



Cabinet Minutes

Minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Wednesday 3 December 2014 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Cabinet members present:

Councillor Peter Gibson (The Leader of the Council)
Councillor Alan Vincent (Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader)
Councillor Lynne Bowen (Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Pete Murphy (Economy Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Vivien Taylor (Street Scene Portfolio Holder)

Apologies:

Councillor Roger Berry (Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder)

Officers present:

Garry Payne (Chief Executive)
Philippa Davies (Corporate Director of Resources)
Michael Ryan (Director of People and Places)
Steph Collinson (Communications Officer)
Peter Foulsham (Scrutiny Officer)
Duncan Jowitt (Democratic Services Officer)

Non-members of the Cabinet present:

Councillors Emma Anderton, Marge Anderton, Alice Collinson, John Hodgkinson, Terry Lees, Paul Treece-Birch, Michael Vincent, Dave Walmsley

The Youth Mayor, Will Burrell, also attended the meeting.

CAB.37 Declarations of interest

None

CAB.38 Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 22 October 2014 were confirmed as a correct record.

CAB.39 Public questions

None

CAB.40 Impact of Welfare Reform Task Group – final report

The Joint Chairmen of the Impact of Welfare Reform Task Group and Corporate Director of Resources presented Cabinet with an account of the findings of the Impact of Welfare Reform Task Group

Decision Taken

Cabinet echoed the sentiments of the task group by commending council officers on successfully and effectively implementing the recent welfare reforms. In particular the outstanding contributions of

- the Head of Contact Centre for ensuring that the changes had been implemented in a manner which made Wyre Council a 'beacon' within Lancashire, and ensuring that the council was always 'one step ahead of the game', and
- the council's debt advisors, who provide an essential and invaluable service by dealing so positively with members of the public who are often seen at a time of personal crisis.

CAB.41 Employment in Wyre Task Group – final report

The Chairman of the Employment in Wyre task group and Corporate Director of Resources presented Cabinet with a summary of the work undertaken by and recommendations of the Employment in Wyre Task Group.

Decision Taken

Cabinet agreed that

- the council would continue to take steps to strengthen the links between local employers and colleges/training providers with the Economy Portfolio Holder being instrumental in that action.
- the council would continue to demonstrate its support for applications for Assisted Area status, where appropriate to do so, and that the Economy Portfolio Holder would continue to play a key role by meeting relevant businesses who are considering making such applications, at the earliest stage in the process, to ensure that the council can play its full part in any such application, if appropriate to do so.
- charges for pre-application advice for smaller developments (as defined) would be waived for a trial period during the month of April 2015, subject to agreed criteria, with a cap on income not receivable to be set by the Economy Portfolio Holder, and the pilot scheme promoted widely, using a variety of methods including the Wyred Up network, membership of which would be a prerequisite of the scheme.

CAB.42 Treasury Management activity April 2014 to September 2014

The Resources Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director of Resources presented Cabinet with the overall position and activities in respect of Treasury Management for the first half of the financial year 2014/15.

Decision Taken

Cabinet approved the report on Treasury Management Activity for the first half of the 2014/15 financial year and agreed the changes to the credit methodology to remove the implied sovereign support levels.

CAB.43 Authorities Monitoring Report 2013-2014

The Economy Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director of People and Places called upon Cabinet to consider and recommend the content of the Authorities Monitoring Report 2013-2014.

Decision Taken

Cabinet agreed that, subject to the inclusion of any minor editorial alterations, the Authorities Monitoring Report 2013-2014 as included at Appendix 1 of the report be approved and made available for public inspection.

CAB.44 Monitored Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) arrangements in Wyre and Fylde

The Neighbourhood Service Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director of People and Places sought approval for the proposed collaboration between Fylde and Wyre Councils, in relation to the monitoring of CCTV from the council's control room at the Civic Centre.

Decision Taken

Cabinet approved the proposed agreement with Fylde for the provision of a CCTV monitoring service for a 5 year period commencing 1 December 2014, generating income of £15,000pa (plus annual RPI uplift).

The meeting began at 6.00 pm and concluded at 6.10 pm.

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Options considered but rejected

Any alternative options that were considered but rejected, in addition to the reasons for the recommendations that were made, are included in the full reports.

When will these decisions be implemented?

All decisions will be put into effect five working days from the date of publication, unless a decision is "called-in" by any four Members of the council within that period. The "call-in" procedure is set out in [Part 4 of the Council's Constitution](#) (Paragraph 16 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules). If a decision is "called-in", the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may decide that the original decision should be upheld or ask Cabinet to reconsider the decision.

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