

EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE**CABINET**

A record of the decisions made at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 30 October 2019, at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Councillors

Giles Archibald (Leader and Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio Holder) (Chairman)

Jonathan Brook	Deputy Leader and Housing and Innovation Portfolio Holder
Andrew Jarvis	Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder
Dyan Jones	Climate Emergency and Localism Portfolio Holder

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robin Ashcroft (Economy, Culture and Leisure Portfolio Holder), Eric Morrell (Customer and Commercial Services and People Portfolio Holder) and Suzie Pye (Health, Wellbeing and Financial Resilience Portfolio Holder).

Also in attendance at the meeting were Shadow Executive Members James Airey (Shadow Cabinet (Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio)), Roger Bingham (Shadow Cabinet (Economy, Culture and Leisure Portfolio)), Tom Harvey (Shadow Cabinet Leader (Climate Emergency and Localism Portfolio)), John Holmes (Shadow Cabinet Deputy Leader (Finance and Resources)), Helen Irving (Shadow Cabinet (Customer and Commercial Services and People Portfolio)), Janette Jenkinson (Shadow Cabinet (Health, Wellbeing and Financial Resilience Portfolio)), Kevin Lancaster (Shadow Cabinet (Housing and Innovation Portfolio)) and Mark Wilson (Leader of the Labour Group).

Officers

Inge Booth	Legal, Governance and Democracy Specialist
Lawrence Conway	Chief Executive
John Davies	Case Management Officer
Linda Fisher	Legal, Governance and Democracy Lead Specialist (Monitoring Officer)
Sean Hall	Principal Specialist (Health & Environment)
Fraser Robertson	Communications Specialist
Simon Rowley	Director of Customer and Commercial Services
Helen Smith	Finance Lead Specialist (Section 151 Officer)
David Sykes	Director of Strategy, Innovation and Resources

CEX/51 CABINET EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

RESOLVED – That the Chairman be authorised to sign, as a correct record, the Executive Decisions made by Cabinet on 11 September 2019.

CEX/52 DELEGATED EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

RESOLVED – That the Delegated Executive Decisions made by Portfolio Holders or Officers on 12 and 26 September 2019 be received.

CEX/53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED – That it be noted that no declarations of interest were raised.

CEX/54 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUDED ITEMS

RESOLVED – That it be noted that there are no excluded items on the agenda.

CEX/55 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED – That it be noted that no questions, representations, deputations or petitions have been received in respect of this meeting.

CEX/56 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan published on 29 October 2019 had been circulated to Members prior to the commencement of the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the Forward Plan published on 29 October 2019 be noted.

CEX/57 COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT QUARTER TWO**Summary**

The Leader and Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio Holder presented an update report on progress with the Council Plan 2019 for Quarter 2 of 2019/20. Monitoring the success of the Council Plan demonstrated improvements and ensured that Council services addressed the needs of residents in an open and transparent way. The Council was committed to delivering high quality, cost effective services that met the needs of residents and improved quality of life. The performance management process helped the Council to demonstrate how well it was doing. The report also included the Council's Strategic Risk Register.

The Leader and Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio Holder informed Members that the report had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 25 October 2019. In response to a query raised at that meeting, Members had been informed that a report was currently being produced with regard to Cumbria's carbon footprint based on research carried out by Professor Mike Berners-Lee of Lancaster University. The report was due to be finalised and presented for discussion by Cumbrian Leaders in December 2019. In addition, a study was being carried out by South Lakeland District Council regarding carbon reduction in South Lakeland, with a report due to be presented at the December Council meeting. It was the Leader and Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio Holder's hope that, based on this information, the Council would be in a position to set a target for a zero carbon footprint by the New Year, with a list of actions to be carried out throughout Cumbria. The Leader and Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio Holder also referred to a query raised at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Strategic Risk Register when it had been explained that high priority risks were placed above the appetite level in order to ensure continued focus through quarterly monitoring.

The Leader and Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio Holder turned to the report, which he felt demonstrated that the Council was performing well. He praised the work carried out by the Chief Executive, officers, his predecessor, Cabinet Members and all Councillors, all pulling together to work for the community, this work being carried out at the same time as the Council moved forward with its Customer Connect Programme. He highlighted a number of the Council's achievements, including work relating to playgrounds, climate emergency, biodiversity loss, new jobs, affordable homes and waste recycling. The Leader and Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio Holder, however, drew attention to concerns which existed around, for example, child poverty, food poverty, fuel poverty, homelessness, rural connectivity, Brexit and loneliness and, in addition, as raised at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, domestic violence. In closing, the Leader and Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio Holder commended the work being carried out by the Council, however, stressed the need to address these issues and not to be complacent.

The Leader and Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio Holder was thanked for sharing his correspondence with Members of Parliament in relation to zero carbon homes following the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Discussion took place with regard to the Council's target for affordable housing. The Deputy Leader and Housing and Innovation Portfolio Holder confirmed that, despite a slight dip in delivery during the current 12 month period, the Council remained on track to meet this target, with a number of significant developments in the pipeline across the District. In response to a query regarding the requirement for a 35% affordable housing requirement for developments with ten or more dwellings, he also believed that this target was being met, and undertook to provide Members with the current figures. Further, he agreed to provide figures as regards the split between the social rented/affordable rent/intermediate housing and discounted affordable to buy on all current developments. Whilst he acknowledged that developers were challenging viability in this regard and the need to be aware of this and to strengthen the process, he reiterated that the 35% affordable housing requirement was on the whole being met. He agreed that he would be keen for the development of more social housing for rent, however, pointed out the Government constraints in this regard.

Decision

RESOLVED – That the following be noted:-

- (1) the Summary of Performance as detailed in the report; and***
- (2) the detailed risks information contained within Appendix 1 to the report.***

Reasons for Decision

The report is directly linked to the Council Plan commitment to ensure that the Council is equipped to provide the best, most cost effective services. Details regarding performance monitoring are published in line with the Council's latest Performance Management Framework.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None – the purpose of the report is to receive a performance update. The Council must note successes, monitor progress and take action where appropriate.

CEX/58 SCALING ON STREET CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE (SOSCI)**Summary**

The Climate Emergency and Localism Portfolio Holder thanked officers involved and presented a report relating to South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) being part of a successful partnership funding award by Innovate UK which had secured £3.4m for Scaling On Street Charging Infrastructure (SOSCI). This was one of twelve projects that would share £37m funding to revolutionise the experience of owning an electric vehicle in the UK. SLDC was one of twelve partner organisations which included a mix of public bodies, charities, and private business. Cybermoor Services Ltd had applied for and received the funding under the Innovate UK Programme “Electric vehicle charging for public spaces: real world demonstrators.” Innovate UK was part of UK Research and Innovation, a non-departmental public body funded by a grant-in-aid from the UK Government. The Council was being requested to enter into a collaboration agreement with Cybermoor Services Ltd who had been selected as the Lead Partner and the other project partners.

The report indicated that this was primarily a research project which would take place over an 18-month period and target the domestic residential EV charging market, those households located typically in urban and suburban areas with no off street parking. A second market identified had been local authorities where officers were often approached by households on terraced streets to install charging solutions but were restricted in their ability to do this through lack of resource. The Climate Emergency and Localism Portfolio Holder provided details in relation to the project which built on earlier feasibility studies and which offered a new way for Local Authorities to stimulate growth of charge points, improve air quality and make the most of their limited resources.

In presenting the report, the Climate Emergency and Localism Portfolio Holder explained that it was clear from climate conversations held over the summer that there was a growing interest in electric vehicles. She pointed out that, subject to approval, the Council would be the first rural local authority to join this fully-funded project.

Discussion took place around whether this was a research project and the split between research and operational costs which were answered.

Discussion took place during which the need to take rural needs into consideration was raised. In response to a query, the Climate Emergency and Localism Portfolio Holder reiterated the fact that the scheme, which covered both research and implementation, was fully-funded. The Principal Specialist (Health & Environment) read out the proposed research questions in order to provide Members with a broader understanding of the project. It was raised that the project would be of benefit in the move towards carbon neutrality in South Lakeland.

In response to a query on local engagement regarding this, as well as other issues such as Climate Change and the need for a specific Council officer to turn to, Members were informed that the community, businesses and councillors in all tiers would be involved in establishing where demand was. Community engagement in relation to the on street charging project would be facilitated by the project research lead. The Leader and Promoting South Lakeland Portfolio Holder added that the Council was currently looking at resources around the issue of Climate Change. He further drew attention to the Climate Emergency and Localism Portfolio Holder’s remit and her eagerness to work closely with parishes and towns. She added that this research was both innovative and collaborative and that she wanted it to be community-led and that people would be encouraged to take part.

Concern was raised with regard to the enormity of and complexity around the issues of electric vehicles and charging. The Principal Specialist (Health & Environment) stressed that this project would assist in identifying need in order to inform future planning depending on the locations identified through the next stages.

Decision

RESOLVED – That

- (1) approval be given for the Council's future involvement in this project;**
- (2) the Director of Customer and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Climate Emergency and Locality Portfolio Holder, the Finance and Resources Portfolio Holder and the Legal Governance and Democracy Lead Specialist, be delegated authority to negotiate and sign the Collaboration Agreement with Cybermoor Ltd and the project partners and accept the grant conditions;**
- (3) an appraisal of Council owned sites be undertaken which will identify their suitability for this project, to be commissioned by the Operational Lead for Delivery and Commercial Services; and**
- (4) the successful grant funds be allocated to the project being the amount of £187,640.00 to be used in the implementation of the project and drawn down from Innovate UK via the accountable body, Cybermoor Service Ltd.**

Reasons for Decision

To assist in the delivery of the following Council Plan priorities:-

Climate Emergency

- Develop plans and support projects with our partners and local communities to progressively address the causes and the impacts of climate change, according to our local priorities, securing maximum benefit for our communities.
- Encourage all sectors in our local community to take the opportunity to adapt to the impacts of climate change, to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and to make public their commitment to action.

Public Health Strategy

Tackling Climate change by exploring options associated with EV charging points for households with no facility to charge their vehicles and by encouraging behaviour change to promote the uptake of electric vehicles.

Air Quality

Promoting the uptake of Electric vehicles to reduce pollution emissions from combustion engines.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

The Council does not participate further in this project. This may result in a missed opportunity to both research the demand and installation of charge points locally, and also to actually install some EV charge points at a small number of locations within the district.

The meeting ended at 10.40 a.m.