

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 15 March 2023 can be found on the published Decision Notice.

Meeting held on 15 March 2023

Quarter Three Performance Monitoring Report 2022-23

4. I presented a report that sought to provide Cabinet with a position statement for the Corporate Strategy for quarter three (October-December) 2022/23.
5. I explained the performance of the authority is good and remains strong. We also accepted the recommendations from the Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel.

HAF Programme 2023/24

6. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member (Health and Wellbeing) provided an update on delivery of the 2022/23 HAF Programme. The report also sought approval to deliver the 2023/24 HAF Programme.
7. Councillor Titherington explained that four years ago members had identified a problem with children, particularly those on free school meals, going hungry during the school holidays. A project was commenced called the Holiday Hunger programme and it was a fantastic achievement. This later evolved during COVID times into the HAF Programme and was extended to all children, no one was turned away.
8. Councillor Titherington paid tribute to all those involved, particularly South Ribble Staff and praised them for their hard work and efforts. It was a project that the whole Council could be proud of.
9. We thanked Councillor Titherington for his work and efforts that have gone into making the HAF Programme a success and commented that it was a significant legacy to leave.

Community Hub Action Plans 2023/24

10. The Cabinet Member (Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building), Councillor Aniela Bylinski Gelder presented a report that sought to update Cabinet on the Community Hub Action Plans.

11. Councillor Bylinski Gelder thanked the Officers who support the Hubs and the Chairs of the Neighbourhood Hubs for the work they do in their roles and for understanding the vision of the hub in ensuring local decision making in local areas.
12. Councillor Bylinski Gelder explained the action plans were forward facing and demonstrated huge projects over the next twelve months with themes such as, environment, history and heritage and resocialisation. Each hub had designed their own project and the action plans were varied.
13. Members of the Cabinet commented on the presentation of the report and complimented the Cabinet Member (Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building) and Officers for this. Members also referred to the number of community groups that had grown within South Ribble and commented on how working together and the hubs had been a major tool in enabling the administration to deliver.
14. We also thanked the Head of Communities and Housing for her work on the projects.

Worden Park Infrastructure and Landscaping

15. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets), Councillor Matthew Tomlinson presented a report of the Director of Planning and Development that outlined the proposed works planned to Worden Park and to award the contract to the successful tenderer following a procurement exercise carried out in accordance with South Ribble procurement protocols.
16. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) explained that money had been put aside for landscaping Worden Park and the team had worked on ideas and designs themselves which had resulted in the job coming in significantly cheaper than anticipated. The successful bidder is a Lancashire based business which links with the authority's community wealth building commitment. By the end of summer new footpaths would be finished in the park.

Thanks

17. As it was the last meeting of Cabinet before the election, I thanked all of the officers for their support and commented that it had not been easy at times, particularly through a pandemic that nobody expected. Nevertheless, a lot of business had been undertaken.
18. I also personally thanked Councillor Titherington, who was retiring at the upcoming election, for all his hard work and dedication and for being a loyal Deputy Leader.

19. Councillor Titherington said a few words and thanked Members of the Cabinet for their solidarity, support and comradeship over the past four years. He also thanked the Labour Group and the Council and commented that he appreciated being part of a team that had delivered what it set out to do.

I would like to recommend that Council note the report.

Councillor Paul Foster
Leader of the Council