



Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 18 November 2020 - Remote Access via Webex.

Cabinet members present:

Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council
Councillor Alan Vincent, Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder
Councillor Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder
Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder
Councillor Simon Bridge JP, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder
Councillor Michael Vincent, Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

Apologies for absence:

None

Other councillors present:

None

Officers present:

Garry Payne, Chief Executive
Mark Billington, Corporate Director Environment
Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities
Clare James, Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer
Duncan Jowitt, Democratic Services Officer
Emma Keany, Democratic Services Officer
Marianne Unwin, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

One member of the public or press watched the livestream of the meeting.

CAB.1 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.2 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meetings of 25 March 2020 and 22 April 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

CAB.3 Public questions

None

CAB.4 Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2024/25

The Resources Portfolio Holder and the Corporate Director Resources (s.151 Officer) submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider the council's Medium Term Financial Plan for the financial years 2020/21 to 2024/25.

Decision

Cabinet

- considered the Medium Term Financial Plan and the consequential action required in order to address the issues resulting from the five year Financial Forecast (current year plus four years),
- noted the revised expenditure projections incorporating the slippage from 2019/20 and the resulting impact on the level of the council's Reserves and Balances at 31 March 2020 and
- agreed the top-up and use of all Reserves and Balances, as indicated in Appendix 3 of the report, to the Medium Term Financial Plan.

CAB.5 Capital Programme Review and Monitoring Report (mid year)

The Resources Portfolio Holder and the Corporate Director Resources (s.151 Officer) submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider the review of the 2020/21 Capital Programme and progress of schemes for the six month period covering April 2020 through September 2020 undertaken by spending officers, noting amendments to the Capital Programme since last reported to Cabinet, and the financial impact over the term of the Programme through to the end of 2024/25.

Decisions

Cabinet agreed that

- the 2020/21 Capital Programme, and its funding, totalling £11,622,520 be approved, noting the following specific amendments:
 - £75,000 additional expenditure on Disabled Facilities Grants in 2020/21, following an additional funding contribution from Regenda,
 - re-classification of some Rossall Seawall Improvement works relating to ongoing monitoring from capital to revenue, with corresponding movements reflected in funding.
- the Capital Programme over the term through to the end of 2024/25 totalling £21,332,179 be approved.
- the progress of, and expenditure incurred on, capital schemes for the first six months of the 2020/21 financial year be noted.

CAB.6 Cost Profiles - Benchmarking Results 2020/21

The Resources Portfolio Holder and the Corporate Director Resources (s.151 Officer) submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider the findings of the 2020/21 benchmarking study, a key element used to demonstrate that the council has proper arrangements in place for securing value for money.

Decision

Cabinet considered the benchmarking information and agreed to use the findings to influence future service reviews.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.08 pm.

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Options considered but rejected

Any alternative options that were considered but rejected, in addition to the reasons for the recommendations that were made, are included in the full reports.

When will these decisions be implemented?

All decisions will be put into effect five working days from the date of publication, unless a decision is "called-in" by any four members of the council within that period.