

Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 10 January 2024 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Cabinet members present:

Councillors Vincent, Berry, McKay, Bridge and Le Marinel

Absent- apologies received:

Councillor Bowen

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)

Corinne Mason, Manager of Environmental Protection and Community Safety

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

CAB.26 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.27 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of Cabinet held on 29 November 2023 were **confirmed** as a correct record by those who were in attendance.

CAB.28 Public questions

None.

CAB.29 Poulton Town Centre Regeneration Framework

The Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder submitted a report seeking Cabinet's adoption of the Poulton Town Centre Regeneration Framework (PTCRF).

Councillor Le Marinel, the Planning Policy and Economic Development

Portfolio Holder introduced his report.

Councillors Le Marinel and Vincent thanked the Economic Development team for their efforts to develop the Poulton Town Centre Regeneration Framework, highlighting in particular the thorough consultation process.

Decisions

Cabinet **agreed**:

- That the council adopt the PTCRF.
- That a variety of delivery approaches, depending on the nature of the PTCRF project, be explored to achieve the agreed vision. These are likely to include projects led by the council, new partnerships being developed such as a Community Energy Trust and project delivery by local partners.
- That in the medium term the council maintain strategic responsibility for the PTCRF and the Head of Planning and Regeneration be authorised to make amendments and corrections to the PTCRF. Such changes may include but are not limited to editorial corrections, typographical errors, changed local circumstances or investment opportunities.
- Where the revisions may alter the strategic objectives of the PTCRF, the Head of Planning and Regeneration, in consultation with the Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, determine if it may be appropriate to carry out further proportionate stakeholder or public consultations on the proposed revisions
- That the council support the development of a town board which might take responsibility for strategic delivery of the PTCRF in the long term. As a next step it is recommended that the council support the development of the Poulton Partnership to explore bringing the group in line with the town boards for Cleveleys, Garstang and Fleetwood.

CAB.30 Renewal of the existing Public Space Protection Order for alcohol related anti-social behaviour

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder submitted a report seeking Cabinet's agreement to renew the existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for alcohol related anti-social behaviour for a further three years in those areas of the borough covered by the existing Order.

Councillor Berry, the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder introduced his report.

Decisions

Cabinet **agreed**:

- To the renewal of the PSPO for alcohol related anti-social behaviour for a further 3 years in accordance with the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- That the boundaries of the existing PSPO (as highlighted on the attached maps) are maintained having regard to the feedback received from the recent consultation exercise.
- That the Legal Services Manager is authorised to renew the order subject to any minor amendments that she may wish to make.

CAB.31 Cost profiles - benchmarking results

The Resources Portfolio Holder submitted a report seeking the Cabinet to consider the findings of the 2023/24 benchmarking study, a key element used to demonstrate that the council has proper arrangements in place for securing value for money.

Councillor McKay, the Resources Portfolio Holder, introduced her report.

Decisions

Cabinet **agreed**:

- That the Cabinet considers the benchmarking information attached and uses the findings to influence future service reviews.
- That the information be shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to support the development of their work programme.

CAB.32 Capital Budget 2023/24 and Capital Programme 2024/25 onwards

The Resources Portfolio Holder submitted a report seeking the Cabinet to consider the review of the 2023/24 Capital Programme and the progress of schemes for the eight month period, covering April 2023 through November 2023, undertaken by spending officers. Noting amendments to the Capital Programme since last reported to Cabinet on 18 October 2023 and the financial impact over the term of the Programme, through to the end of 2028/29. In addition, to agree the latest Capital Budget 2023/24 and the Capital Programme for the financial year 2024/25 onwards.

Councillor McKay, the Resources Portfolio Holder, introduced her report.

Decisions

Cabinet **agreed**:

- That the progress of, and expenditure incurred on, capital schemes for the first eight months of the 2023/24 financial year is noted.

- That the Revised Capital Programme, and its funding, for the 2023/24 financial year totalling £18,027,390 be approved. There have been no budget changes since the report published on 18 October 2023.
- That the Capital Programme over the five year term from 2024/25 through to the end of 2028/29, totalling £54,610,577 be approved.
- That the financial implications of the Capital Budget and future Capital Programme be reflected in the draft Revenue Estimates which will be considered by Cabinet at their meeting on 14 February 2024 and be subject to approval by Full Council at the meeting on 7 March 2024.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.03 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.