

Council

Wednesday, 23rd November, 2022, 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:

5 Cabinet

(Pages 111 - 116)

To receive and consider the report of the Cabinet held on 16 November.

7 Scrutiny Committee

(Pages 117 - 118)

To receive and consider the report of the Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel held on 14 November.

16 Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider the exclusion of the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

By Virtue of Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Condition:

Information is not exempt if it is required to be registered under-

The Companies Act 1985

The Friendly Societies Act 1974

The Friendly Societies Act 1992

The Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978

The Building Societies Act 1986 (recorded in the public file of any building society, within the meaning of the Act)

The Charities Act 1993

Information is exempt to the extent that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Information is not exempt if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992(a).

19 The Future of Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal

(Pages 119 - 154)

To receive and consider the report of the Director of Planning and Development.

Gary Hall
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 16 November can be found on the published Decision Notice.

Meeting held on 16 November 2022

Public Question Time

4. The Leader of the Council invited members of the public in attendance to ask questions of any member of the Cabinet for up to one hour.
5. Members of the Public asked several questions in relation to the Penwortham Masterplan and sought further detail on:
 - Funding options
 - Consultation with landowners
 - Design ideas
 - Communications

Youth Council Update (including Youth Engagement Plan)

6. The Cabinet Member (Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building), Councillor Aniela Bylinski Gelder, presented a report of the Director of Communities which sought to provide a narrative to the Youth Action Plan, which proposes projects to support young people within South Ribble. The report also provided an update to Cabinet on the progress made to date within the Youth Council project.
7. Councillor Bylinski Gelder invited the Lead Member (Youth), Councillor Colin Sharples, to formally introduce the report and say a few words. Councillor Sharples extended his thanks to officers for the report and their progress in establishing the Youth Council. He explained the intention of the Youth Council was for young people to become engaged in local decision making.
8. Two members of the Youth Council, Abbie Cherrie and Isabel Pearson, were in attendance and gave an update to Cabinet on what they had achieved. Notable achievements included completion of SHOUT training, visiting the Knife Angel sculpture in Blackburn, contacting all secondary schools in South Ribble to raise awareness of period poverty and dignity and the establishment of roles for members within the Youth Council.

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9. We thanked Abbie and Isabel for their attendance and speech and said they were proud to see two young women sit and articulate themselves so well. Members are glad that young people within South Ribble are being given the opportunity and a safe space to engage in local democracy.

Penwortham Masterplan

10. The Cabinet Member (Planning, Business Support and Regeneration), Councillor James Flannery, presented a report of the Director of Planning and Development that sought approval of the Penwortham Masterplan following several rounds of consultation and engagement. The report also identified a number of next steps towards implementation of the Masterplan in the centres of Liverpool Road, Kingsfold and Middleforth.
11. An additional recommendation was added to the report, to include a further round of consultation with Penwortham Town Council, with any feedback received being brought before a future Cabinet meeting for consideration.

Cost of Living Update

12. The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Health and Wellbeing), Councillor Mick Titherington, introduced a report of the Director of Communities that gave an update on the work around Cost of Living to date, sharing the draft partnership action plan. The report also sought approval for outline distribution of South Ribble's Household Support Fund Round 3 allocation for 2022.
13. Councillor Titherington highlighted all the pieces of work that had been undertaken to date and provided an update on the outcome of the Cost of Living Conference. Councillor Foster advised that the authority would also be writing to every single resident highlighting and signposting them to where the information for dealing with the cost of living crisis could be found.

Business Energy Efficiency Support Scheme

14. The Cabinet Member (Planning, Business Support and Regeneration) Councillor James Flannery, introduced a report of the Director of Change and Deliver that sought approval of a Business Energy Efficiency support scheme for businesses.
15. Councillor Flannery explained that funding had been identified from the reserves used for business recovery during COVID19, which could be used to help small businesses who were currently suffering as a result of the cost of living crisis.

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Report of the Lead Member for Climate Change

16. The Lead Member for Climate Change, Councillor Keith Martin, presented his report which provided an update on the work of the Climate Emergency Task Group.
17. Councillor Martin highlighted several areas of achievement for the task group and Members of the Cabinet commended Councillor Martin for the hard work of the Climate Emergency Task Group.

Electric Vehicle Charging Policy

18. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member (Health and Wellbeing) Councillor Mick Titherington, presented a report of the Director of Communities that sought to determine the most appropriate method for installing electric vehicle charging points. In order to achieve the commitment made by members within the Climate Emergency Action Plan and Air Quality Action Plan and requirements attached to the Council's own planning permissions.
19. Councillor Titherington advised that the recommended option was Option 5 – The Council enters a contract with an EVC supplier to supply the EVC's with support from the grant bid and the Council leases the parking spaces to them, with a charge for each Kwh consumed.

Shared Cost Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme

20. We considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive that sought approval to implement an Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme (AVC).
21. The Deputy Chief Executive explained that, as part of the continuing implementation of the adopted People Strategy the report sought approval to implement an Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) scheme as an employee benefit. The AVC would allow employees to make additional contributions through salary sacrifice, which would allow the employee to receive tax benefits whilst there would be some saving for the Council.

Quarter Two Performance Monitoring Report 2022-2023

22. The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform) Councillor Paul Foster presented a report of the Deputy Chief Executive which provided members with a position statement for the Corporate Strategy for quarter two (July – September 2022).
23. I explained that performance continued to be robust and referred to the recommendations received from the Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel stating that I accepted those recommendations

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Capital and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report

24. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets), Councillor Matthew Tomlinson presented a report of the Deputy Director of Finance that outlined the financial position of the Council in respect of the capital programme as at 30 September 2022. The report highlighted any key issues and explained key variances, and provided an overview of various elements of the Council's balance sheet as at 30 September 2022.
25. Councillor Tomlinson explained that money was continuing to be spent on projects and this would be monitored closely to ensure budgets were being kept too. An overspend was predicted in relation to the decarbonisation of the leisure centres, however the funds would not be spent this year. Councillor Tomlinson advised the funds for the decarbonisation works would be spent in 2023.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Q2

26. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets), Councillor Matthew Tomlinson presented a report of the Deputy Director of Finance that set out the revenue and reserves forecast for 2022/23 for the Council, based on the position as at 30 September 2022.
27. Councillor Tomlinson explained that officers would have been reporting an underspend however some issues have arose which will likely result in an overspend of around £200,000. Councillor Tomlinson was confident the overspend could be addressed, resulting in a spend closer to the agreed budget.

South Ribble Leisure Review

28. The Deputy Chief Executive presented the report of the Managing Director for South Ribble Leisure Ltd (SRLL) which sought to present a final proposal for the staffing structure for SRLL for consideration and agreement.

Worden Hall Café Lease

29. The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform) presented a report of the Director of Commercial Services which had reviewed the Heads of Terms for a new lease of Worden Hall Café.

Approval for the contract award procedure for ICT hardware and software

30. The Cabinet Member (Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building) presented a report of the Director of Customer and Digital that informed members of the proposed shared procurement for ICT hardware, software and support and sought agreement to the sharing of costs and procurement

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Approval of Contract Award for Procurement of Audio Visual Equipment

31. The Cabinet Member (Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building) presented a report of the Director of Customer and Digital that informed members of the proposed procurement for replacement Audio Visual (AV) equipment in the Shield Room and to agree the procurement route.

Town Deal Professional Team Appointment – RIBA Stages 4-7

32. The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform) presented a report of the Director of Commercial which sought approval of the procurement strategy for the appointment of the Professional Design Team from RIBA stage 4-7, given funding has been secured.

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 Budget and Performance Panel held on 14 November 2022.

Quarter Two Performance Monitoring Report 2022-2023

2. The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform) and the Director of Change and Delivery attended the meeting to present the quarterly performance monitoring report.
3. We asked that future reports include a more comprehensive list of community hub achievements and successes.
4. We welcomed the offer of Scrutiny evaluating the 'Discover South Ribble Borough' promotion initiative.
5. We thanked and congratulated all involved in the delivery of Music in the Park and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
6. We asked for further information on the prevention of homelessness indicator definition and lobbying for additional government funding for this important issue.
7. We welcomed the commitment to improving call waiting times as quickly as possible and that more detailed information be provided in future reports.
8. We look forward to receiving an update on the percentage of residents who have now received the £150 Council Tax rebate payment.
9. We thanked the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform) and the Director of Change and Delivery for their attendance and answering our questions.

Revenue Budget Monitoring – Quarter Two

10. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) and the Director of Finance attended the meeting to present the quarterly budget monitoring report.
11. We welcomed the offer to provide more information on what the Council is doing to recruit and retain employees.
12. We look forward to receiving the outcome of the review of earmarked reserves.
13. We thanked the Cabinet Member for and the Director of Finance for their attendance and answering our questions.

Capital and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report – Quarter Two

14. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) and the Director of Finance attended the meeting to present the quarterly capital and balance sheet monitoring report.
15. We welcomed the report and look forward to future monitoring reports.

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16. We thanked the Cabinet Member for and the Director of Finance for their attendance and answering our questions.

Recommendation(s)

17. That Council note the report.

Councillor Ange Turner
Chair of Scrutiny Committee

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