



Cabinet Minutes

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

Cabinet members present:

Councillor Peter Gibson (Leader of the Council)
Councillor Alan Vincent (Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader)
Councillor Roger Berry (Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Lynne Bowen (Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder)
Councillor David Henderson (Street Scene, Parks & Open Spaces Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Pete Murphy (Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Vivien Taylor (Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder)

Apologies:

None

Officers present:

Garry Payne (Chief Executive)
Mark Billington (Service Director People and Places)
Mark Broadhurst (Service Director Health and Wellbeing)
Marianne Hesketh (Service Director Performance and Innovation)
Duncan Jowitt (Democratic Services Officer)

Apologies:

None

Non-members of the Cabinet present:

Councillors Marge Anderton, Ron Greenhough, Julie Robinson (Chairman of the Citizens Advice Bureau scrutiny review group)

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

CAB.24 Declarations of interest

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder declared a significant interest in items 5 and 6 on the agenda, as a Board member of

Citizens Advice Lancashire West.

CAB.25 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 30 November 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

CAB.26 Public questions

None

CAB.27 Citizens Advice Bureau Scrutiny Review - Final Report

The Chairman of the Citizens Advice Bureau scrutiny review group and the Service Director Performance and Innovation submitted a report asking Cabinet to report the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau scrutiny review group, which has considered proposals for an extension to the current Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Citizens Advice Lancashire West (CALW) for the provision of welfare advice services in the borough beyond 31 May 2017. The Leader thanked the group for the good work they had done and the Chairman of the Citizens Advice Bureau scrutiny review group expressed her thanks to all those who had been involved in the review.

Decision taken

Cabinet agreed that

1. the council renew the SLA made on 1 June 2015, with appropriate updating and re-drafting to reflect recommendation 2 below, with CALW for a further three years from 1 June 2017, with agreed funding.
2. in addition to the requirements already included in the SLA, CALW be required to:
 - (i) provide the numbers of people seeking advice from CALW who were referred by Wyre Council,
 - (ii) prioritise referrals from Wyre Council according to agreed criteria,
 - (iii) provide the numbers of people seeking advice from CALW in person and by telephone, respectively,
 - (iv) provide the number of 'primary presenting problems' and 'other problems' for which advice is sought,
 - (v) provide a breakdown of clients seen, according to benefit type,
 - (vi) meet with Wyre Council officers on a six monthly basis to review performance within the context of the service level agreement.

CAB.28 Grant Funding for Citizens Advice Service

The Leader and the Service Director Performance and Innovation submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider a three year extension to the current agreement with Citizens Advice Lancashire West (CALW) for the provision of welfare advice services in the Borough until 31 May 2020.

Decision taken

Cabinet agreed to a three year extension to the current service level agreement with CALW ceasing 31 May 2020.

CAB.29 Capital Budget 2016/17 and Capital Programme 2017/18 onwards

The Resources Portfolio Holder and the Head of Finance asked Cabinet to agree the latest Capital Budget 2016/17 and the Capital Programme for the financial year 2017/18 onwards.

Decision taken

Cabinet agreed that

1. the latest Capital Budget for 2016/17 and the Capital Programme for 2017/18 onwards be agreed, subject to the confirmation of disabled facilities grant at the levels assumed.
2. the financial implications of the Capital Budget and future Capital Programme, following the third quarter review (April to end December 2016), be reflected in the draft Revenue Estimates which will be considered by Cabinet at their meeting on the 15 February 2017 and be subject to approval by Council at the meeting on the 2 March 2017.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.07 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.