

Cabinet Minutes

Minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday 21 October 2015 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Cabinet members present:

Councillor Peter Gibson (The Leader of the Council)

Councillor Roger Berry (Neighbourhood Services & Community Safety Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Lynne Bowen (Leisure & Culture Portfolio Holder)

Councillor David Henderson (Street Scene, Parks & Open Spaces Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Pete Murphy (Planning & Economic Development Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Alan Vincent (Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader)

Apologies:

Councillor Vivien Taylor (Health & Community Engagement Portfolio Holder)

Officers present:

Garry Payne (Chief Executive)
Philippa Davies (Corporate Director of Resources)
Michael Ryan (Corporate Director of Resources)
Duncan Jowitt (Democratic Services Officer)

Non-members of the Cabinet present:

Councillors Terry Lees, Brian Stephenson and Shaun Turner

No members of the public or press reporters attended the meeting.

CAB.21 Declarations of interest

None

CAB.22 Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 9 September 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

CAB.23 Public Questions

None

CAB.24 A New Strategy for Sport: Consultation Paper

The Chairman of the Sports Strategy Consultation Group, Cllr S Turner, and the Corporate Director of Resources submitted a report seeking Cabinet's endorsement of the consultation group's response to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's paper published in August 2015.

Decision taken

Cabinet formally endorsed the consultation response, which the consultation group had already submitted to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport in order to meet the deadline on 2 October 2015.

CAB.25 Health and Fitness Equipment – Fleetwood Leisure Centre

The Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director of People and Places submitted a report asking Cabinet to agree the purchase of health and fitness equipment for Fleetwood Leisure Centre.

Decision taken

Cabinet agreed to purchase health and fitness equipment for Fleetwood Leisure Centre to the value of £133,922 excluding VAT, incorporating the scheme in the Council's 2015/16 Capital Budget, an investment to be recovered over a 5-year period via contributions from the YMCA's operational budget.

Approval was given to proceed using YMCA's preferred supplier Lifefitness under the exemption to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules, on the grounds that exceptions may apply where "the goods, works or services constitute an extension or variation of an existing contract, or are required urgently, or the goods/materials, works or services consist of repairs to, or the supply of parts for existing proprietary plant or equipment."

CAB.26 Cost Profiles – benchmarking results 2015/16

The Resources Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director of Resources submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider the findings of the 2015/16 benchmarking study, a key element used to demonstrate that the Council has proper arrangements in place for securing value for money.

Decision taken

Cabinet considered the benchmarking information and agreed that the findings be used to influence future service reviews.

CAB.27 Capital Programme Review and Monitoring Report

The Resources Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director of Resources submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider the summary of the Spending Officers' (April to end September 2015) review of the 2015/16 Capital Budget and its impact on the Capital Programme thereafter.

Decision taken

Cabinet agreed that the Capital Programme and its funding be updated to reflect the changes indicated in the report and that the impact on the Revenue Budget be reflected in the Medium Term Financial Plan and future revisions of the Revenue Estimates.

The meeting started at 6pm and finished at 6.17pm.

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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. The "call-in" procedure is set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution (Paragraph 16 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules). If a decision is "called-in", the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may decide that the original decision should be upheld or ask Cabinet to reconsider the decision.

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