



Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 18 October 2017 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Cabinet members present:

Councillor Alan Vincent, Leader of the Council and Resources Portfolio Holder
Councillor Lynne Bowen, Deputy Leader and Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder
Councillor Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder
Councillor David Henderson, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder
Councillor Pete Murphy, Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

Apologies:

None

Other councillors present:

Councillor(s) Marge Anderton, Howard Ballard and Rob Fail

Officers present:

Garry Payne, Chief Executive
Mark Billington, Service Director People and Places
Mark Broadhurst, Service Director Health and Wellbeing
Clare James, Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer
Ruth Hunter, Street Scene Manager
Duncan Jowitt, Democratic Services and Councillor Development Officer

Apologies:

Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

CAB.14 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.15 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 6 September 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

CAB.16 Public questions

None

CAB.17 Waste and Recycling Collection Services task group - final report

The Chairman of the Waste and Recycling Collection Services task group and Service Director Performance and Innovation submitted a report to Cabinet detailing the work of the Waste and Recycling Collection Services task group and the Vice Chairman of the task group Councillor Howard Ballard introduced the report.

The Leader expressed surprise that no Labour members were included amongst the members of the task group listed on the report and asked the Vice Chairman to pass on his thanks to the members of the task group for their hard work and a very good and well-presented report. The Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder affirmed that the replacement of the kerbside box with a fourth bin would form part of the negotiations when the contract was due for renewal.

Decision taken

Cabinet agreed the following recommendations of the task group:

- That the council re-tests the market before making a decision about the provision of the waste and recycling collection service beyond April 2020.
- That any future arrangement for the delivery of the waste and recycling collection service takes into account the requirements of the Local Plan including, in particular, the impact of additional properties planned for the borough.
- That the box currently used for dry recyclates be replaced by a bin.
- That a four-bin system for a two-stream collection on a four-weekly cycle be introduced.
- That all options for driving up recycling rates be considered, and implemented as appropriate.

CAB.18 Cost Profiles - benchmarking results 2017/18

The Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder and Head of Finance (s.151 Officer) submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider the findings of the 2017/18 benchmarking study, a key element used to demonstrate that the council has proper arrangements in place for securing value for money.

Cabinet discussed the benchmarking information and the difficulties in extrapolating accurate comparative information from the data due to the differences between accounting practices in other authorities.

Decision taken

Cabinet agreed that the findings would be used in future service reviews to suggest approaches that might assist the council in making further efficiencies.

CAB.19 Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2020/21

The Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder and Head of Finance (s.151 Officer) submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan for the financial years 2017/18 to 2020/21.

Decision taken

Cabinet considered the Medium Term Financial Plan and the consequential action required in order to address the issues resulting from the 3 year Financial Forecast, noted the revised expenditure projections incorporating the slippage from 2016/17, and the resulting impact on the level of the Council's Reserves and Balances at 31st March 2017; and agreed the top-up and use of all Reserves and Balances as indicated in Appendix 3 to the Medium Term Financial Plan.

CAB.20 Review of Consultation and Implementation of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Dog Control

The Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder and Service Director People and Places submitted a report summarising the consultation feedback on the draft PSPOs relating to dog controls, and asked Cabinet to agree changes and grant approval for the Senior Solicitor to make the Order in accordance with regulations published by the Secretary of State.

Decision taken

Cabinet:

- agreed to the making of PSPO as shown in Appendix 1 of the report,
- deferred the decision to introduce a limit on the maximum number of dogs that can be exercised by one person across the whole of the borough in order to explore opportunities to introduce a permit scheme with neighbouring Local Authorities and The Kennel Club.
- deferred the decision to introduce any Order on Fleetwood Nature Reserve, to allow further discussion with Lancashire County Council,
- authorised the Senior Solicitor to correct any minor drafting errors that may be identified and to make minor amendments including deletions and insertions that may be necessary to ensure the PSPO is accurate.

CAB.21 Exclusion of public and press

In accordance with Paragraph 11 of the Access to Information Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive had determined that the report submitted under item 10 of the agenda was "Not for Publication" because it contained "exempt information", as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Decision taken

Cabinet agreed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst agenda item 10 was considered, on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in category 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part 1 of Schedule 12(a) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006 and, that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information".

CAB.22 Variation of Ground Lease User Clause and Receipt of Premium Payment to Allow A3, A4, D2 and A1 Retailing at Jubilee Business Park, Cleveleys Promenade

The Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder and Service Director Performance and Innovation submitted a report seeking Cabinet approval for the proposed variation of the ground lease user clause to allow A1 - retail in addition to A3, A4 and D2 uses at the Jubilee Business Park.

Decision taken

Cabinet approved the proposed variation to the ground lease user clause for the receipt of a premium payment to the council (as landlord) and the sharing of any uplift in value on buildings on the site should their use be changed to A1 retail use in the future.

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.01 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.