

## Cabinet



Date	Wednesday 13 June 2007
Venue	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee members	John Coombes (Leader of the Council) Tim Ashton, Susan Fazackerley, Patricia Fieldhouse, Albert Pounder, Simon Renwick, Paul Rigby, Roger Small
Other Councillors	Brenda Ackers, Barbara Pagett, Linda Nulty, Fabian Wilson
Officers	Phil Woodward, Dave Joy, Allan Oldfield, Clare Platt, Brian White, Andy Cain, Christopher Kitchen

### 1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

### 2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 14 March 2007 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

### 3. Special urgency (Rule 16 Procedure Rules) Urgent business Cabinet procedure rules - Business Accountancy Staffing

The Leader reported that the following item had been received after the publication of the Agenda and it was agreed that the report should be considered by the Cabinet as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Section 100 of the Local Government 1972 (as amended) by reason of the need to seek an early decision thereon.

Councillor Paul Rigby, Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder, introduced the item and Brian White Finance Executive manager presented the report which highlighted the challenges faced by the Accountancy service and the need to invest further to provide an appropriate level of finance service.

In reaching the decision set out below, the Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and at the meeting and RESOLVED:

1. That the Cabinet notes the current difficulties and approves the recruitment of an extra post that will be financed from efficiencies in the staffing budgets.
2. That a further review of the service be carried out in September as part of the review of the closedown process to the Audit Committee.

#### 4. Data Protection Policy

Councillor Susan Fazackerley, Corporate Performance and Development Portfolio Holder, presented the report that asked Members to formally adopt a data protection policy. The policy had previously been considered and endorsed by the Policy and Service Review Scrutiny Committee.

In reaching the decision set out below, the Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it at the meeting and RESOLVED:

1. To adopt the data protection policy as set out in the report.

#### 5. Smokefree Legislation

Councillor Patricia Fieldhouse, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community and Social Wellbeing introduced the report requesting delegation of responsibility for enforcement of the smokefree legislation to the Executive Manager Consumer Wellbeing & Protection.

In reaching the decision set out below, the Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it at the meeting and RESOLVED to delegate responsibility for enforcement of the smoke-free provisions of the Health Act 2006 to the Executive Manager Consumer Wellbeing and Protection

#### 6. End of Year Performance Report 2006/2007

Councillor Susan Fazackerley, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Corporate Performance and Development introduced the item and Allan Oldfield, Corporate Policy and Performance presented the report which provided details of the national and local performance indicator outcomes for the financial year 2006/07. The complete set of national compulsory indicators were presented in the report including the key indicators that the Cabinet had been monitoring throughout the year. The report also included details of the Audit Commission perspective on CPA and a proposed table of key performance indicators for Fylde in the financial year 2007/08.

In reaching the decision set out below, the Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it at the meeting and RESOLVED

1. To approve the list of key performance indicators outlined in Appendix 4 of the report for Exception reports during 2007/08.
2. To ensure that Portfolio Holders include performance monitoring against the key performance indicators and included on the agenda of formal briefing meetings with senior officers.
3. That the Scrutiny Management Board is presented with a report requesting that the issue of homelessness in Fylde be investigated by the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### 7. The Corporate Performance Plan 2007/08

Councillor Susan Fazackerley, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Corporate Performance and Development introduced the report and Allan Oldfield, Corporate Policy and Performance presented the Corporate Performance Plan for 2007/08 which outlined the purpose and requirements of the plan.

In reaching the decision set out below, the Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it at the meeting and RESOLVED:

1. To approve the Fylde Corporate Performance Plan for 2007/08 detailed in the report.
2. That Portfolio Holders ensure progress against the actions and key indicators are monitored as part of formal briefing arrangements with senior officers.

#### 8. Differential Council Taxation

Councillor Paul Rigby, Cabinet Portfolio for Finance and Efficiency, presented the Differential Council Taxation report. Following completion of the 'Equitable Taxation?' feasibility study, at its budget meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007, the Cabinet deferred consideration of the introduction of a differential council tax until 2007/08. This report sought the Cabinet's direction on how it required this matter to be progressed or otherwise.

In reaching the decision set out below, the Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it at the meeting and RESOLVED:

1. That officers continue their dialogue with Kirkham Town Council regarding the management of Open Space in the town;
2. That a dialogue is opened with St Annes Town Council to gauge their interest in similar arrangements;
3. That officers report back to the next cabinet meeting on progress with 1 and 2 above, and how this might impact on the Council's options for introducing a differential council tax in 2008/09.
4. That the District-Parish Liaison meeting is informed of the borough council's intention to consider the introduction of a differential council tax in the 2008/09 financial year.
5. That awareness training on this topic is arranged for elected members and parish clerks as appropriate.

#### 9. Every Child Matters – Services for Children and Young People

Councillor Simon Renwick, Cabinet Portfolio for Culture and Tourism, presented the report that proposed the arrangements through which the Borough Council would ensure that it discharged its obligations and contributed effectively to the Every Child Matters agenda.

In reaching the decision set out below, the Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it at the meeting and RESOLVED:

1. To confirm Councillor Renwick as the relevant Portfolio Holder and the Executive Manager (Community & Cultural Services) as the respective lead member and officer with responsibility for Children and Young People's matters.
2. To refer for review the Council's current level of engagement in, and awareness of, Every Child Matters to one of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees or to a specific task and finish group.
3. That the responsible Executive Manager ensures that issues relating to Every Child Matters and Children's and Young People's services in Fylde are

considered fully by the Fylde LSP and in all negotiations associated with Local or Multi Area Agreements.

10. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – That under section 10 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of schedule 12A of the Act.

11. The Job Evaluation Scheme At Fylde

Councillor Susan Fazackerley, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Corporate Performance and Development, introduced the item and Allan Oldfield, Corporate Policy and Performance presented the detailed report which outlined the process and outcomes from the job evaluation scheme that had been carried out at Fylde. The financial implications of the scheme were included in the report along with a series of recommendations required to progress negotiations with the various unions.

1. In reaching the decision set out below, the Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it at the meeting and RESOLVED to approve the recommendations detailed in the report.

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