



## Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 25 November 2020 - Remote Access via WebEx.

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### **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.

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### **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

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

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A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was convened on Tuesday 15 December 2020 to consider the call-in. The call-in meeting was open to the public to attend by watching the proceedings via a live stream on YouTube and the committee discussed the call in and decided not to support it.

As the Overview and Scrutiny Committee decided not to refer the matter back to Cabinet, the decision will take effect on the date of the Overview and Scrutiny meeting - 15 December 2020.

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