

## CABINET

6.00 P.M.

12TH JULY 2022

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Caroline Jackson (Chair), Kevin Frea (Vice-Chair),  
Dave Brookes, Gina Dowding, Tim Hamilton-Cox, Tricia Heath,  
Anne Whitehead and Jason Wood

Apologies for Absence:-

Councillors Cary Matthews and Sandra Thornberry

Officers in attendance:-

Mark Davies	Chief Executive
Luke Gorst	Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer
Joanne Wilkinson	Head of Housing
Debbie Chambers	Head of Democratic Services

### 9 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2022 were approved as a correct record.

### 10 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE LEADER

The Chair advised that there were no items of urgent business.

### 11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

### 12 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members were advised that there had been no requests to speak at the meeting in accordance with Cabinet's agreed procedure.

### 13 UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

#### **(Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility Councillor Caroline Jackson)**

Cabinet received a report from the Chief Executive to set out the Council's approach to developing an Investment Plan for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), ahead of a subsequent Cabinet meeting to approve the Investment Plan itself on Tuesday 26 July 2022. The Lancaster district has been allocated one of the highest levels of funding for a district authority in England and the report set out the key elements of the proposed robust, comprehensive and collaborative approach to developing and delivering a local Investment Plan.

The options, options analysis, including risk assessment and officer preferred option, were set out in the report as follows:

	Option 1: Approve the recommendations set out in the report	Option 2: Propose amendments to the suggested approach set out in the report
Advantages	Officers and members will be well-placed to continue and finalise a robust, inclusive and comprehensive Investment Plan development process.	With Cabinet as the responsible body for approving the Investment Plan, the views of Cabinet members are highly valuable to shaping the process. As such, the perspectives of members are welcomed in shaping the Investment Plan throughout its development.
Disadvantages	No specific disadvantages to this approach, other than officer and member time and input required to deliver a comprehensive process.	Adjustments to the proposed approach can be accommodated to a certain extent, depending on the level of disruption to the process and the fulfilment of the Investment Plan criteria set by government.
Risks	The timescales for developing and submitting an Investment Plan provide limited time for deliberation both within the council and across the Local Partnership Group. A proactive, transparent and engaging approach is required from all parties to deliver a really successful and transformation Investment Plan.	Any significant disruption to the process could compromise the council's ability to develop and submit an Investment Plan that fulfils and exceeds the criteria set out by government in the UKSPF Prospectus.

The officer preferred option was Option 1. However, as set out in section 7 of the report, the views of Cabinet members were integral to developing and signing off a successful Investment Plan and officers would accommodate the perspectives of members in shaping the Investment Plan wherever possible.

Councillor Jackson proposed the recommendations as set out in the report, seconded by Councillor Heath:-

- “(1) That Cabinet approve the development of a UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan with the theme of “addressing the Climate Emergency”, seeking to utilise UKSPF investment to support initiatives that will contribute to the district’s environmental and decarbonisation goals.
- (2) That Cabinet approve a structure for evaluating UKSPF investments based on the Critical Success Factors set out in section 4 of the report.
- (3) That Cabinet consider in principle the possible inclusion of a blend of local

investments alongside collaborative initiatives across Lancashire and Morecambe Bay in the Investment Plan, as set out in section 5 of the report.”

After some discussion regarding wording and by way of amendment, Councillor Wood proposed and Councillor Whitehead seconded that two changes be made to recommendation (1) of the report as follows:

“That the word ‘main’ be inserted between the words ‘the’ and ‘theme’. That the words “and/or other corporate priorities” be added to the end.”

Councillors then debated the amendment before voting unanimously in favour of the amendment.

With the amendment then becoming the substantive motion, there was no further debate. Cabinet voted again.

***Resolved unanimously:***

- (1) That Cabinet approve the development of a UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan with the main theme of “addressing the Climate Emergency”, seeking to utilise UKSPF investment to support initiatives that will contribute to the district’s environmental and decarbonisation goals and/or other corporate priorities.
- (2) That Cabinet approve a structure for evaluating UKSPF investments based on the Critical Success Factors set out in section 4 of the report.
- (3) That Cabinet consider in principle the possible inclusion of a blend of local investments alongside collaborative initiatives across Lancashire and Morecambe Bay in the Investment Plan, as set out in section 5 of the report.

**Officer responsible for effecting the decision:**

Chief Executive

**Reasons for making the decision:**

The UKSPF presents a clear opportunity for the Council and its partners to contribute to shaping the future of the district’s environment, economy, and society. The Fund’s criteria are strongly aligned with the Council’s Plan 2030 priorities and focusing the Investment Plan on initiatives that will contribute to addressing the Climate Emergency provides an opportunity to create significant local impact beyond that which the Council could achieve otherwise.

The three priorities of the UKSPF – community and place, supporting local business, and people and skills – are closely aligned to the Council’s economic and social priorities in its Core Plan 2030. The proposed approach to developing a UKSPF Investment Plan that contributes to addressing the Climate Emergency provides further strategic alignment. The partnership-based Investment Plan development and delivery process supports the Council’s goals of partnership and enabling.

**ROOF/CLADDING REFURBISHMENT AND OTHER PLANNED LANDLORD WORKS**

(This item had been postponed to the meeting on 26 July 2022)

**15 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR SHAREHOLDERS' COMMITTEE**

Cabinet received a report from the Head of Housing that sought to appoint a Chair of the Shareholders' Committee for Morehomes for the Bay (Developments) Limited and Morehomes for the Bay (Investments) Limited.

The options, options analysis, including risk assessment and officer preferred option, were set out in the report as follows:

	Option 1: Appoint a Chair of the Shareholders' Committee (Morehomes for the Bay (Investments) Limited and Morehomes for the Bay (Developments) Limited).	Option 2: Do not appoint a Chair of the Shareholders' Committee (Morehomes for the Bay (Investments) Limited and Morehomes for the Bay (Developments) Limited).
Advantages	The Morehomes for the Bay companies will be able to proceed in bringing forward future related items of business to the Shareholders' Committee and Cabinet.	None known.
Disadvantages	None known.	Not appointing a Chair of the Shareholders' Committee will result in business of the Companies not being able to be progressed.
Risks	No specific risks known.	Not appointing a Chair of the Shareholders' Committee will result in business of the Companies not being able to be progressed, this will effectively result in the Companies being unable to perform its required functions and being unable to progress any of its intended work.

The officer preferred option was Option 1. Appointing a Chair of the Shareholders' Committee would result in meetings of the Shareholders' Committee being able to be convened and undertaken and items of required business being able to be brought forward and discussed.

Councillor Brookes proposed, seconded by Councillor Wood:-

“That the Leader of the Council be appointed as the Chair of the Shareholders’ Committee.”

Councillors then voted:-

***Resolved unanimously:***

- (1) That the Leader of the Council be appointed as the Chair of the Shareholders’ Committee.

**Officer responsible for effecting the decision:**

Head of Housing

**Reasons for making the decision:**

The decision is consistent with the terms of reference of the Shareholder Committee and enables a Chair to be appointed prior to the first meeting of the Shareholder Committee.

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Chair

(The meeting ended at 6.57 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact  
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**EFFECTIVE DATE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS CONTAINED IN THESE MINUTES:  
21 July, 2022.**