

CABINET

HELD: Tuesday, 12 January 2021

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 7.18 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Portfolio

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| Councillor Ian Moran | Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration |
| Councillor Yvonne Gagen | Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Human Resources |
| Councillor Vickie Cummins | Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing |
| Councillor Gareth Dowling | Portfolio Holder for Communities and Community Safety |
| Councillor David Evans | Portfolio Holder for Planning |
| Councillor Jenny Wilkie | Portfolio Holder for Housing and Landlord Services |
| Councillor Kevin Wilkie | Portfolio Holder for Street Scene |
| Councillor Kevin Wright | Portfolio Holder for Emergency Planning, Preparation and Implementation |
| Councillor Adam Yates | Portfolio Holder for Resources & Transformation |

In attendance:

Councillors: Neil Furey, Carl Coughlan, May Blake, Anne Sutton, David Westley and Adrian Owens

Officers:

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Chief Operating Officer
Chris Twomey, Corporate Director of Transformation & Resources
James Pierce, Head of Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services
Lisa Windle, Head of Corporate and Customer Services
Fiona Graham, Head of Housing and Regulatory Services
Matt Jones, Legal & Democratic Services Manager
Christina Iball, Environmental Strategy Officer
Jacky Denning, Democratic Services Manager
Chloe McNally, Apprentice Member Services Officer

51 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

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

There were no items of special urgency.

53 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no items under this heading.

54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:

1. Councillor Gagen declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items relating to Lancashire County Council (LCC) as an employee of Lancashire County Council and did not enter into detailed discussions which affected LCC.
2. Councillor J Wilkie (Tenant of a Council house) declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to item 7c 'Housing Account - Revenue and Capital Budget Setting' for the reasons indicated but was entitled to speak and vote by virtue of an exemption (nothing in this report relates particularly to her interest arising from the tenancy).
3. Councillor K Wilkie declared non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 7c 'Housing Account - Revenue and Capital Budget Setting' as he has a connected person who is a tenant of rented Council accommodation. Insofar as that interest becomes a pecuniary interest (as it could affect the financial position of their relative and a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard this as so significant that it is likely to prejudice their judgement of the public interest) it was considered that he was entitled to speak and vote by virtue of an exemption as nothing in the report relates particularly to the relevant tenancy or lease.

55 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 10 November 2020 be received as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

**56 CONFIRMATION OF PROCEDURAL MATTERS: FLOODING & DRAINAGE
CABINET WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE**

RESOLVED: That it be noted that the Leader has agreed to revise the terms of reference for the Flooding and Drainage Cabinet Working Group as requested at its meeting held on 2 December 2020, as follows:

Functions

- (a) To consider how a wider, more co-ordinate approach to managing flooding and drainage across the whole Borough could be achieved.
- (b) To liaise with the Environment Agency, Lancashire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority, United Utilities,

neighbouring Local Authorities, and any other relevant bodies on the issues of flooding and drainage.

(c) To investigate any opportunities for relevant funding from appropriate bodies.

(d) To give consideration to all the issues and options associated with the establishment of an internal drainage board.

(e) To report back to the relevant Portfolio Holder and Cabinet and, where appropriate future meetings of Full Council with its findings and recommendations.

57 **MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS**

Consideration was given to report relating to the following matters requiring decisions and contained on pages 775 to 902 of the Book of Reports.

58 **DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET 2021-22**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement & Property, which provided a summary of the General Revenue Account budget position for the next financial year, 2021/22.

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

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the financial position for 2021-22 and later years be noted, and consideration given to how a balanced budget can be achieved.
 - B. That the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Transformation is given delegated authority to submit firm proposals to Council on 24th February 2021 to enable the budget to be set.
 - C. That call in is not appropriate for this item as it is to be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28th January 2021.

59 **DRAFT MEDIUM TERM CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services, which set out details on the GRA medium term capital programme position for the next 3 years.

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

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the medium term financial position be noted, and consideration given to how a balanced capital programme can be achieved.
 - B. That the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Transformation be given delegated authority to submit firm proposals to Council on 24 February 2021 to enable the capital programme to be set.
 - C. That call in is not appropriate for this item as it is to be submitted to the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 January 2021.

60 **HOUSING ACCOUNT - REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET SETTING**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services, which provided a summary of the Housing Account's financial position.

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

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the financial position be noted and consideration be given to the budget matters set out in the report.
 - B. That the use of the Director of Place & Community's delegated authority, in consultation with the Landlord Services Portfolio Holder, in relation to rent and service charge changes be noted and endorsed.
 - C. That the report be used for consultation purposes prior to the Council considering this matter in February 2021.
 - D. That the Housing and Landlord Services Portfolio Holder be given delegated authority to submit firm proposals to Council on 24 February 2021 to enable the budget to be set.
 - E. That call in is not appropriate for this item as it is to be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 January 2021.

61 **LIVERPOOL CITY REGION SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY - SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATION**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place & Community, which sought approval of the proposed West Lancashire Borough Council response to the consultation on the Liverpool City Region Spatial Development Strategy draft vision and objectives, and suggested policy approaches.

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

RESOLVED: That the comments at Appendix A to the report, be approved for submission to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority as West Lancashire Borough Council's consultation response on the emerging Spatial Development Strategy.

62 USE OF S106 FUNDS ON ORMSKIRK CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place & Community, which sought authorisation to spend Section 106 funds on cycle and pedestrian improvements in Ormskirk.

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

RESOLVED: That the use of £95,000 of S106 monies from planning permission 2012/0887/FUL (1 Hattersley Way, Ormskirk) to provide cycling and pedestrian improvements in Ormskirk town centre as outlined in the report be approved.

63 ORMSKIRK EASTERN GATEWAY PROPOSALS AND USE OF S106 MONIES ON THE EDGE HILL CYCLE LINK

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place & Community, which proposed that the plans prepared for the Ormskirk Eastern Gateway in partnership with Lancashire County Council be subject to public engagement, and sought authority to spend S106 monies from development at Edge Hill University on the delivery of the Edge Hill Cycle Link as part of the Ormskirk Eastern Gateway project.

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

- RESOLVED:**
- A. That the proposals for the Ormskirk Eastern Gateway set out within the report be publicly consulted upon, jointly with Lancashire County Council.
 - B. That the use of £276,480 of S106 monies from planning permission 2011/1079/FUL be approved for the improved provision for cycling and walking access between Ormskirk town centre and Edge Hill University as part of the Ormskirk Eastern Gateway proposals.
 - C. That it be noted that the proposals set out in the report would

involve the commitment of the Council's £185,000 of Capital Funding allocated to the Moor Street public realm improvements and £565,000 of Heritage Action Zone funding to the Ormskirk Eastern Gateway, together with £1.25m of Lancashire County Council LTP3 funding.

- D. That the report be barred to call-in because a separate report will be taken to Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 28th January 2021 to seek their views on the proposals.

64 **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINT PROVISIONS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place & Community, which sought approval to deliver 32 new electric vehicle charge points (EVCPs) in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale, utilising funding from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) and working in partnership with an electric vehicle charge point provider, BP Chargemaster Ltd.

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

- RESOLVED: A. That a bid to the On-Street Residential Charge Point Scheme (ORCS) be submitted to OLEV, to secure funding for Electric Vehicle Charge Point (EVCP) provisions in West Lancashire.
- B. That, if successful in the OLEV application, the Council work in partnership with BP Chargemaster Ltd to install 16 dual charge points at four selected sites, prior to the 31st March 2021 deadline.

65 **FINAL REPORT OF CORPORATE & ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE-FINANCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY REVIEW**

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Corporate Director of Transformation & Resources and the Corporate Director of Place & Community, which set out the final report of the Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee's on a review undertaken on the Financial Inclusion Strategy, attached at Appendix A, together with the Financial Inclusion Strategy 2021 – 2024 attached at Appendix 1.

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

- RESOLVED: That the final report of the Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee, on the review undertaken on the Financial Inclusion Strategy and the recommendations contained therein, attached as Appendix A to the report, together with the Financial Inclusion Strategy 2021 – 2024, attached at Appendix 1, be approved.

66 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Q2 2020/21)

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation & Resources, which presented performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 30 September 2020.

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

RESOLVED: A. That the Council's performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 30 September 2020 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 10 December 2020.

67 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 (financial/business affairs) 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.

(Note: No representations had been received in relation to the following item being considered in private)

68 MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS

Consideration was given to report relating to the following matters requiring decisions and contained on pages 903 to 928 of the Book of Reports:

69 ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation & resources, which outlined the proposals set out in the Accommodation Strategy report attached as an Appendix as one of the outcomes of the Sustainable Organisation Review report agreed by Council in July 2019 and sought approval for the adoption of the recommendations outlined in section 2.

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

- RESOLVED:
- A. That, subject to recommendation C below, and subject to the any additional budget or resource provision required being considered in accordance with the Council budget setting process, the Office Accommodation Strategy attached at Appendix 1 be approved.
 - B. That the call-in procedure is not appropriate for this item as the report is being submitted to the meeting of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 28 January 2021.
 - C. That the Corporate Director of Transformation & Resources, in consultation with the Resources & Transformation Portfolio Holder, be given delegated authority to make any necessary amendments to the Office Accommodation Strategy in the light of any agreed comments of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee and to carry out the recommendations contained therein.

70 **PURCHASE OF LAND AT FAIRLIE, SKELMERSDALE**

This item was withdrawn.

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Leader