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Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 25 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:

Councillor(s) Armstrong, Lady D Atkins, Ballard, Fail, Le Marinel, Moon, O'Neill, Raynor, Swales, Stirzaker, Webster and Williams

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 Peter Foulsham, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager Marianne Unwin, Assistant Democratic Services Officer Steve Simpson, Head of ICT

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

CAB.7 Apologies for absence

None.

CAB.8 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.9 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of 18 November 2020 were approved as a correct record.

CAB.10 Additional contract variation for Fylde Coast YMCA to facilitate the recovery of leisure centre provision

The Corporate Director Communities submitted a report asking Cabinet to approve a further contract variation with the Fylde Coast YMCA by way of additional funding of £340,165 in 2020/21 in order to ensure that they could continue to provide a leisure service provision in Wyre. This was additional to the £636,345 for Fylde Coast YMCA agreed previously.

Six non-executive councillors (Cllrs Beavers, Fail, Le Marinel, Raynor, Swales and Webster) and the six members of the Executive addressed the meeting in relation to the recommendations contained in the report.

Decision

Cabinet approved an additional subsidy of £340,165 in 2020/21 for Fylde Coast YMCA to enable the reopening of fitness gyms and classes at Thornton and Garstang leisure centres and the reopening of Garstang pool to trial public appetite for a return to swimming once COVID-19 restrictions were lifted. Fleetwood and Poulton leisure centres were to be kept under monthly review with a view to reopening and would be reopened as soon as it was viable to do so.

Cabinet also approved the undertaking of a procurement exercise at a cost of £30,000 to bring in external support to help with the development of a longer term strategy for sustainable leisure provision in Wyre and delegated authority for this commission to the Corporate Director Communities.

See subsequent Call-in of Cabinet Decision below.

The meeting started at 5.05 pm and finished at 5.44 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 (see below).

Call-in of Cabinet Decision

The Cabinet decision Additional contract variation for Fylde Coast YMCA to facilitate the recovery of leisure centre provision was subject to a call-in on 1 December 2020

Date of publication of call-in notice: 1 December 2020

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was convened on Tuesday 15 December 2020 to consider the call-in. The agenda will be published one week before the meeting

The Overview and Scrutiny procedure rules state that Cabinet will take a final decision, whether amending the decision or not, within five working days of the publishing of the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

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