



## **Leader's Report**

**18 July 2018**

### **Report of the Leader of the Council**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To present the Leader's report to Council which includes an amendment to the Executive Scheme of Delegation regarding the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989.

This report is public.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) To receive the report of the Leader of Council; and**
- (2) Note an amendment to the Executive Scheme of Delegation detailed in paragraph 4.0.**

#### **REPORT**

##### **1.0 Cabinet**

Information on Cabinet matters is provided in the minutes from the Cabinet meetings held on 24 April 2018, 15 May 2018 and 26 June 2018 later in this agenda.

##### **2.0 Decisions required to be taken urgently**

There are no decisions to report since the last Leader's Report on 11 April 2018.

##### **3.0 Amendment to the Executive Scheme of Delegation – Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989**

The Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 makes it a criminal offence for a person who is not a registered carrier to transport controlled waste to or from any place in Great Britain. The Act also provides for the seizure and disposal of vehicles used for illegal waste disposal.

Amendments to the Scheme of Delegation relating to executive functions may be made by the Leader in accordance with Paragraph 1.4(b) of Section 4 of Part 4 of the Constitution. Any amendments that are made by the Leader are reported to Council.

This amendment to the Scheme of Delegation relating to executive functions has been made so that the Chief Officer (Health and Housing) may designate, in writing, officers to act on behalf of the Council under the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 to help control the problem of fly tipping.

#### **4.0 Leader's Comments**

On 9 April the new Catholic Bishop, formerly Cannon Paul Swarbrick, was installed at the Cathedral. It was very well attended event with a full church and an amazing number of clergy present. The Papal nuncio was present as was the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster Cathedral, Vincent Nicholls. I have now attended this ceremony twice and the new Bishop is to serve for 15 years. The service was long but magnificent, especially the music. The reception was in the Town Hall and again was well attended and well managed.

After the event, Pam Barber came to see me on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant who had been at the reception with his equivalent from Cumbria. Pam is the Constable of The Castle. She talked about the changes that are taking place at the Castle and their wish to improve the visitor experience. She asked about the Canal Quarter. In particular, she was interested in any new proposals and she wants to see our district thrive. By next summer, there should be a café/restaurant in the Castle and some classroom space.

Lancaster Leaders Meeting on 22 March agreed to try to find a way forward for Lancashire Councils to work together. It was agreed that the County Leader should chair for one year. It was also agreed that the LEP should stay in attendance, with the County Council as the accountable body.

On 20 April, myself, Councillor Hanson and the Chief Executive attended a presentation at the Midland Hotel by Rolls Royce. They were presenting a Small Modular Reactor. They are made in centralised manufacturing facilities then transported anywhere in the UK or overseas. They claim that their programme could create thousands of UK jobs and open up a significantly valuable export market. The presentation was impressive but the decision will be for the government, on the reactor.

Later that day Cat Smith MP came in to see us for an update on our district. Each officer gave a report on their area of responsibility and answered questions. There was a great amount of detail and it reinforces what a lot is going on in our area.

A meeting of District Leaders took place on 21 May at which we appointed a Chair and Vice Chair for the year. Although our position on Recycling Credits is to keep a watching brief, the County position was questioned by one of the Lancashire Leaders.

At the meeting of the Lancashire Leaders on 21 May, Simon Blackburn of Blackpool was chosen for Vice Chair. A team is to go to Government including the Chair, Vice Chair, the Unitary Chair from Blackburn and one District Leader. Our Lancashire Plan originally identified five themes to take forward; Connected, Better Homes, Prosperous Lancashire, Skills, and Public Service Reforms. This plan will be updated using the most recent evidence e.g. the evidence base developed by the LEP. On the 21<sup>st</sup> May an update from

the LEP took place on the Lancashire Strategic Economic Plans and Local Industrial Strategy. Government says Place is important and that we need Local Industrial Strategies. If we are to obtain funding, e.g., Growth Deals, grants or loans we need to show our growth drivers and be ready to compete. There will be a workshop between June and August on Lancashire's economy and our priorities.

Transport for the North is out to consultation and there was a paper on this. The LEP has sent a comprehensive response. (There is some irony here in the light of our present Northern Rail services.)

The Museums Joint Steering Group met on 5 June. The transfer of Service arrangements was the main item. A smooth transition is taking place but there will be some issues to resolve. Transfer of staff, legal aspects and ICT are some of those. The County Council are working closely with us but there is a lot to sort out by 1 October.

We received a thorough update on County Council Museums arrangements. Transfers and changes have proved difficult but it is good to know that most of the five major buildings that were to close are now remaining open with County still in charge, apart from the Fleetwood Maritime Museum which is now being run by Fleetwood Town Council.

It has been a pleasure working with the County Council and our officers on the Museums Service over the years. This will not be our last meeting but we are now coming towards the finale. A smooth transition sounds like Brexit. I just wish to thank all those who are working together with us in a time of uncertainty for their own jobs.

We met with our partners, South Lakes and Barrow Councils on 29<sup>th</sup> June (Lancaster and South Cumbria Economic Region). An action plan and progress report were produced. The aim is 'Driving Growth Together' to build a nationally significant, sustainable economy. Building on our strengths such as Energy, Advanced Manufacturing, Higher Education and Health Innovation. Our priorities include an inclusive economy, business growth, delivering quality housing that supports affordable housing, productivity and skills and the promotion of an outstanding place offer and quality of life. A brochure has been produced for the three Councils to promote our areas and to send out to MP's, businesses and to ministers etc. These should show case our stand out selling points.

## **Other Matters**

Cabinet minutes for 24 April 2018, 15 May 2018 and 26 June 2018 are attached at the end of this agenda.

## **5.0 Key Decisions**

The following Key Decisions were taken by Cabinet on 24 April 2018:

- (1) White Lund CCTV System
- (2) Morecambe and Heysham Public Spaces Protection Order 2018
- (3) Executive Team: Roles and Structure

The following Key Decision was taken by Cabinet on 15 May 2018:

- (1) Executive Team: Roles and Structure – following Overview & Scrutiny Call-In meeting

The following Key Decisions were taken by Cabinet on 26 June 2018:

- (1) Update on Planning Activity for the Transformation Challenge Award Project
- (2) Budget Support Reserve – Proposed Allocations

There following Officer Delegated Key Decisions were taken during this period:

- (1) Kitchen and Bathroom Contract 2018-2019 Electrical Materials
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- (3) Kitchen and Bathroom Contract 2018-2019 Flooring Contract
- (4) Electrical Inspections – Vale, Marsh and Hestham
- (5) Ryelands House Phase 2 – Improvements to Communal Areas
- (6) Re-Roofing The Vale Estate Lancaster Phase 1 2018-2019
- (7) Ryelands Roofline Renewal Works 2018-2019
- (8) Kitchen and Bathroom Contract 2018-2019 Plastering Contract
- (9) Appointment of Legal, Finance and Leisure Specialists to Advise on The Local Authority Trading Company for Salt Ayre Leisure Centre
- (10) Bridge House Re-Roofing Works 2018-2019

## **Background Papers**

Cabinet agenda and minutes of the meetings held on 24 April 2018, 15 May 2018 and 26 June 2018.