



Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Cabinet members present:

Councillors Vincent, Berry, Bowen, Bridge and Le Marinel

Absent- apologies received:

Councillor McKay

Other councillors present:

Councillor Duffy

Officers present:

Rebecca Huddleston, Chief Executive

Mark Billington, Corporate Director Environment

Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities

Clare James, Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer

Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager (Temporary)

Patrick Cantley, Senior Licensing Officer

Corinne Mason, Manager of Environmental Protection and Community Safety

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

CAB.1 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.2 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of 22 March 2023 were approved as a correct record.

CAB.3 Public questions

None.

CAB.4 Upgrade to CCTV network

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder

submitted a report to seek Cabinet agreement to upgrade the council's existing town centre CCTV network from analogue to digital IP technology, relocate the CCTV control room, make other related improvements to the service and add the scheme to the council's 2023/24 and 2024/25 Capital Programme.

Councillor Ruth Duffy asked a question regarding the possibility of additional CCTV cameras in the borough particularly for Bold Street in Pharos Ward, Fleetwood to assist with the prevention of fly tipping and other anti-social behaviour issues.

Councillor Berry confirmed that two additional cameras were going to be installed in Fleetwood one on Lord Street and one at the Mount Pavilion Gardens. Regarding Bold Street, Councillor Berry emphasised that the street's volume of foliage had an impact on the quality of the CCTV cameras and that the council would have to manage privacy and data protection issues because the street was a residential area. Corrine Mason, Manager of Environmental Protection & Community Safety, explained the importance of the council reviewing the data and feasibility for the positioning of CCTV cameras. She added the estimated budget set out in the report does not include any contingency for additional CCTV cameras, beyond the two which Cllr Berry had mentioned, but she encouraged local areas to explore funding opportunities such as through the Police and Crime Commission which would be supported by the council.

Councillor Vincent confirmed that additional areas for CCTV could be something for future review, but highlighted the importance of other methods to assist the reduction in fly tipping in specific areas such as Bold Street, Fleetwood.

Decisions

Cabinet **agreed**:

- That approval is given to procure an upgrade of the existing CCTV equipment, control room and supporting transmission networks as outlined in section 5 and to give delegated authority to the Corporate Director Environment in conjunction with the Corporate Director Resources (and S.151 officer) to agree the final contractor arrangements.
- That approval is given to add the scheme, costing an estimated £307,000, to the council's Capital Programme for 2023/24, funded by a combination of UK Shared Prosperity funding, partner contribution/s and income from capital receipts.
- That approval is given to waive financial regulations under the exemptions to contract procedures at 4.06/07 of the Council's Constitution "If a framework agreement is available that necessitates the Council not having to go out to tender and the goods, works and services will still provide the Council with best value for money".

CAB.5 Variation to the Wyre Hackney Carriage Tariff

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder submitted a report that asked the Cabinet to consider the recommendation from the Licensing Committee to revise the Hackney Carriage Table of Fares.

Councillor Vincent expressed slight concerns regarding the increase in fares. However, he acknowledged that this was requested by the taxi industry to enable them to maintain its viability in order to meet demand for taxis in the borough.

Decisions

Cabinet **agreed**:

- That the revised table of fares be approved and implemented from 7 July 2023, subject to the proper consideration of any responses to the public notice.
- That the Senior Licensing Officer advertise the variation in accordance with section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976 (Appendix 1).

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.13 pm.

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