

Council

Wednesday, 25th January, 2023, 6.00 pm

Shield Room, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH

Supplementary Agenda

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the above meeting of the Council, the following information:

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| 5 Cabinet | (Pages 49 - 52) |
| To receive and consider the report of the Cabinet held on 18 January which will come to follow. | |
| 7 Scrutiny Committee | (Pages 53 - 54) |
| To receive and consider the report of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 24 November. The report from the meeting held on 17 January will follow. | |
| 11 Nomination of Mayor-elect and Deputy Mayor-elect 2023/2024 | (Pages 55 - 58) |
| To receive and consider the report of the Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer. | |

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Chief Executive

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Report of Cabinet

1. Any Cabinet recommendations on the reports that require a decision by full Council appear as separate items on the agenda.
2. Please note that the report may not reflect the wording used in the minutes, as they have yet to be formally agreed.
3. All decisions taken by Cabinet on 18 January can be found on the published Decision Notice.

Meeting held on 18 January 2023

Lancashire 2050 Framework

4. The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform) presented a report that sought to present to Cabinet the work undertaken towards the development of strengthened joint working across Lancashire.
5. Councillor Foster had worked closely with other Lancashire leaders to develop the framework. Lancashire was missing out on funding due to not being in a combined authority, as a couple of authorities did not want to enter into such an agreement, it was agreed that all Lancashire authorities would continue to work closely together.

Mental Health Action Plan

6. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member (Health and Wellbeing) Councillor Mick Titherington presented a report of the Director of Communities that sought to provide Cabinet with an update on the work that has been carried out to improve mental health across South Ribble. The report also sought to present Cabinet with proposed plans to be delivered over the next two years, starting from the 2023/2024 financial year.
7. Councillor Titherington stated that although the authority did not have a statutory duty to provide any services they had a moral duty and were filling a gap that had been left by other services. Whilst the authority could not solve the problem, they were doing their best to mitigate the impact that mental health has on individuals and residents. Councillor Titherington explained the results of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis had contributed to individuals deteriorating mental health.
8. Members of the Cabinet also thanked the Lead Member for Youth, Councillor Sharples and the Lead Member for Mental Health Awareness, Councillor Ian Watkinson for the work they had both done on the project.

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Select Move allocations policy

9. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member (Health and Wellbeing) Councillor Mick Titherington presented a report of the Director of Communities that informed members of the reviewed Select Move allocations policy and sought permission to consult on the new draft policy.
10. Councillor Titherington explained that the policy was presented against rising demand for housing against a diminishing supply. The housing team were currently dealing with a multitude of different and complex cases and should be commended for their work. The policy presented was not designed to solve current issues but it is required to be reviewed on a timely basis.
11. The Select Move Steering Group had tried to rectify issues when revising the policy, the amended policy had made a number of proposals such as strengthening the local connection and simplifying the banding systems which should help in some way.

Customer Access Charter

12. The Cabinet Member (Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building) Councillor Aniela Bylinski Gelder presented a report of the Director of Customer and Digital that asked Cabinet to consider the Customer Access Charter and Feedback Policy.
13. Councillor Bylinski Gelder explained the report was welcome as members wanted to ensure the delivery of an excellent standard of customer care. The Charter would be looking to the future and encouraging more access from home for residents. The abandoned call rate had now been removed as a local indicator as it was not an accurate performance indicator.

Fees and Charges 2023-24

14. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets), Councillor Matthew Tomlinson presented a report that set out the current position around fees and charges and proposals for 2023/24.
15. Councillor Tomlinson advised the next year would be financially challenging with inflation pressures and staff pay rises with no increase in government funding. Members of the administration had made commitment that they would be freezing council tax so the other way income could be generated is through fees and charges. Some fees are set nationally and cannot be changed, however it was proposed to freeze the fees that were under the control of the local authority.

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Leyland Town Deal – Land Acquisitions

16. The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform), Councillor Paul Foster presented a report of the Director of Commercial that provided an update in relation to the land acquisitions associated with the Leyland Town Deal Project.

Shared Services Review – Property and Assets

17. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets), Councillor Matthew Tomlinson presented a report of the Director of Change and Delivery that requested Cabinet to consider the shared services review for Property and Assets and to approve the structure.

I would like to recommend that Council note the report.

Councillor Paul Foster
Leader of the Council

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Report of Scrutiny Committee

1. This report summarises the business considered at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 17 January 2023.

Leyland Town Deal Update

2. The Deputy Leader of the Council and the Strategic Lead attended the meeting to present an update on the progress of the Leyland Town Deal and the work of the Town Deal Board.
3. We welcomed the reassurance that the Government funding is now in place and the Town Deal is progressing well;
4. The Committee is grateful for the commitment to engage with the Leyland and Farington Hub, including the Hub representative feeding back;
5. We requested that further information be provided on the risk score of not obtaining access rights and permissions and any mitigations put in place;
6. We asked that the risk concerning increasing construction costs and inflationary pressures be reviewed;
7. We suggested the format of the dashboard include a total budget box to better explain the financial position; and
8. We thanked the Deputy Leader of the Council and the Strategic Lead for their attendance and answering our questions.

Select Move Housing Allocations Policy

9. The Deputy Leader of the Council, the Director of Communities and the Housing Solutions Team Leader attended the meeting to present and seek feedback from the Committee on the draft housing allocation policy.
10. The Committee is grateful to the Deputy Leader for consulting the Committee prior to it being considered by the Cabinet;
11. We welcome and support the draft policy being submitted for consultation;
12. The Committee asked that the consultation reach out to those who do not have internet access;
13. We look forward to the results of the consultation being made available to Members.
14. We thanked the Deputy Leader of the Council, the Director of Communities and the Housing Solutions Team Leader for their attendance and answering our questions.

Recommendation(s)

That Council note the report.

Councillor Angela Turner
Chair of Scrutiny Committee

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Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Governance (Introduced by Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform))	Council	Wednesday, 25 January 2023

Nomination of Mayor-elect and Deputy Mayor-elect 2023/2024

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	No
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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is for council to agree the Mayor-elect and Deputy Mayor-elect for 2023/2024 (with a view to becoming Mayor 2024/2025).

Recommendations

Council agrees:

2. that Councillor Chris Lomax be nominated as Mayor-elect for 2023/2024; and
3. that the Deputy Mayor-elect for 2023/2024 be nominated at the meeting.

Reasons for recommendations

4. To ensure that the Mayor is appointed by the Council for the next municipal year.

Other options considered and rejected

5. Not applicable as legally we must appoint a Mayor to chair council meetings and undertake the required duties within the Council's constitution.

Corporate priorities

6. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

An exemplary council	Thriving communities
A fair local economy that works for everyone	Good homes, green spaces, healthy places

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Background to the report

7. Each year Cabinet nominates to Council the Mayor-elect and Deputy Mayor-elect for the following municipal year (May to May).
8. Traditionally the Deputy Mayor becomes Mayor-elect is nominated and a new Deputy Mayor-election is nominated.
9. Last year the Council agreed a protocol for selecting Mayors based on a combination of rotating around the political groups and length of service on the Council.

Mayor-elect and Deputy Mayor-elect

10. Cabinet met on Wednesday, 18 January 2023 and nominated Councillor Chris Lomax as Mayor-elect for the 2023-2024 municipal year.
11. Cabinet did not make a nomination for Deputy Mayor-elect for 2023-2024 with a view to becoming Mayor-elect from 2024-2025 and this will therefore be put forward at the Council meeting.
12. Nominations are subject to the council elections in May.

Climate change and air quality

13. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Council's Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

Equality and diversity

14. None as a result of this report.

Risk

15. None as a result of this report.

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

16. There are no financial implications as a result of this report as the costs associated with the Mayoralty are already included within the Council's budgets.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

17. This report meets statutory and constitutional requirements.

Background documents

None.

Appendices

None.

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