



Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 26 June 2019 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

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Michael Vincent, Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

Other councillors present:

Councillor(s) Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins, E Ellison, Fail and Orme

Officers present:

Mark Billington, Service Director People and Places
Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation
Mark Broadhurst, Service Director Health and Wellbeing
Garry Payne, Chief Executive
Ruth Hunter, Street Scene Manager
Duncan Jowitt, Democratic Services and Councillor Development Officer
Emma Keany, Democratic Services Officer

1 member of the public attended the meeting.

CAB.1 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.2 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 24 April 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.

CAB.3 Public questions

None

CAB.4 Public Conveniences Task Group - Final Report

The Chairman of the Public Conveniences Task Group and the Service Director Performance and Innovation submitted a report detailing the work of the Public Conveniences task group. Cllr E Ellison stated that a landowner on the A6 had recently been in contact in regard to putting toilets on his land and that she would pass details to the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder.

Cllr Bridge thanked Cllr E Ellison and all members of the cross-party group for their involvement into a review of a service essential to both residents and visitors. He then spoke about each of the recommendations in turn and voiced his agreement to each of them with the exception of recommendation at paragraph 3.4 of the report suggesting the withdrawal of the facility to use a radar key as he felt it was important that it was retained for legitimate uses.

His comments were supported by other members of the Cabinet and other councillors present at the meeting.

Decision

Cabinet agreed the following recommendations of the task group that

- the current number and location of public conveniences in the borough be maintained.
- while recognising the excellent performance of Danfo, all options for continuing the provision of public conveniences be explored in good time before the expiry of the current contract in 2022.
- the fee for using public conveniences be increased from 20p to 30p (fees inclusive of VAT) borough-wide, subject to a review of the cost and process by which the coin mechanisms can be updated.
- options for making cashless payments be explored and introduced if found to be viable after exploring the cost implications.
- the introduction of additional Changing Places facilities be considered, in Fleetwood to complement the beach wheelchair initiative, and in Cleveleys.
- options for additional toilet facilities be explored in Cabus Ward on the A6, subject to discussions with Lancashire County Council, Cabus Parish Council and other interested parties, and between Cleveleys (Café Cove) and Rossall Point.
- options to use wall or similar space at public conveniences for promotions, campaigns, displays and advertising be explored.
- the task group's commendation of the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder' decision, published on 21 March 2019, to explore the provision of toilet, water and sluicing facilities at the Central Car Park, Fleetwood was noted.

CAB.5 Exercise Equipment - Garstang Leisure Centre

The Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder and Service Director Health and Wellbeing submitted a report asking Cabinet to agree the purchase of health and fitness equipment and related software for Garstang Leisure Centre.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to purchase health and fitness equipment and related software for Garstang Leisure Centre to the value of £29,527 excluding VAT and that the scheme be added to the Council's 2019/20 Capital Programme and the investment recovered over a four year period via contributions from the YMCA's operational budget at no additional cost to the council.

CAB.6 Refuse Collection Vehicle Procurement Update

The Resources Portfolio Holder and Service Director People and Places submitted a report to update Members on the procurement exercise undertaken by Veolia for the new Waste and Recycling fleet and to authorise the capital budget spend.

Decision

Cabinet approved the overall capital expenditure of £2,496,795 to fund the upfront contract payment for purchase of the new refuse collection vehicle fleet, funded from the Vehicle Replacement and Street Cleansing Maintenance Reserve and agreed that this be reflected in the 2019/20 Capital Programme.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.29 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.