

## CABINET

**HELD: Tuesday, 27 June 2023**

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 7.25 pm

## PRESENT:

### Councillors:

### Portfolio

Councillor Gareth Dowling	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning & Community Safety (in the Chair)
Councillor Adam Yates	Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Green Growth
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

### In attendance: Councillors

D Westley (Virtually), Howard and Patel (Virtually)

### Officers:

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Chief Operating Officer  
Paul Charlson, Head of Planning & Regulatory Services (Virtually)  
Jacky Denning, Democratic Services Manager  
Tony Furber, Corporate Finance Manager (Deputy S151 Officer)  
Claire Kelly, Principal Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Gillian Wossick, Environmental Sustainability Manager (Virtually)  
Catherine Kirwan, Procurement Manager  
Christine Whittle, Strategic Planning Manager (Virtually)  
Rebecca Connick, Leisure Procurement Project Coordinator

## 87 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received on behalf of the Leader, Councillor Yvonne Gagen.

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

There were no items of special urgency.

**89 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no items under this heading.

**90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

**91 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday 7 March 2023 be received as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

**92 CONFIRMATION OF PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

- RESOLVED: A. That it be notes the Leader has appointed Cabinet Working Groups for 2023/24 as circulated at the Annual Meeting on 17 May 2023 with the terms of reference now included in the Constitution.
- B. That it be noted 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.

**93 MATTERS REQUIRING DECISIONS**

Consideration was given to report relating to the following matters requiring decisions and contained on pages 17 to 496 of the Book of Reports:

**94 QUARTER 4 COUNCIL PLAN MONITORING REPORT**

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

The minute of Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee was 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 against the Council Plan for the quarter ended 31 March 2023 be noted following consideration of any agreed comments from Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 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 15 June 2023.

**95 COUNCIL PLAN 2023-2028 DEVELOPMENT**

Councillor Molloy introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Housing Transformation, Housing & Resources, which sought approval of the draft of the new Council Plan 2023-28 for public consultation.

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

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

- RESOLVED: A. That the draft Council Plan 2023-2028 priorities and areas of focus at Appendix 1 to be used in public consultation, subject to the fourth priority being amended to read "Manage a resilient, financially strong Council that listens to its **residents**".
- B. That Call In is not appropriate for this item as the report was submitted to the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 June 2023.

**96 COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING STRATEGY**

Councillor Molloy introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which sought to approve the Council's first Community Wealth Building Strategy

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

- RESOLVED: A. That the Community Wealth Building Strategy contained at Appendix A be approved.
- B. That the Director of Transformation, Housing and Resources be given delegated authority to make any minor or inconsequential amendments to the Strategy as deemed appropriate.

(Note: The report will also be considered by full Council on 19 July 2023.)

**97 LOCAL PLAN - SCOPE, ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

Councillor Gareth Dowling introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which detailed the feedback received through the Local Plan 2040 Scope, Issues and Options consultation that ended in January 2022 and sought endorsement of the publication of the two Consultation

Feedback Reports, so that all interested parties can review what comments had been submitted to the Council.

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

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the Consultation Feedback Report on the Local Plan 2040 Scope, Issues and Options consultation (provided at Appendix A) be noted and endorsed.
  - B. That the Consultation Feedback Report on the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, 2021 (provided at Appendix B) be noted and endorsed.
  - C. That the next steps in the Local Plan 2040 preparation process set out at Section 4.0 of this report are noted.
  - D. That the importance of protecting farm land in the development of the Local Plan 2040, be noted.

98 **RESULTS OF CITIZEN SURVEY 2022**

Councillor Molloy introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which set out the action plan developed through the cross organisational officer Task & Finish Group, following the analysis of the Citizen Survey 2022.

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

In reaching the decision below, Cabinet consider the report and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That the action plan be agreed.

99 **PROCUREMENT POLICY**

Councillor Molloy introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which set out details of the proposed Procurement Policy.

The minutes of the Audit & Governance and Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committees 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 Council be recommended to approve the Procurement Policy.

**100 UK SHARED PROSPERITY AND RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND**

This item was withdrawn and will be considered by full Council on 19 July 2023.

**101 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT - ANNUAL SETTING OF THE POLICY**

Councillor Dowling introduced the report of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, which detailed the Council's use of its powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Power's Act (RIPA) and presented the RIPA Policy document for approval.

The minute of the Audit & Governance 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 Council's RIPA activity and the RIPA Policy attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

**102 DEMOLITION OF 201 EGERTON AND 4 NEARBY GARAGES, SKELMERSDALE,**

Councillor Nicola Pryce-Roberts introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which sought approval for the demolition of the Council's void property, 201 Egerton and 4 nearby garages to facilitate the development of 6 new 3 bed Council homes for affordable rent.

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

RESOLVED: A. That the demolition of 201 Egerton and the 4 garages, be approved, subject to relevant statutory approvals.

B. That it be noted that the report is not a planning application and due process will be undertaken in that respect.

**103 USE OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY MONIES ON BURSCOUGH WELLBEING AND LEISURE HUB**

Councillor Carl Coughlan introduced the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources, which sought approval to authorise the allocation and expenditure of up to £320,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy monies towards the refurbishment of Burscough Racquets and Fitness Centre.

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

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended:

- A. The sum of £320,000 be taken from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to be used towards the refurbishment of Burscough Racquets and Fitness Centre.
- B. That the Director of Transformation, Housing and Resources and/or the Head of Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Human Resources and Leisure and the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Transformation be granted delegated authority to utilise funding allocated CIL Funding to take all steps (including the appointment and payment to Alliance Leisure) to undertake the works set out in Section 5 of the report.

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**Leader**