICY, EMPTY HOMES POLICY & DOMESTIC ABUSE POLICY**

Councillor Pryce-Roberts introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which sought approval of two new and one updated policy:

- Empty Homes for Housing Policy (New)
- Tenant Recharge Policy (Updated)
- Domestic Abuse Policy – Housing Services (New)

The Minute of the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:

- A. That the following policies be approved:
 - Empty Homes for Housing Policy (New)
 - Tenant Recharge Policy (Updated)
 - Domestic Abuse Policy – Housing Services (New)
- B. That future revisions of these policies be agreed in conjunction with

Council Officers and the Portfolio holder / Lead Member for Housing.

163 FINANCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY 2024-2029

Councillor Pryce-Roberts introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which sought approval of the new five-year strategy: Financial Inclusion 2024-2029

The minutes of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029, be approved

164 DRAFT HOMELESSNESS & ROUGH SLEEPERS STRATEGY 2024-29

Councillor Pryce-Roberts introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which sought approval of the Homelessness & Rough Sleepers Strategy 2024-29, subject to consultation.

The Minutes of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:

- A. That subject to consultation, the Draft Homelessness & Rough Sleepers Strategy attached at Appendix 1 of the report be approved.
- B. That the Head of Housing, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, be given delegated authority to make updates and changes as required following public consultation, and thereafter to implement and deliver the strategy.

165 REVISED ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Councillor Pryce-Roberts introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which sought approval of the revised Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

The Minute of the Landlord Services Committee (Cabinet Working Group) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the

recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED:

- A. That the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.
- B. That the Head of Housing, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, be given delegated authority to make minor updates and changes as required to this policy.

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USE OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY MONIES ON BURSCOUGH SPORTS CENTRE

Councillor Dowling introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, which sought approval for the allocation of up to £600,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy monies towards the refurbishment of the Burscough Sports centre.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the report before it and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That a sum of up to £600,000 be taken from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to be used towards the refurbishment of Burscough Sports, subject to Council approval of the total cost of the scheme.

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Leader