



Cabinet Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday, 4 December 2019 in Committee Room 2, 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:

Councillors Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins, Catterall, Collinson and Fail

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 and Councillor Development Officer
David Thow, Head of Planning Services
Len Harris, Senior Planning Officer
Fiona Riley, Planning Officer

One member of the public attended the meeting.

CAB.18 Declarations of interest

None.

CAB.19 Confirmation of minutes

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

CAB.20 Public questions

None

CAB.21 Introduction of New Enforcement Powers Policy under the Housing and Planning Act 2016

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director Communities submitted a report seeking approval:

- for the council to adopt new enforcement powers contained in the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (HPA2016) allowing the council to impose civil penalties for housing enforcement and to apply for rent repayment orders and banning orders.
- for the delegation of authority to develop, implement and further amend the council's policy in respect of the new Housing Enforcement powers to the Corporate Director Communities in consultation with the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder and the Legal Services Manager, such policy to be in accordance with Schedule 13A of the Housing Act 2004, and any other guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- to authorise the Corporate Director Communities to authorise the Head of Housing and Community Services to discharge the relevant powers detailed in this report.

Decision

Cabinet agreed

- that the council would adopt new enforcement powers contained in the Housing and Planning Act 2016 allowing the council to impose civil penalties and to apply for rent repayment orders and banning orders.
- that a Policy and Matrix be adopted for the use of the new powers in Housing Enforcement set out at Appendix 1 of the report.
- that any revenue arising from Civil Penalties and Rent Repayment Orders would be reinvested by the council to further regulate and improve the private rented sector as set out in Regulation 4 of the Rent Repayment Orders and Financial Penalties (Amounts Recovered) (England) Regulations 2017.
- that delegation of the authority to develop, implement and further amend the council's policy in respect of the new enforcement powers be given to the Corporate Director Communities, in consultation with the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder and the Legal Services Manager and that such policy be in accordance with Schedule 13A of the Housing Act 2004, and any other guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

- that authorisation be given to the Corporate Director Communities to authorise the Head of Housing and Community Services to discharge the relevant powers detailed in this report.

CAB.22 Masterplan Part 1: Land West of Great Ecclestone

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director Communities sought approval of the Masterplan (Part 1) for Local Plan allocation SA3/3 Land West of Great Ecclestone.

Decisions

Cabinet approved the Masterplan (Part 1) Land West of Great Ecclestone and delegated authority to approve the Masterplan (Part 2 - Delivery) Land West of Great Ecclestone to the Head of Planning Services in consultation with the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder.

Powers to make minor editorial amendments and corrections to the Masterplan prior to publication were delegated to the Head of Planning Services

CAB.23 Masterplan: SA3/5 Land West of the A6, Garstang

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director Communities sought approval of the Masterplan for Local Plan allocation SA3/5 Land West of the A6, Garstang.

Councillors Sir Robert and Lady Dulcie Atkins and Councillor Collinson asked a number of questions to which the Leader and the Head of Planning Services responded.

Decisions

Cabinet approved the Masterplan for Land West of the A6, Garstang and delegated powers to the Head of Planning Services to make minor editorial amendments and corrections to the Masterplan prior to publication.

CAB.24 Authorities Monitoring Report 2018/2019

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director Communities submitted a report asking Cabinet to consider and recommend the content of the Authorities Monitoring Report 2018-2019.

Councillor Fail asked a number of questions that were answered by the Head of Planning Services and queried the take up of employment land stated for Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone, Thornton at paragraph 3.3.3. The Head of Planning Services agreed to investigate further and provide Councillor Fail with a written reply.

Decision

That subject to the inclusion of any minor editorial alterations, the Authorities Monitoring Report 2018-2019 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved and made available for public inspection.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.38 pm.

Date of Publication: 5 December 2019

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.