COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday, 6 September 2017 at 10.00 am at Council Chamber, County Offices, Kendal

PRESENT:

Councillor Mr J Bell (Chairman)

Mr J Airey
Mr T Allison
Mr MS Barbour
Mr AL Barry
Mrs PA Bell
Mr B Berry
Mr RW Betton
Mr RK Bingham
Mr J Bland
Mrs C Bowditch
Mr A Bowness
Mr M Brereton
Mrs A Burns
Mrs HF Carrick
Mr F Cassidy
Mr W Clark
Mr A Connell
Mr GD Cook
Mr N Cotton
Mr P Dew
Ms C Driver
Ms D Earl
Mr GM Ellis
Mr D English
Miss HJ Fearon
Mr LN Fisher
Mr D Gawne
Mr W Graham
Mr KR Hamilton
Mrs RC Hanson
Mr M Hawkins
Mr K Hitchen
Mr C Hogg
Mr JS Holliday
Mr A Kennon
Mr AWC Lamb
Lord R Liddle
Mr J Lister
Mr KA Little
Mr T Lywood
Mrs EA Mallinson
Mr AJ Markley
Mr NH Marriner
Mr H McDevitt
Mr W McEwan
Mr A McGuckin
Mr FI Morgan
Mrs M Rae
Mr GRPM Roberts
Mr S Sanderson
Mr B Shirley
Mr DE Southward
Mr I Stewart
Mrs V Tarbitt
Mr P Thornton
Mrs C Tibble
Mr CP Turner
Mrs H Wall
Mr R Watson
Mr WJ Wearing
Mr C Weber
Mr D Whipp
Mr CJ Whiteside
Mr S Wielkopolski
Mrs EL Williamson
Mr D Wilson
Mr M Wilson
Mr AW Wonnacott
Mr R Worthington
Mr MH Worth
Mr SF Young

There were 73 members present at the start of the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr SB Collins, Mrs S Evans, Mr DS Fairbairn, Mr HGG Graham, Mrs BC Gray, Mr S Haraldsen, Mr N Hughes, Ms C McCarron-Holmes, Mr S Stoddart, Mr T Wentworth Waites and Mrs J Willis

29 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Mr S Collins, Mrs S Evans, Mr DS Fairbairn, Mr HGG Graham, Mrs B Gray, Mr S Haraldsen, Mr N Hughes, Mrs McCarron-Holmes, Mr S Stoddart, Mr T Wentworth –Waites and Mrs J Willis.
30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

31 MINUTES

a Annual Meeting 29 June 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 29 June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

b Ordinary Meeting 29 June 2017

Subject to the spelling of Mrs Gray’s name and Askam railway station being corrected and Councillor John Bell recorded as Chair, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 29 June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

32 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the Agenda for which the press and public should be excluded.

33 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There had been no requests to use the Public Participation Scheme on this occasion.

34 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

(a) He had written to the Chairman of Cornwall County Council to express Cumbria’s sincere sorrow to the people of Cornwall after the devastating floods in the county.
(b) Rather than supporting a charity during his term of office, the Chairman encouraged all members to support food banks in the county.
(c) Inglewood Residential Home had been rated Outstanding by the Care Quality Commission.

The Cabinet Member for Health and Care Services commented on Extra Care Housing in the County and the financial boost to the Extra Care Programme. Previous Portfolio Holders were thanked for their work on the modernisation project. Council officers and staff at Cumbria Care were thanked for their work. He commented on the work to do in the future with partners and providers.

The Cabinet member for Schools and Learning commented on the exam results of young people in the county. Parents, students, carers and professional bodies were
thanked for their continuing work to improve standards. Members were updated on Key Stage 1 performance, provisional GCSE trends, Key Stage 4 and A level results. Children Looked After had performed better than in 2016 in all subjects but maths.

35 MINUTES OF THE CABINET

The Leader presented the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 27 July 2017.

Questions were asked as follows:

Minute 11, Cumbria Cycling Strategy.

Mr Cotton asked for the approximate timetable for delivery of the Cumbria Cycling Strategy. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport undertook to provide a response to Mr Cotton.

Minute 10 Council Membership of Transport for the North (TfN).

Mr Whipp asked about Cumbrian people being represented by Lancashire County Council on the Transport for the North. The Leader advised that the North West region had been allocated one Local Authority representative and one from the LEP. Therefore, Cumbria had representation on the TfN Partnership Board through the Leader of Lancashire County Council and the Chair of Cumbria LEP.

Minute 12 Youth Justice Strategic Plan

Mrs Tarbitt advised that the Children and Young People Scrutiny Advisory Board had convened a meeting to consider the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2017 – 18. It had been recommended that the Plan be reviewed by the Board later in 2017.

36 ADOPTION OF THE CUMBRIA MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN AND POLICIES MAP

A report was considered from the Cabinet Member for Environment regarding the Adoption of the Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan and Policies Map which sought the Council’s agreement, with Cabinet’s recommendation that the modifications recommended by the inspector should be made and that the Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan and Policies Map should be formally adopted.

The Cabinet Member for Environment moved that the Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan and Policies Map be formally adopted, seconded by Mr Southward, who thanked officers for their hard work.

Mr Bingham asked if any consideration had been given to historical claims that mineral rights under properties in parishes in his division may not belong to
residents and occupants. The Cabinet Member for Environment undertook to give a written response to Mr Bingham.

**RESOLVED** that the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and the Policies Map, with the changes recommended in the Inspector’s report are formally accepted.

### 37 YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2017/18

A report was considered from the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services regarding approval of the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2017/2018 which required submission to the Youth Justice Board.

The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services presented and moved the Recommendation, seconded by Mrs Sanderson.

Mrs Bowditch asked for and was provided with clarification of the support available to young people with learning disabilities. On being asked by Mr Airey to comment on what actions had been introduced because of increases in repeat offences, the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services advised on early intervention and wrap around teams to support children.

Lord Liddle reported on issues with anti social behaviour in his Division stressing the importance of community policing. A number of members commented on initiatives in their areas to reduce anti social behaviour, supporting a joint working approach with other organisations to reduce anti social behaviour.

Mr Mallinson referred to restorative justice approach identified in the Strategic Plan, asking how it was progressing, acknowledging that it may be too early to report on progress. The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services advised that it was early but undertook to provide a written response to Mr Mallinson.

**RESOLVED** that the Cumbria Youth Offending Service Strategic Plan 2017/2018 be agreed for submission to the Youth Justice Board.

### 38 QUESTIONS

The following questions were asked:

Mr Airey asked the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport whether discussions had been held with South Lakeland District Council regarding the closure of New Road car park in Kendal, whether implications on parking on surrounding streets had been considered following the closure and would there would be any positive impact on revenue for the County Council should parking meters be introduced in South Lakeland. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport advised that he was not aware of discussions taking place, if parking on surrounding streets was affected, this would be addressed and there was no intention at this time to introduce parking meters.
Mr Wielkopolski asked the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Community Services to work with him to support health and wellbeing in the workplace, looking at lessons learnt from other organisations’ initiatives. The Cabinet Member for Health and Community Services agreed to work with Mr Wielkopolski.

The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning concurred with Mr M Wilson when he asked her if she considered it excellent news that Sir John Barrow School’s Governing Body had won a national award for outstanding practice.

Mr Dew asked the Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning to applaud the local community at Kirkby Stephen who had built their own school classroom and to undertake to provide funding for transport costs for children. The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning gave an appraisal of the actions she had, and would be, taking to gather information about the school’s challenges.

Mr Betton asked the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport about proposed changes to the road configuration at Warwick Road Carlisle, highlighting local residents’ frustration with a lack of answers to their questions and on the opposition of local political representatives to the proposals. The Leader advised on how the scheme had developed, what the County Council’s role was in the scheme and referred to a local petition and on the impact on the Local Plan should the scheme not be agreed.

Mr Berry referred to the Borderlands Growth Scheme asking the Leader if it would only benefit the north of the county at the expense of the Leader supporting the whole of the county. The Leader explained how the Government initiative had developed, how the county council had been involved, that it would not affect governance, advising on the funding which may be available and emphasised that his concerns covered the whole county and would do his best for all areas.

Mr Whiteside asked the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport whether he agreed that capacity issues on the strategic road network on the west coast were serious and that it was having an adverse effect on the economy and quality of life in areas close to the road network. He considered that the county council should work with Highways England to improve the road network. In response, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport reassured members that the County Council had raised the matters referred to, with the Secretary of State for Transport and that improvements to road safety and capacity were a priority.

Mrs Tarbitt asked the Cabinet Member for Economic Development about the Community Asset Transfer of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at a school in her division which was now an Academy. She questioned whether the MUGA would be available to use out of school hours. The Cabinet Member for Economic Development undertook to provide a written response to Mrs Tarbitt.

Mr Ellis asked the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Community Services who he should approach for an apology as the Harraby Cycleway Scheme in Carlisle was over budget and incomplete. The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Community Services undertook to provide a written response.
Mr Shirley asked the Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning to work with the Conservative Group in obtaining a share for Cumbria of the £1.3bn of extra school funding, which had recently been announced by the Education Secretary. The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning welcomed the opportunity to work with the Conservative Group in order to raise standards in Cumbria.

Mr Whipp asked the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport asked who was involved and how the decision had been arrived at to cut support for rural transport in Eden. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport advised that the full Council had agreed this in setting the budget and explained how savings had been identified, commenting on the solutions the county council had found to provide options for transport in rural areas.

Mr Bingham drew attention to students living in isolated locations and asked whether Government funding would be spent on rural transport provision for them. The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning commented on her awareness of the issues raised by Mr Bingham explaining the challenges of meeting the criteria for funding.

On being asked by Mr Markley, the Leader joined him in congratulating the Head, Governing Body and Children of Silloth Primary School in attaining Outstanding in its Ofsted inspection. The Leader also joined Mr Markley in congratulating the community of Silloth in attaining its Green Flag Award on Silloth Green.

39 SCRUTINITY UPDATE REPORT

A report was considered from the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board which updated full Council on the work of Scrutiny and any issues and developments that had occurred since the last meeting of the full Council.

Before moving that the report be noted, the Chair of the Board advised that some Boards were yet to meet and gave an update on a recent scrutiny development and work programme planning session held in July 2017. New members and the Scrutiny team were thanked for their work at the event.

Mr Hawkins encouraged members to consider becoming an Autism Champion in their Local area which was supported by the Chairman who encouraged members to get involved in their local area.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

40 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

a Workington Harbour Board

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport moved receipt of the Minutes of the meeting of Workington Harbour Board held on 20 July 2017.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Workington Harbour Board held on 20 July 2017 be received.

41 CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services presented a report which provided members with an update on the work of the Corporate Parenting Board. In moving that the report be noted, she thanked the Board’s members commenting that it was an apolitical group of members who were dedicated to working for the good of children. Mrs Sanderson seconded the report.

The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services referred to a newsletter from the See It, Say It, Change It Group which would be circulated around all members of the Council.

RESOLVED that

1. The report be noted.
2. The See It, Say It, Change It Group newsletter be circulated around all members of the Council.

42 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no notices of Motion on this occasion.

43 SPEECHES

Mr Connell gave a speech on public transport.

The meeting ended at 12.05 pm