

WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL CABINET

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Cabinet** held on Tuesday, 6 June 2023 at 10.00 am at Barrow Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow in Furness

PRESENT:

Cllr P Bell
Cllr J Brook (Chair)
Cllr J Derbyshire
Cllr N Hughes
Cllr D Jones
Cllr S Sanderson
Cllr V Taylor
Cllr P Thornton

Officers in attendance:

Mrs J Currie	Democratic Services
Ms P Duke	Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer)
Ms A Jones	Director of Thriving Places
Ms L Jones	Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer)
Ms S Plum	Chief Executive
Mr J Readman	Interim Director of Children's Services
Mr P Robinson	Director of Enabler Services
Ms C Whalley	Director of Adult Social Care

PART I ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Archibald and Cllr Jarvis.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interest made on this occasion.

16. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED, that the press and public be not excluded during consideration of any items on the agenda today.

17. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 April 2023 be agreed as a true and accurate record.

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Jonathan Davies, Chair of Clifton Community Council attended to ask the following question:

‘Clifton Community Council have over the last 4 years worked with the former Eden District Council to progress devolution of assets in the Clifton Community.

This includes various small parcels of land and Clifton Children’s Play area.

The only actual devolution to have occurred is that of streetlighting forced on many parish councils in the Eden area with threats of losing streetlighting in areas if the assets were not taken on by parish councils.

Eden Council had agreed to devolution of the assets in 2021 however days before the agreed date to make the transfer Clifton Community council was informed that the transfer would not take place due to staff having left the council. Eden Council then placed a hold on asset transfer as it reviewed its policy this was then further stalled by the LGR process.

Clifton Community council and we know other town and parish councils are keen to see devolution of assets important to our respective communities take place.

Clifton has plans to redevelop the playpark into a space that is fit for purpose and can also enhance the offer and usage by the village school and others in the community including a running track and new play equipment along with measures to level up the land and create off road parking around the perimeter with electric charge points to address parking issues in the community especially around school pick up and drop of times that creates dangerous road conditions for all in the area.

Clifton Community council has in the last 3 weeks been informed by an officer of this council that at this time Westmorland and Furness Council has no devolution policy in place and as result devolution will likely not take place for some time.

Can the leader address the reasons for no devolution policy given that in other areas of the council business and policy the former councils policies have been mirrored and used to enable Westmorland and Furness council to function. And does the leader agree that devolution is an important issue that needs addressed with those town and parish councils like Clifton community council who wish to take on assets to deliver beneficial improvements for our communities.’

The Leader of the Council responded to say that Westmorland and Furness Council was keen to work collaboratively with town and parish councils and he was in regular contact with Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC). He then went on to give the following response:

'Thank you for attending today to ask your question Cllr Davies on behalf of Clifton Community Council. I acknowledge that the Community Council have been seeking a response to this question for some time, whilst we were going through the local government reform process.

I would like to provide assurance that Westmorland and Furness Council is committed to supporting communities, and this is reflected in our Council Plan where we highlight having confident, empowered resilient communities is a key priority. Whilst we are still developing this overall approach, and are intending to work closely with communities and partner organisations to do this, one of the significant elements will include exploring the potential devolution of some services and assets to local communities, particularly to town and parish councils, where this can make a significant contribution to enabling them to be stronger, more resilient, and sustainable.

A key strand to take us on this journey, is the development of our Community Asset Transfer policy, which involves the transferring of ownership of land and buildings from the local authority to a fit and proper community organisation in order to achieve a range of benefits and meet the Council's priorities and desired outcomes. Westmorland and Furness have adopted an interim Community Asset Transfer policy, but are reviewing this in light of their own Council Plan priorities and will be considering our new Westmorland and Furness Community Asset Transfer Policy in September. The application of this policy may be triggered by either external requests from local organisations or through identification by a service that an asset is declared surplus to requirements.

Following Clifton Parish Council's request, one of our Community development officers will now act as a single point of contact and work with them to put forward a formal Expression of interest to the Council, once the Community Asset Transfer Policy has been approved by Cabinet.'

Cllr Davis thanked the leader for that positive response to my first question and Clifton looked forward to working with Westmorland and Furness Council to deliver for our community.

Linked to the original question of devolution, my supplementary question is regarding the asset transfer of street lighting. These assets transferred from Eden Council a few years ago with the risk if not taken on that light would be lost in the parish.

Clifton Community Council have had issues with one light that has now remained non operational for over 6 months and it has emerged that Clifton have received no transfer of contract confirmation from Westmorland and Furness council to confirm the maintenance and electricity arrangements are still in place.

Can the Leader confirm the contract has been transferred and ensure written confirmation can be provided to Clifton'

The Leader thanked Cllr Davies and agreed to provide a written response.

19. STATEMENTS FROM THE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS

Councillor Sanderson made an announcement about Foster Care Fortnight which was launched on 15 May 2023.

Cumbria Fostering service had launched an appeal for more foster carers to help keep children in their local communities.

Despite already supporting a community of more than 275 foster carers across the county, with more than 725 children in care, Cumbria Fostering urgently needed more local people to come forward as foster carers to prevent vulnerable children being placed with families away from their local area or separated from siblings.

The Council wanted to make sure that children could stay with foster families local to the communities that they were familiar with, which helped to minimise further disruption to their lives by helping them stay in their school, close to their friends, and maintaining connections with other family members.

She encouraged anyone that might be interested in this to get in touch.

20. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL OR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

None for this meeting.

21. QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

There were no questions to Cabinet Members on this occasion.

22. INVESTMENT IN COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES

The Leader presented a report from the Director of Resources, which stated that Council approved the 2023/24 revenue budget and 2023/4-2027/8 MTFP and capital programme at its meeting on the 7 March 2023.

The budget set out the financial considerations and estimates on the different elements of Local Government funding (including the Council Tax requirement for 2023/24), national and local financial pressures and proposed savings as well as plans for the future to invest and transform the Council to achieve its Council Plan priorities.

Included in the 2023/24 revenue budget was a one off net £5m investment to start immediate activities to deliver on the Council Plan priorities. Council approved that Cabinet approve the details of the investments.

Work had been ongoing with Corporate Management Team (CMT) and Cabinet to review the immediate activities for 2023/24 and the purpose of this report was for

Cabinet to approve allocation of £4.450m of the one off £5m priority investment fund to support delivery of immediate priorities.

Cabinet would approve the use of the remaining unallocated element of £0.550m when business cases were identified and approved.

It was recognised that a number of the proposed activities would require funding in 2024/25 due to the nature of the activity e.g. travel bursary scheme. These future financial commitments would be funded from contingency in 2024/25 to ensure that commitments could be fully funded. Any decisions to continue activities on a permanent basis would need to be fully funded within the permanent budget financial envelope.

Cabinet was also asked to confirm the continuation of the individual members' £1k allocations for 2023/24. Councillors could use the funding to support community groups in their wards to help purchase equipment, hold events, or run services that would benefit local residents. The funding could also be used in combination with money from other organisations, to contribute to larger projects

Following initial discussions with portfolio holders regarding where investment would be required to effectively deliver the Council Plan priorities in 2023/24, it was agreed that proposals would be developed using a business case template in order to assess strategic fit with Council Plan priorities, deliverability, benefit realisation, investment required and risk.

A total of 24 proposals were received which all had good strategic fit. Further assessment was undertaken on deliverability in order to identify schemes which could be delivered this financial year recognising that the funding was one off. Following that assessment 14 proposals had been identified for Cabinet to approve. The total investment value was £3.250m.

Priority Scheme	Summary Description	Investment
Biodiversity Boost	Boosting biodiversity across Westmorland and Furness by investing in the development of baseline information and developing a new biodiversity credit scheme. The funding will help set Westmorland and Furness on the path to restoring and enhancing biodiversity in our area.	£440,000
Climate & Environment Fund	A new grant fund to support local organisations to tackle climate change, support nature recovery and ensure a fair transition to a low carbon future for our communities, contributing to our aspiration for Westmorland and Furness to be a leader on biodiversity and carbon net zero.	£500,000
A2B Now Card - The children and young people's discount bus travel scheme	A discount bus travel card scheme for all children and young people aged 5-20 across Westmorland and Furness, reducing transport costs and boosting the use of sustainable transport.	£70,000

Youth education and training travel bursary	An area wide travel bursary scheme for 16-19 year olds, supporting them to access education and training, including support to schools and to individual young people, ensuring travel costs are not a barrier to young people achieving their potential.	£500,000
20 mph zones	Funding to support Locality Boards to implement 20mph zones where communities want them, improving road safety, reducing noise and encouraging walking and cycling. (Delegations agreed in September 2023 following	£300,000
Welfare support top up fund	Additional funding to help alleviate poverty and meet people's welfare needs, including investing in financial advice services to help people manage their income, and school food initiatives to ensure children get the support they are entitled to.	£500,000
Supporting families	Providing additional funding to supplement the new Family Hub government funded programme which aims to support children, young people and families at the earliest opportunity, helping them have the best start in life and setting them up to achieve their full potential.	£300,000
Occupational Therapy equipment fast track	A short-term, high impact programme to get simple, but vital, equipment to people who need it to help them live independent lives and who have been waiting for too long.	£80,000
Virtual care pilot programme	A new pilot programme using video and telephone technology to support people with basic social care support needs, like medicine reminders, to live healthy independent lives and ensuring social care staff can focus on those with more serious needs.	£80,000
Culture recovery support fund	Investment in Westmorland and Furness's cultural sector to help venues and organisations manage the ongoing legacy of the COVID-19 pandemic and the pressures of the cost of living crisis, aiming to secure the continuation and growth of our rich and vibrant cultural offer, a vital part of our vision for a thriving Westmorland and Furness.	£250,000
Trauma informed practice development programme	The impacts of trauma, particularly in childhood, can have profound and long-lasting effects on people's health and well-being. This investment in the training and development of our workforce and that of partner and community organisations will give us the best chance of helping people in need of support to have independent, thriving lives.	£80,000

Local sustainable travel and transport (capacity) and fund	Provide officer capacity to support delivery of the delegated Local sustainable travel and transport fund delegated to local committees.	150,000
Total		£3,250,000

In addition to the above, two proposals related to devolving funding to Locality Boards for local decision making on investments immediately. The table below summarises the funding that was to be devolved to Locality Boards and described the type of schemes that could be supported.

Priority Scheme	Scheme Description	Investment Value
Local sustainable travel and transport fund	Delegate £0.900m to Locality Boards to support the development of local sustainable travel and transport schemes, including footpaths and rights of way, cycling, school streets and community transport. The fund will help improve public health and the environment by reducing congestion, air pollution, carbon emissions and supporting healthier lifestyles.	£900,000
Strong and connected communities programme	Flexible funding to allow Locality Boards to support priority improvements in communities, making a real and visible difference to the quality of life in local areas.	£300,000
Total		£1,200,000

The funding allocated to the Locality Boards for the proposal for Local sustainable travel and transport was to be allocated based on 80% population and 20% road length. This resulted in an allocation of:

- Furness £230,400
- Eden £250,200
- South Lakeland £419,400

The funding allocated for the proposal for stronger and connected communities programme was proposed as an equal split of £100k per Locality Board. The detailed criteria was still be finalised but the funds would be to test and support delivery against the Locality Boards' emerging Place Plans, particularly focusing on services / areas aligning with Thriving Communities.

The allocation of funding to Locality Boards would be determined in September when the new 20mph Policy had been developed. The Policy would set out the criteria to be used to consider whether to introduce such limits and how potential schemes would be prioritised.

Cllr Bell commented that she was especially pleased to see the projects for Adult Social Care and Public Health in the list. She mentioned the Virtual Care Pilot Programme which she hoped would bring about positive changes in care.

Cllr Thornton welcomed the proposed allocation of funding to individual members which could be used to help support community groups in their wards to help with small projects.

Cllr Hughes was particularly delighted with the proposals for the A2B Now Card, which was a children and young people's discount bus scheme, the Youth education and training travel bursary and the local sustainable travel and transport fund. It was hoped that these would help to improve transport links across the whole areas, and especially rural areas.

Cllr Taylor also welcomed the youth education and training travel bursary being extended across the whole area of Westmorland and Furness which she hoped would make a difference to the young people.

Cllr Jones was delighted to see the two priorities that would deliver climate action and boost biodiversity across the footprint of Westmorland and Furness included in this list of priorities. Members know and understand that communities were key in making a difference, helping the Council deliver its aspirations and this was a positive way of laying the foundations of responsible action around these two significant challenges.

The recommendations were moved by Cllr Brook and seconded by Cllr Bell, and put to a vote, which was unanimous.

RESOLVED, that Cabinet

- 1) approves £3.250m of priority investment schemes for 2023/24, as outlined in para 3.9 that deliver on the Council Plan priorities;
- 2) delegates to the Director of Thriving places and the chief legal officer and Director of Resources the guidance and criteria for the allocation of the proposed grant programme for the Climate and Environment Fund;
- 3) approves the delegation of £0.900m to the three Locality Boards (based on 80% population/ 20% road length formula) for investment in sustainable travel and transport (in accordance with the constitution)
- 4) approves the delegation of £0.300m to allow Locality Boards to support priority improvements in communities, making a real and visible difference to the quality of life in local areas. Delegate to the Director of Thriving communities and the Chief Legal Officer and Director of Resources (Section 151), in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder the guidance and criteria for the allocation of this funding.

- 5) approves the overall budget delegation to Locality Boards of:

	Local sustainable travel and transport fund £	Strong Connected communities programme £	& Total £
Eden	250,200	100,000	350,200
Furness	230,400	100,000	330,400
South Lakeland	419,400	100,000	519,400
Total	900,000	300,000	1,200,000

- 6) approves an individual member allocation of £1,000 for 2023/24 to be utilised in accordance with the conditions and criteria established to provide effective governance and Value for Money. Delegate to the Chief Legal Officer and Director of Resources (Section 151) in consultation with the finance portfolio holder to finalise the conditions and criteria for the £1k member scheme.

23. PENRITH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BALLOT JUNE 2023

Members had before them a report from the Director of Thriving Places, As a non-domestic ratepayer within the Penrith Business Improvement District (BID) area, the Council is entitled to vote in the upcoming ballot on 28 June 2023. This report provides information to support members in their decision on the use of the Council's voting entitlement in the renewal ballot.

A Business Improvement District, or BID, was a defined area in which businesses and the local authority agreed to work in partnership to develop projects and services that would benefit the trading environment. BIDs were based on the principle of charging an additional levy (typically 1% to 2% of rateable value) on business ratepayers in a defined area following a positive majority vote by those ratepayers. These funds were used to carry out projects and initiatives within the defined BID area.

Each term of a BID was 5 years and a ballot must be undertaken to renew a BID for a further 5 year term. For the BID to be renewed, two threshold tests had to be met in the ballot:

- More than 50% of votes cast (turnout) must be in favour of the BID; and
- The positive vote must represent more than 50% of the Rateable Value (RV) of the votes cast.

The Business Improvement District was originally established in Penrith in 2013, and ran for a 5 year period until 2017. A renewal ballot took place in November 2017 confirming a second term of 5 years running until 31 March 2023.

A renewal ballot for a third term took place on 30 November 2022. Eden District Council's cabinet members voted yes in respect of the Council's properties. The ballot was not successful as although the majority of businesses voted yes, the positive votes did not represent more than 50% on the rateable value of the votes cast.

Penrith Business Improvement District had proposed another ballot on 28 June 2023, if this was not successful then they were not proposing any future ballots.

The BID had notified the Local Authority and Secretary of State of this proposal in the timescales required by the BID regulations. As the Council's duly appointed Returning Officer and therefore the Ballot Holder for this ballot, the Chief Executive had outsourced the ballot process to Civica Election Services.

The BID had prepared a business plan to address the top priorities identified through consultations with businesses in the town. It was considered that the proposals as set out in the renewal bid were in compliance with statutory requirements and not in conflict with formally adopted and published Council policy.

The business plan built on the work undertaken by Penrith BID over its 10 year term. Responsibility for the delivery of the BID over the last 10 years had rested with a small BID management board made up of local business owners.

There were 13 Council owned properties/land holdings at present with a rateable value over £4,000 which would be subject to the BID levy with a total rateable value of £423,400 as follows:

Address	Current Rateable Value
Tourist Information - Middlegate	£13,250
Mansion House - Friargate	£58,500
Car Park - Sandgate	£25,500
Public Conveniences – Little Dockray	£5,200
Bus Station - Sandgate	£6,500
Town Hall – Corney Square	£71,500
Car Park -	£9,600
Car Park – Bluebell Lane	£37,500
Car Park – Drovers Lane	£17,500
Voreda House	£76, 500
Brunswick School	£32,750
Penrith Library	£64,000
Unit 1 – 5 Corney Square	£4,850
TOTAL	£423,400

If the BID Renewal Ballot was successful, the rates liability falling on the Council as a result of being a non-domestic ratepayer reflecting a 1.5% levy would be £6,351 per annum for five years.

There was no guarantee that a BID Renewal Ballot would be successful. If there was a 'no' vote any remaining funds from the second BID term would be returned to

the council who would distribute it back to levy payers under the procedure detailed in the 2004 BID regulations.

The recommendations were moved by Cllr Brook and seconded by Cllr Taylor, and put to a vote, which was unanimous.

All Cabinet members fully supported the recommendations.

RESOLVED, that

- 1) Cabinet members agree to use the council's voting allocation in favour of a third term of Penrith BID;
- 2) The Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer is authorised to complete the ballot papers accordingly with a yes vote and submit them by the end of the ballot period on 28 June 2023;
- 3) The Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer is authorised to enter into a new operating agreement with the BID if the ballot is successful for the term of 5 years.

24. BETTER CARE FUND SUBMISSION 2023-24

Cabinet had before it a report which provided a summary of the health and social care pooled Better Care Fund. The report asked Cabinet to approve the priority areas identified in the report and sought delegations to be put in place to enable the Better Care Fund to be submitted to the Westmorland and Furness Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off to allow the final submission to NHS – England/Better Care Fund Team on the due date of 28 June 2023.

Since 2015 The Better Care Fund had been a pooled fund arrangement by NHS and Local Authority partners that was designed to incentivise integrated delivery of health and social care. The Better Care Fund had evolved over that period and was now a collection of different grants to achieve core objectives.

The current grant components for 2023/24 that made up the totality of the Better Care Fund for Westmorland and Furness that were currently under discussion with the relevant Integrated Care Boards are:

- Minimum NHS Contribution - £19.504m. This is funding made up from the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Commissioning Board and the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Commissioning Board. This is split into two parts; the Adult Social Care services spend £13.167m and the NHS Commissioned Out of Hospital Spend £6.337m.
- The improved Better Care Fund which is a grant directly paid to the local authority £9.304m. The rebased improved Better Care Fund allocation for Westmorland and Furness is less than the proposed allocation to schemes and therefore creates a £770k funding

pressure. The Disabled Facilities Grant, directly paid to the local authority of £2.786m

- The Additional Discharge Fund. This is in two parts, a grant that is directly paid to the local authority (£1.304m) and a contribution from the two relevant Integrated Commissioning Boards which at the time of writing remains under discussion.

On 4 April 2023 the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities released the 2023-2025 Better Care Fund policy framework which confirmed the conditions and planning requirements for the for the Better Care Fund for 2023 to 2025. The vision for this policy framework was underpinned by two core objectives:

- Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer
- Provide people with the right care, at the right place at the right time

The policy framework was designed to support the key priorities of the NHS Long Term Plan by joining up the plan for recovering urgent and emergency care (UEC) services and the delivery of the next steps to put people at the heart of care. The policy framework confirmed that systems must make their submissions to NHS England/Better Care Fund Team by 28 June 2023.

The recommendations were moved by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire and put to a vote, which was unanimous.

RESOLVED, that Cabinet

- (1) agrees to delegate to the Director of Adult Social Care and the Director of Resources (S151) in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Finance and the Chief Executive the authority to approve the Better Care Fund for submission to the Westmorland and Furness Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off to enable the final Submission to the NHS – England/Better Care Fund Team.
- (2) approves the priority areas identified in para 3.13 of the report to be supported by the Better Care Fund.
- (3) That Cabinet agrees to delegate to the Director of Adult Social Care and the Director of Resources (S151) in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Finance and the Chief Executive to submit proposals to the Westmorland and Furness Health and Wellbeing Board related to virements and/or changes to the Better Care Fund submission during its 2023-2025 delivery plan period to ensure flexibility to most effectively meet challenges within the health and social care system.
- (4) The Cabinet agrees to delegate to the Director of Adult Social Care and the Director of Resources (S151) in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Finance and the Chief Executive the authority to approve the Section 75 pooled fund agreement that the Council and the relevant Integrated Commissioning Boards will be

required to enter into following NHS – England’s approval of the Better Care Fund submission

25. URGENT ITEMS

The Leader presented a report from the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer which requested that the Leader signs the Armed Forces Covenant.

The report explained the background to the Armed Forces Covenant, the implications for the Council and the proposed next steps. The report also provides an update on legal duty under the Armed Forces Act 2021.

The Leader reminded Cabinet that at the Shadow Council Meeting in January 2023 there was a question raised about whether this Council would sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant. His response to this was positive and he fully supported the signing of this covenant. All Cabinet members agreed with this.

The aims of the Community Covenant were to:

- Encourage local communities to support the Armed Forces Community in their areas;
- Nurture public understanding and awareness amongst the public of issues affecting the Armed Forces Community;
- Recognise and remember the sacrifices faced by the Armed Forces Community;
- Encourage activities which help to integrate the Armed Forces Community into local life;
- Encourage the Armed Forces Community to help and support the wider community, whether through participation in events and joint projects, or other forms of engagement.

Former Cumbria County Council and former District Councils all signed up the Armed Forces Covenant in 2013. At the same time across Cumbria a Cumbria Armed Forces Covenant Partnership was also established. The membership included District Councils and Cumbria County Council Armed Forces Champions, officers working in community development, businesses, charities, public sector partners and housing associations who provide support to the armed forces community.

Following on from Local Government Reorganisation the Council was working with colleagues in Cumberland to agree the governance arrangements and appointments required for the Cumbria Armed Forces Partnership.

Cabinet Members noted that a report would be presented to the Council meeting on the 15 June 2023 to expand in more detail on the work proposed relating to the Armed Forces covenant and our legal duties, and that the Ministry of Defence would be in attendance to sign the covenant with the Leader of the Council.

The recommendations were moved by Cllr Brook and seconded by Cllr Bell and then put to a vote which was unanimous.

RESOLVED, that Cabinet

- (1) agrees the Leader of the Council signs the Westmorland and Furness Armed Covenant on behalf of the Council;
- (2) notes the appointment of Cllr M Eyles (Eden), Cllr V Hughes (South Lakes) and Cllr B McEwan (Furness) as the Armed Forces Champions for their area;
- (3) notes Linda Jones is the Lead officer for the Armed Forces for Westmorland and Furness;
- (4) agrees that Westmorland and Furness Council establish a Westmorland and Furness Armed Forces Board, the Board to include key stakeholders, Local Armed Forces Champions, the Portfolio Holder and/ or representative and the Lead Officer;
- (5) agrees that the Board will set its own Terms of Reference these to include but not be limited to acting as the responsible body for collaboration with partners, monitoring funding opportunities linked to the Councils priorities and the use to which any Armed Forces funding is put;
- (6) agrees that the Council continues to work with and partake in the Cumbria Armed Forces Partnership and works with Cumberland Council to establish the Cumbria wide governance requirements;
- (7) agrees to request that Council endorses the signing of the covenant at its meeting on the 15 June 2023.

The meeting ended at 10.55 am