



## Leader's Report

19 July 2023

### 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 The minutes from the Cabinet meeting held on 6 June will be tabled at September's Council Meeting

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

- 2.1 No urgent Cabinet decisions had been taken in this period.

##### 3.0 Leader's Comments

- 3.1 **Town Hall Water:** A burst water pipe at Lancaster Town Hall meant that staff were asked to work from home for several days. For matters which required on-site attendance space was used in the City-Lab building in Dalton Square. Works have been completed and the Town Hall is open again as usual.
- 3.2 **Artwork at Frontierland:** A story circulated on social media that the artworks affixed to the hoardings at the Frontierland site were being removed and disposed of. The artworks will be removed temporarily whilst repairs/replacement hoardings are erected. This work is essential due to weather damage at the site. However, the artwork will be safely stored and rehung thereafter. Longer term our

intention is to ensure that this artwork is preserved and incorporated into the Frontierland site as it is developed as part of the town's cultural heritage.

- 3.3 **Eden:** Cabinet have met with the senior team from Eden to discuss progress since the Leveling-Up fund announcement 6 months ago, and next steps for the project. Eden continues its work of community engagement and a program of activities to support biodiversity and education within our district. Work is beginning on developing the scheme of governance with Eden and other key stakeholders, and fundraising from private-sector investments and philanthropic donations is set to deliver the matched funding required.
- 3.4 **PRIDE:** Lancaster PRIDE took place on 25th June and was (I believe) the largest and best attended PRIDE event in the city so far. The Council provided funds from the UKSPF and there is also money set aside for next years event. Morecambe's PRIDE will be taking place on 29th July and I encourage members to attend.
- 3.5 **Shared Revenue & Benefits Service Joint Committee:** Myself and Cllr Hamilton-Cox attended a meeting of the 'Revs & Ben's committee in Preston City Hall on 6th July. This arrangement continues to deliver cost savings and efficiencies for both Councils. The minutes of this meeting are available at: <https://preston.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=6518&x=1>
- 3.6 **OBR:** The OBR Strategy and Coordination group met for the first time under this administration on 3rd July. This meeting heard progress of implementing the budgetary decisions made by the previous council in this financial year and began the work of looking ahead to the further savings and efficiencies that will be required in preparation for next year's budget.
- 3.7 **Parliamentarians:** Direct lines of dialogue have been offered to keep both MP's covering our district up to date on City Council affairs and key local issues. The CEO has had discussions with David Morris on a number of issues, and Cat Smith attended a briefing on 23rd June.

#### 4.0 Decisions

The following decisions were scheduled to be considered by Cabinet on 11 July 2023:

Lancaster Canal Quarter Masterplan
Appointments to Outside Bodies
Cabinet Advisory Groups
Canal Quarter Lancaster – Heron Works (Exempt)
Lancaster Canal Quarter Early Phase Housing Regeneration Proposal (Exempt)

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

The following Individual Cabinet Member Decision has been taken since the last Leader's report.

ICMD 1	RIBA Stage 4 Decarbonisations Designs	Published on: 20/06/23 Taken by Cllr Dowding Call-in Waived.
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### **Background Papers**

Cabinet agenda of the meetings held on 11 July 2023.