

Council
Wednesday, 22 November

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 22 November 2023. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

6 Urgent Decisions

Report was noted.

7 Cabinet

Report was noted.

8 Governance Committee

Report was noted.

9 Scrutiny Committee

Report was noted.

10 South Ribble - Corporate Strategy Refresh 23/24

1. The Corporate Strategy 2023/24 – 2024/25 be approved.

11 Statement of Community Involvement

1. Council agree that the draft Statement of Community Involvement, contained at Appendix 1, be the subject of public consultation for a period of six weeks.

12 Healthy Weight Collaboration

1. To receive the funding amount of £69,015 per year, a total of £345,075 over five years and £552,120 over eight years and to establish an expenditure budget to administer the funding which has been allocated to South Ribble.
2. Delegate authority to Director of Communities and Leisure in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Communities, Leisure and Wellbeing) to agree, accept and implement the final delivery plan with Lancashire County Council.

13 Constitution - Planning

1. That the report be referred back to Governance Committee for further consideration.

14 Notice of Motion

1. The Leader of the Council will write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs calling on the government to:
 - i) Set meaningful targets and deadlines for water companies to end sewage discharges.
 - ii) Introduce a sewage tax on water company profits to fund the clean up of waterways.
 - iii) Reduce the number of licences given to water companies permitting them to discharge sewage into rivers.
 - iv) Strengthen Ofwat's powers to hold companies accountable and implement the Labour Party proposal to place the water industry under 'special measures':
 - A) Ensuring that water bosses will face personal criminal liability for extreme and persistent lawbreaking.
 - B) Introducing severe & automatic fines for illegal discharges that water companies cannot ignore
 - C) Forcing all water companies to monitor every single water outlet
 - D) Banning the payment of bonuses to water bosses who are found to pump significant levels of raw sewage into our rivers, lakes and seas."
 - v) Cease making cuts to Environmental Agency funding and ensure that it has enough staff to significantly improve its monitoring of the threats of inadequate storm-water infrastructure and pollution from sewage and agricultural nitrates.
 - vi) Work with local authorities to ensure water companies protect our rivers by a requirement to invest upfront in sewerage infrastructure to reflect environmental objectives in local plans and planning applications.

18 City Deal

1. Council resolves to implement the five year run on as detailed in paragraph 9 of the Heads of Terms dated 12 September 2014.