



Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 5 September 2018 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-Le-Fylde.

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) Ballard and Fail

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
Clare James, Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer
Peter Mason, Head of Contact Centre
Pamela Holroyd, Housing Options Team Leader
Ruth Hunter, Street Scene Manager
David McArthur, Private Sector Housing and Housing Options Manager
Réa Psillidou, Planning Policy and Economic Development Manager
Duncan Jowitt, Democratic Services and Councillor Development Officer

1 member of the public attended the meeting.

11 Declarations of interest

None.

12 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.

13 Public questions

None

14 Adjustment to sequence of agenda items

Cabinet agreed that items 8 and 9 of the agenda be taken next to allow the Chairman of the MyHomeChoiceFyldeCoast Task Group (Cllr Ballard) to leave to attend another meeting.

15 MyHomeChoiceFyldeCoast task group - final report

The Chairman of the MyHomeChoiceFyldeCoast task group and Service Director Performance and Innovation submitted a report setting out the comments of the task group regarding the proposed changes to the allocation and letting of social housing in Wyre via MyHomeChoiceFyldeCoast.

Decision taken

Cabinet thanked Councillor Ballard and the members of the task group and agreed that

- the proposed changes to the arrangements for the allocation and letting of social housing in Wyre via MyHomeChoiceFyldeCoast be supported
- the Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive a report from the Service Director Health and Wellbeing on the implementation of the revised allocation and letting arrangements once they have been in place for twelve months (September 2019).

16 My Home Choice Fylde Coast Partnership Agreement

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder and Service Director Health and Wellbeing submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider changes to the My Home Choice Fylde Coast Partnership Agreement and Consistent Assessment Policy in place to govern the allocation and letting of social housing in Wyre.

Decision taken

Cabinet considered the feedback from, and response to, the consultation on the My Home Choice Fylde Coast Policy and system as set out in Appendix 3 and agreed that

- the Council enter into a new Partnership Agreement with local social housing providers and Blackpool and Fylde Councils to maintain and further develop the My Home Choice Fylde Coast sub-regional system for letting social housing as set out in Appendix 1.

- the amended Consistent Assessment Policy at Appendix 2 be approved.

17 Environmental Enforcement Services Specialist - Pilot

The Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder and Service Director People and Places sought approval to enter into a pilot agreement with a specialist enforcement provider for a 12 month period to deliver specialist enforcement services to address environmental crime issues such as dog fouling, littering and other dog control measures under the Public Space Protection Orders.

Decisions taken

Cabinet thanked the council officers for their work in presenting the options and agreed that

- the 12 month environmental enforcement trial with District Enforcement ('District'), on a cost neutral basis and with no financial risk to the council, be approved.
- the fine for littering fixed penalty notices be increased to £100 and the early payment option for littering Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) be set at £80 if paid within 10 days.
- delegated authority be given for fully trained staff of District to issue FPNs on behalf of the council for the duration of the agreement.
- the agreement be dealt with under the exemptions to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules on the grounds that the goods, works or services are of a specialised nature carried out by only one or a limited number of firms with no reasonably satisfactory alternatives available.
- the final details of the pilot be delegated to the Service Director People and Places in consultation with the Senior Solicitor and the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder.

18 Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review Letter 2017/18

The Leader of the Council and Service Director Performance and Innovation asked Cabinet to consider the Annual Review letter from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGO) for 2017/18.

Decision taken

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

19 Localisation of Council Tax Support

The Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader and Service Director

People and Places asked Cabinet to agree the draft Localised Council Tax Support Scheme prior to commencing consultation.

Decision taken

Cabinet approved the draft changes and agreed that the scheme be subject to an eight week consultation period, prior to a further report being submitted to Council outlining the results of the consultation exercise and seeking confirmation of the final scheme.

20 Wyre Local Plan (2011 - 2031) - Council Response to the Inspector's Post Hearing Advice

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder and Chief Executive presented the Inspector's Post Hearing Advice (the Advice) and submitted council response and requested confirmation of the council's response to the Advice as set out in the report to the extent that matters fall within the responsibilities of the Executive.

Decision taken

Cabinet confirmed the submitted response to the Advice in relation to matters falling within the responsibilities of the Executive.

21 Guidance on the Preparation of Masterplans

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder and Chief Executive sought

- approval of the council's Guidance on the Preparation of Masterplans as a means of implementing emerging Wyre Local Plan policy.
- delegated authority for the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder to approve masterplans where such documents are required under SA1 policies for residential developments of over 50 dwellings and up to 100 dwellings where the particular SA1 policy does not include specific on-site infrastructure requirements.

Decisions taken

The Guidance on the Preparation of Masterplans was approved.

Delegated authority was granted to the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder to approve masterplans relating to residential allocations of over 50 dwellings and up to 100 dwellings where the allocation policy does not include any specific on-site infrastructure requirements.

Delegated authority was granted to the Head of Planning Services to make minor alterations and updates to the guidance in consultation with the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.28 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.