

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

HELD: Thursday, 24 June 2021

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 7.37 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: A Owens (Chairman)

Councillors: N Furey (Vice-Chair) C Coughlan
T Devine P O`Neill
G Owen I Rigby
D Westley D Whittington
J Gordon Mrs M Westley

Officers: Heidi McDougall, Corporate Director of Place & Community
Tom Dickinson, Principal Solicitor
Fiona Graham, Head of Housing and Regulatory Services
Julia Brown, Member Services Officer

13 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence received.

14 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of Councillors A Sutton and E Pope and the appointment of Councillors Mrs M Westley and J Gordon for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

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

There were no urgent items of business.

16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

17 **DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

18 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2021 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19 **RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of Cabinet held on 8 June 2021 as contained on pages 83 to 90 of the Book of Reports.

a Cabinet - Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2021

In discussion a comment was raised in respect of Minute 8 – Review of a Trial of Compaction Litter Bins, in respect of the resolution, to clarify that the postponement of the trial of compaction litter bins would require additional new funds to be allocated in the future to run such a trial.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of Cabinet held 8 June 2021 be noted.

20 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 the Act and as, in all the circumstance of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

21 HOME CARE LINK SERVICE

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community as contained on pages 91 to 100 of the Book of Reports, in relation to commencing consultation regarding the future of the Home Care Link Service (HCL), including options for transferring the Service delivered by HCL to another Provider. The report had previously been considered by Cabinet held on 8 June 2021 and had been referred by the Chairman of Executive Overview & Scrutiny to the Committee for its consideration.

The Head of Housing and Regulatory Services outlined the report and explained the reasoning and position regarding the future of the Home Care Link Service, including consultations with key stakeholders and options for transferring the services delivered by Home Care Link to another provider.

In discussion, comments and questions were raised by Members in respect of the content included within the report and appendix including:

- Protection of the current staff and to prioritise the TUPE rights as far as is possible.
- To ensure that any replacement service should either reduce or maintain current cost to the customer and/or provide enhanced solutions that enhance the capability and functionality of the service.

RESOLVED:

- A. That the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community, attached as an appendix to the report and the recommendations contained therein be considered and noted and that this Committee

support the decision of Cabinet held 8 June 2021.

- B. That Member Update Articles in respect of the Home Care Link Service be provided to keep Members informed of the latest position.

(Note: Councillor D Westley declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 9 – Home Care Link Service, as a Member of Lancashire County Council)

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Chairman