



## **Leader's Report**

**18 March 2020**

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

<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>
To present the Leader's report to Council.
This report is public.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**To receive the report of the Leader of Council.**

#### **REPORT**

##### **1.0 Cabinet**

Information on Cabinet matters is provided in the minutes from the Cabinet meeting held on 11 February 2020, which are for consideration 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 26 February 2020.

##### **3.0 Leader's Comments**

###### Corona Virus

As councillors will be aware, the City Council is not a public health authority, that role falls to Lancashire County Council. We are, however, working through the Lancashire Resilience Forum to support those agencies with the lead on the response to Corona Virus.

As the City Council one of our prime responsibilities is to to have continuity plans in place for the essential services we deliver. As you will have read in the briefing to councillors, those plans are in place, and we are as ready as we can be.

As councillors, residents will look to us for information and advice, please ensure you are using information from reliable sources such as the NHS, Public Health England and the City and County Councils for more local information.

### Eden North

As you will have seen in the news, the City Council have agreed heads of terms for a land deal with the Eden Project. The heads include terms that would commit Eden to local procurement, good local jobs and the establishment of a community fund for Morecambe. By the time of full council I hope we will also be celebrating a budget announcement from central government to progress Eden North.

### The future of local government

Work continues develop our position on the future of our authority. In the week of full council that will have included briefings for cabinet and cross-party group leaders, as well as all councillors, and on the 19<sup>th</sup> our colleagues from South Lakeland and Barrow.

### Flooding

As a follow-up to our discussion about flooding at the last council meeting. Cllr Frea is currently working on the arrangements for a meeting between councillors and local flood action groups, and Mr Davies is chasing the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority for a meeting date as well. I have picked up this issue with district leaders across Lancashire and our discussions continue.

### International Women's Day

8<sup>th</sup> March marks International Women's Day (IWD). IWD is always both a time to celebrate how far women have come, and to note the work still to be done.

## **4.0 Key Decisions**

The following Key Decisions were taken by Cabinet on 11 February 2020:

- (1) Corporate Fees and Charges Review Policy 2020/21
- (2) Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme
- (3) Future High Streets
  
- (4) Budget & Policy Framework Update 2020/21
- (5) Eden Project North
- (6) Job Evaluation Project

## **Background Papers**

Cabinet agenda and minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2020.