



Leader's Report

27 July 2022

Report of the Leader of the Council

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present the Leader's report to Council.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To receive the report of the Leader of Council.

REPORT

1.0 Cabinet

1.1 Information on Cabinet matters is provided in the minutes from the Cabinet meeting held 07 June 2022, later in this agenda.

2.0 Decisions required to be taken urgently

No urgent Cabinet decisions had been taken in this period.

3.0 Leader's Comments

3.1 In contrast to previous reports, this will be shorter, concentrating on the proceedings of the Cabinet over the previous month.

3.2 On-going matters

3.3 **Levelling Up Round 2** - The Eden bid has been largely completed. The portal by which bids must be submitted was not functioning until 15th July and the new closing date is 2nd August.

3.4 **UK Shared Prosperity Fund** - Members of cabinet have attended three Partnership Group Sessions with members of our agencies, third sector and education sector. The sessions have presented the consultants' findings from the

focus groups and concentrated on establishing the critical success factors and intervention strategies to be submitted to government. A further workshop session purely with cabinet, further reduced the number of interventions and considered the profile of spending across the three priorities. The report will be submitted to 26th July cabinet.

- 3.5 OBR Strategy** – Cllr Anne Whitehead and the Leader have been fully involved with officers in the process of interviewing and deciding on the selection of the consultant to carry out Stage 2 of OBR. The second phase should begin August/September 2022 and run for 18months – 2 years.
- 3.6 Morecambe Summit** – The second Morecambe Summit meeting of officers and relevant portfolio holders, received from TPS, the constraints survey on the Frontierland site commissioned by the city council. There was discussion of possible variations to heights of buildings and site layout. A request for expressions of interest in developing the site will be going out by the end of July.
- 3.7 City Futures** – The Leader met with the CEO of City Futures CIC to further discuss the possibilities of creating a similar partnership to that used in Exeter. City Futures are currently working on a bespoke plan to support creating a similar partnership in Lancaster to support the reduction in our carbon footprint and the development of wider agreement on carbon zero priorities.
- 3.8 One-off or briefer matters**
- 3.9 Enforcement** – Some cabinet members met with officers on enforcement in relation to fly-tipping and other matters. Officers from the Legal team expressed a readiness to support Environment officers in following up fly tipping cases where there was sufficient evidence.
- 3.10 Confucius Institute** – The Leader and Chief Executive met with Lancaster University and a director of the Confucius Institute to consider how to discuss closer cooperation on areas that would be of mutual interest. Further work will take place in the autumn.
- 3.11 LGA Assembly in Harrogate** – The Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive attended the Local Government Association conference. The district as a member sends the Leader to vote in the assembly proceedings. However, there were no votes cast.
- 3.12 Cabinet and UU** – The cabinet met with a UU representative to discuss the contradictory statements regarding the water quality in Morecambe Bay. The talk with Stephen Wong was very informative and members were left with a greater understanding of current difficulties.

4 Decisions

The following decisions were scheduled to be considered by Cabinet on 12 July 2022:

UK Shared Prosperity Fund
No.1 Gateway Roof Cladding/Refurbishment
Appointment of Chair for Shareholder's Committee

No Officer Delegated Key Decisions have been taken since the last Leaders report.

The following Individual Cabinet Member Decisions were taken since the last Leader's report:

ICMD3	Proposed Property Acquisition	Published on 08.06.22 Taken by Cllr Matthews Call-in waived.
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Background Papers

Cabinet agenda of the meeting held on 12 July 2022.