

Report of Cabinet

1. Any Cabinet recommendations on the reports that require a decision by full Council appear as separate items on the agenda.

General Report of the Cabinet - Meetings held on 20 June 2022 and 30 June 2022

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Leisure Local Community Fund

2. Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Director of Communities providing members with a series of leisure local community fund bids for approval.
3. A number of representatives from community organisations which had applied for the funding were present at the meeting.
4. The applications to the Leisure Local Community Fund had been invited until 22 May 2022. The Leader and Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member (Health and Wellbeing) considered all bids, and made appropriate recommendations for funding, which were approved by the Cabinet.

Boost Fund Plus 2022

5. Cabinet considered a report of Director of Communities bringing together the outcomes of Round 3 of the Boost Fund and a series of grant proposals for Boost Fund Plus.
6. Boost Fund Plus closed on 9 May 2022. Community hubs then met to triage and shortlist bids before the Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building considered those bids endorsed by the community hubs. Scoring matrices were used to ensure that all applications were scored fairly, assessing project outcomes, demonstratable need, community involvement, target demographic, alignment with Council priorities, timescale, social justice, feasibility, sustainability/legacy, and community wealth building.
7. The Cabinet therefore agreed:-
 - i) To note the decisions of the Leader and Cabinet Member for Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building in Round 3 of the Boost Fund.
 - ii) To approve grant funding proposals for Boost Fund Plus.
 - iii) To approve retention of unallocated budget for further community projects in 2022/23.

Community Hub Action Plans 2022-23

8. Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Communities providing an update on the 2022/23 Community Hub Action Plans.
9. Projects contained in the action plans have been discussed and decided upon with members from each of the community hubs at planning meetings.
10. The Community Hub model continued to be reviewed and evaluated throughout 2021, which informed a report to Cabinet in December. This concluded that the existing model and the use of action plans continue to be an effective delivery mechanism for community priorities.
11. Cabinet noted the 2022/23 Community Hub Action Plans.

Equality framework

12. Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Change and Delivery detailing the Equality Framework.
13. Cabinet approved the Equality Framework as a shared policy document.
14. The purpose of the Framework is to ensure we continue to meet our statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010 as a local authority, to update and set out a clear equality framework that reflects the development of shared services enabling a consistent approach, and to continue to strengthen the Council's commitment and advancement of equality.

Neighbourhood Services Strategy 2022-2025

15. Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Customer and Digital requesting approval of the Neighbourhood Services Strategy 2022-2025 for consultation.
16. The Strategy ensures that the Neighbourhood service is fit for purpose, making best use of resources, and managing and meeting customer expectations.
17. Arising from a query in relation to the biodiversity aspect of the Strategy such as tree planting and wild flower meadows Councillor Bylinski Gelder indicated that applications for potential projects would be welcomed through the community hubs.

18. Some members stressed the importance of communications with regard to rewilding, in order to educate the public as to why the Council may not be grass cutting in certain areas. The Cabinet Member confirmed that relevant ward councillors would be consulted on such proposals.
19. Cabinet agreed that the report be noted and that the new Neighbourhood Services Strategy 2022-2025 is approved for consultation with community hubs and the Climate Emergency Working Group prior to Executive Member Decision.

Capital and Balance Sheet Outturn 2021/22

20. Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Finance and Section 151 officer outlining the outturn financial position of the Council in respect of the capital programme at 31st March 2022, highlighting key issues and explaining key variances, and providing an overview of various elements of the Council's Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022.
21. The Leader of the Council related the recommendations of the Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel made at its meeting prior to the meeting of Cabinet, which were as follows:-

The Panel:

1. Thanks the Leader and Director for presenting the detailed report and answering questions.
2. Asks that the capital programme be carefully monitored to ensure delivery of the planned schemes.

22. Cabinet agreed to:-

1. To approve the revised capital programme as attached at Appendix A which includes approved amendments to the programme, as detailed at point 11 of this report, since the last Capital Monitoring report was approved by Cabinet in March 2022;
2. To note the variations to the programme, (which are detailed, by scheme, at Appendix B and referenced within the body of the report);
3. To note the position in the Balance Sheet Monitoring section of the report in respect of cash, investment and loan balances and debtors as at 31st March 2022.
4. To note and accept the recommendations of the Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel.

Revenue Budget Outturn 2021/22

23. Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Finance / Section 151 officer setting out the revenue and reserves provisional outturn for the council as at 31st March 2022

24. The Leader of the Council related the recommendations of the Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel as follows:-

25. The Panel:

1. Thanks the Leader and Director for presenting the detailed report and answering questions.

2. Looks forward to the quarter 1 performance report updating on the impact of increased costs and cost of living crisis is having on our residents.

3. Asks that the level of reserves for planning appeals and inquiries be reviewed in the future.

26. Cabinet agreed the following:

1. To note the provisional outturn position for revenue and reserves as at 31st March 2022.

2. To approve the creation of the following reserves from the in-year underspend:
 - o £92k for the creation of a reserve for the costs of Planning Appeals and inquiries.

3. To note and accept the recommendations of the Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel.

Quarter Four Performance Monitoring Report 2021-2022

27. Cabinet considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive providing members with a position statement for the Corporate Strategy for quarter four (January – March) 2021/22.

28. Councillor Foster related the recommendations of the Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel which were as follows:-

The Panel:

1. Thanks the Leader and Director for their detailed report and answering questions.
2. Looks forward to the Chorley and South Ribble Partnership presenting its draft action plan to the Scrutiny Committee later in the year.
3. Asks for more information on the number of credit union members and amount saved and loaned.
4. Welcomes the commitment to take the credit union out to local communities across the Borough linked to community hubs.
5. Expresses concern at the customer service wait times and acknowledges the steps being taken to improve the situation and learn for the future.

29. Cabinet agreed:-

1. That the report be noted;
2. To note and accept the recommendations of the Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel.

Vehicle Procurement Programme

30. Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Customer and Digital requesting approval for the procurement of vehicle replacements and agreement to the procurement methods and evaluation.

31. The report also requested approval for the award of contracts to be delegated to the Leader and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform).

32. The Cabinet agreed:

1. That Cabinet notes the potential capital expenditure of up to £575,000 on vehicle replacement. The capital programme includes a budget of £1,253,000 for 2022/23 for vehicle replacement.
2. That Cabinet approves contract procurement methods and the tender evaluation criteria.

3. That the final award of contracts be delegated to the Leader and Cabinet Member (Strategy and Reform) for approval following procurement.

Leyland Town Deal Land Acquisitions

33. Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Commercial requesting approval for the acquisitions and Heads of Terms as detailed within the report.
34. The Cabinet approved the recommendations with regard to acquisitions and Heads of Terms as detailed at paragraphs 2 – 13 of the report.
35. The decision ensures the Council achieves the outputs and commercial development project as detailed within the Business Cases for Leyland Town Deal project. It also ensures that the overall delivery programme completion date of 31 March 2026 is achieved.

Procurement Strategy for Leisure Centre Investment Work

36. Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Commercial seeking to outline the procurement strategy options for delivering the investment programme of works for the Council's 4 Leisure Centres.
37. A detailed discussion was held by the Cabinet concerning the procurement options presented in the report.
38. Cabinet agreed:
 1. That the preferred options for the undertaking of procurement for this work are as follows:-
 - a) That the procurement route for procuring the professional design team is Design and Build (Two Stage)
 - b) That the forms of contract for contractor appointment is JCT
 - c) That the Project Management and Quantity Surveyor Appointment be via Direct Award using the Rise framework
 - d) That the main contractor procurement be via Direct Award (mini competition) using the Rise framework
 - e) That the capital works programme to be delivered as one works package for all four centres – the main contractors to bid on basis of delivering both single or multiple / all sites
 - f) That a decision on the procurement of gym equipment be deferred to later date.
 2. To delegate the contract awards for each procurement to the Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) in consultation with the Leader and Chief Executive.
 3. To delegate any future updates to the procurement strategy which may be necessary to align with progressing Leisure Centre improvement projects to

Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) in consultation with the Leader and Chief Executive.

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39. Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive outlining a proposal to submit a Levelling Up Fund Bid for up to £20m.
40. Councillor Foster referred to the two projects identified in the report as recommended for the Bid, which were the Penwortham Public Realm and the Vernon Carus redevelopment. He stressed that these projects best fitted the Bid criteria and due to the timescales for the scheme, the Council needed to select projects which were already in the pipeline.
41. Arising from discussion on this item a query was raised in relation to the feasibility of other projects such as Midge Hall Railway Station.
42. Councillor Foster explained that Lancashire County Council, the Highways and Transport Authority felt that the Midge Hall Railway Station project was not developed enough at this stage. He also stated that the matter had been raised by Katherine Fletcher MP as referenced in the report.
43. Cabinet agreed:
 1. To approve the outline of the Levelling up bid and to delegate to the Leader and Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) the sign off for the business case.
 2. To bring back to Cabinet further details for consideration should the bid be successful.
44. The criteria for the submissions of any schemes was that significant preparation and planning of work had already been completed to meet the delivery deadline of March 2025. In this respect the bid was made up of schemes where the council already has plans either emerging or in place.
45. The Member of Parliament for South Ribble requested that the council consider a bid to bring forward the reopening of Midge Hall railway station but given the time constraints and other priorities this was not considered. Also suggested was that the LUF funding could provide some form of gap funding for the Town Deal. However to ensure a fair distribution of resources this has been discounted and the investment focussed on the outside of Leyland.
46. There were a number of schemes considered in other areas of the borough, Lostock Hall, Bamber Bridge etc. However individually these schemes would not

meet the levelling up criteria. The Cabinet however are continuing to look into the merits of each of these individual schemes and alternative funding arrangements.

COUNCILLOR PAUL FOSTER
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL