



Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-Le-Fylde.

Cabinet members present:

Councillor Michael Vincent, Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder (in the Chair)
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 Alice Collinson, Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

Apologies for absence:

Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council

Other councillors present:

Councillor Peter Le Marinel

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
Daine Banks, Corporate Apprentice
Amy Collier, Corporate Apprentice

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

CAB.12 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.13 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of 14 July 2021 were approved as a correct record.

CAB.14 Public questions

None

CAB.15 Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26

The Resources Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director Resources submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider the council's Medium Term Financial Plan for the financial years 2021/22 to 2025/26.

Decisions

Cabinet

- considered the Medium Term Financial Plan and the consequential action required in order to address the issues resulting from the five year Financial Forecast (current year plus four years),
- noted the revised expenditure projections incorporating the slippage from 2020/21, and the resulting impact on the level of the council's Reserves and Balances at 31 March 202 and
- agreed the top-up and use of all Reserves and Balances as indicated in Appendix 3 to the Medium Term Financial Plan.

CAB.16 Capital Programme Review and Monitoring Report

The Resources Portfolio Holder and the Corporate Director Resources submitted a report for Cabinet to consider the review of the 2021/22 Capital Programme and progress of schemes for the five month period, covering April 2021 through August 2021, undertaken by spending officers, noting amendments to the Capital Programme since it was last reported to Cabinet and the financial impact over the term of the Programme, through to the end of 2025/26.

Decisions

Cabinet approved the 2021/22 Capital Programme and its funding, totalling £16,095,805, noting the following specific amendments:

- £321,837 additional expenditure on Disabled Facilities Grants in 2021/22, following an additional funding contribution of £246,837 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and £75,000 from Regenda,
- £23,410 expenditure on Cell Eleven Monitoring for Year 1 of a 5 year programme with funding from the Environment Agency via Sefton Council.
- £14,500 additional expenditure on Fleetwood Market to be funded from the Capital Investment Reserve - specific funding had been allocated to the reserve in 2020/21.

Cabinet approved the Capital Programme over the term through to the end of 2025/26 totalling £64,507,227 and noted the progress of, and expenditure incurred on, capital schemes for the first five months of the 2021/22 financial year.

CAB.17 Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review Letter 2021

The Leader of the Council and Corporate Director Resources asked Cabinet to consider the Annual Review letter from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGO) for 2020/21.

Decision

Cabinet noted the comments made by the LGO in the Annual Review Letter.

The meeting started at 5.01 pm and finished at 5.02 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 three members of the council within that period.

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