

**CABINET**

**HELD: Tuesday, 8 June 2021**

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 7.15 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 Adam Yates     | Portfolio Holder for Resources & Transformation                                 |

In attendance:

Councillors Juckes, Owens, Stephenson, Turpin

Officers:

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Chief Operating Officer  
Heidi McDougall, Corporate Director of Place & Community  
Ian Gill, Head of Growth & Development Services  
Simon Burnett, Head of Wellbeing & Leisure Services  
Jacky Denning, Democratic Services Manager  
Tracy Berry, Customer and Business Engagement Manager  
Nicola Bradley, Tenancy Service Manager  
Paul Waring, Senior Housing Officer

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Leader advised that Michelle Williams, Head of Environmental Services, was leaving the authority after 5 years, to take up a new position at Sefton Council. The Leader thanked Michelle for her service to the Council, wished her well in her new role and asked the Portfolio Holder for Street Scene to present a Borough Shield to her, as she wasn't able to attend the meeting.

The Leader also advised that this would also be the last meeting for Ian Gill, Head of Growth & Development Services, as he takes up a new life style change position at the Bowls Development Alliance as Club & Community Development Officer and thanked Ian for his 28 years of service to the Council by presenting him with a Borough Shield and wished him well in his new position.

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

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

There were no items of special urgency.

**3 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no items under this heading.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

**5 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 13 April 2021 be received as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

**6 CONFIRMATION OF PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

RESOLVED: A. That the Cabinet Working Groups for 2021/22 appointed by the Leader, and the terms of reference included in the Constitution be noted.

B. That the 'Proper Officer Provisions and Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers' insofar as they are executive functions, and the Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members as set out in the Constitution be noted.

**7 MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS**

Consideration was given to reports relating to the following matters requiring decisions and contained on pages 13 to 128 of the Book of Reports:

**8 REVIEW OF A TRIAL OF COMPACTION LITTER BINS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation and Resources, regarding recommendation from Corporate & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 11 March 2021, in relation to the review of a trial of Compaction Litter Bins.

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 trial of compaction litter bins in designated locations be postponed and further reviewed in one year's time, and that the capital funds of £10k allocated to litter bin review work stream, of which £5k was specifically designated for the trial in a high footfall location (10 compaction bins @ £500 each) be utilised to bring forward and support the Borough wide litter bin replacement upgrade programme.

**9 REVISED TENANCY POLICY**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community, regarding the revised Tenancy Policy.

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet considered the details as set out in the report and appendices before it, and the reasons contained therein, and that the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee fully supported the report, at its meeting on 27 May 2021.

**RESOLVED:**

- A. That the Tenancy Policy attached at Appendix 1 be Approved.
- B. That the Head of Housing & Regulatory Services, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, be given delegated authority to make minor drafting updates and changes, arising from new legislation as required for this policy.

**10 COMMISSIONING A COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING PROJECT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place & Community, regarding an update on the work against the Terms of Reference of the Community Wealth Building Cabinet working group.

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 progress be noted
- B. That a Community Wealth Building Specialist be recruited, to take forward and support the development of a Community Wealth Building Strategy at a total cost of £15,000.
- C. That delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director of Transformation & Resources, in consultation with the portfolio holder for Economic Regeneration, to lead the work of the consultant.

**11 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Q4 2020-21**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation and Resources, providing performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 31 March 2021.

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

Cabinet expressed thanks for the work of officers involved.

RESOLVED: A. That the Council's performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 31 March 2021 be noted.

B. That call in is not appropriate for this item as the report will be submitted to the meeting of the Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 10 June 2021.

**12 CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2030 - PROGRESS UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place & Community, which provided an update on recent progress made towards delivering the action plans set out within the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2030 and the associated carbon savings made, to progress towards West Lancashire's carbon neutral Council target by 2030.

The report also sought delegated authority for the Corporate Director of Place and Community to submit bids to the forthcoming funding opportunities listed in Appendix C and enter into the required contracts to deliver the associated projects.

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

Cabinet expressed thanks for the work of officers involved.

RESOLVED: A. That the progress report and funding secured to date be noted.

B. That delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director of Place and Community to submit bids to the forthcoming funding opportunities listed in Appendix C to the report and enter into the required contracts to deliver the associated projects.

**13 THE PLANNING SERVICE REVIEW**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community, which provided an update on the outcome of the planning services review and sought agreement of the recommendations to be taken forward and implemented.

The minute of the Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 27 May 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting

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 findings in the Red Quadrant report be noted and the Corporate Director Place and Community, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to take forward the recommendations set out in Appendix 1 to the report, following consideration of the agreed comments of Planning Committee.
  - B. That the costs of £25,000 outlined at paragraph 6.2 of the report, for Red Quadrant's continued involvement in taking forward a number of the recommendations to create capacity and drive forward change be approved.
  - C. That an update on progress be brought back to Cabinet in Spring 2022.

#### 14 **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 1,2 and 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)

#### 15 **MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS**

Consideration was given to a report relating to the following matters requiring decisions and contained on pages 129 to 134 of the Book of Reports:

#### 16 **HOME CARE LINK SERVICE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community, which sought approval to commence consultations regarding the future of the Home Care Link (HCL) service including options for transferring the services delivered by Home Care Link to another provider.

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 subject to consideration by Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

- A. That delegated authority be given to Director of Place and Community to commence consultations with key stakeholders regarding the future of HCL, including consideration of options for transferring the service to an external provider.
- B. That delegated authority be given to Director of Place and Community to identify suitable alternative providers and negotiate terms with the preferred delivery partner, taking into consideration the following priorities:
  - Need to maintain a high quality, competitive service for West Lancashire Council tenants supported by the Council's Independent Living Service, delivered by trusted partner
  - Need to achieve a seamless transfer to high quality, cost effective service for existing HCL private subscribers
  - Work with any client organisations to ensure a seamless transfer of their services and enable them to make informed choices around the future service delivery for their clients
  - Need to provide West Lancashire communities with access to high quality technology enabled care in the future
  - Providing, if possible, continuation of employment for the HCL team
- C. That the Director of Place and Communities be authorised to implement interim measures, which may include the transfer of service to assist with business continuity or provide a different hosting solution giving flexibility to the service. These issues are being explored and need further investigation.
- D. That the proposals to transfer HCL services to a suitable, alternative provider which offers a value for money service, which mirrors or exceeds the service currently offered to residents, be supported.

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**Leader**