PRESENT:

Mr SF Young (Leader)
Ms D Earl
Mr KA Little
Mr DE Southward
Mrs C Tibble

Officers in attendance:

Corporate Director - Economy and Highways, Corporate Director - Children and Families Services, Corporate Director - Resources and Transformation, Assistant Director - Finance, Senior Manager - Legal and Democratic Services, Assistant Director - Health & Wellbeing and Chief Executive, Cumbria County Council and Chief Fire Officer.

PART 1 ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Thornton.

The Leader advised that due to an accident on the M6, Mrs Burns, Mrs Sanderson, Mr Stewart and Mrs Willis were delayed in traffic. He proposed that the meeting commence at 10.00am in their absence.

The meeting was quorate as per the County Council’s Constitution:

Part 5B – Cabinet Procedure Rules – Minimum attendance/ Quorum:

1.14 The minimum attendance for a meeting of the Cabinet is 40% of all members of the Cabinet (with the number being rounded up to the nearest whole number). The minimum attendance must include either the Leader or Deputy Leader, or if both are absent then a specified Cabinet Member designated by the Leader or Deputy Leader.
15 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest declared.

16 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2017 be agreed and signed by the Chair.

17 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda item 13 – Strategic Acquisitions – Land and Buildings in Carlisle and South Lakeland by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it contained exempt information relating to financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

18 **STATEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBERS**

The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Community Services stated that she had undertaken a Sensory Walk organised by the County Council in partnership with organisations representing the blind and partially sighted. She advised on the route, experience of the walk and praised the volunteers.

19 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions, petitions or statements made on this occasion.

20 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000**

Cabinet considered a report from the Senior Manager – Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer regarding the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 which sought approval of the policy document that set out how Cumbria County Council will comply with the RIPA Act 2000. Cabinet was asked to note that there had been no RIPA authorisations applied for or granted since the date of the last report in September 2016.

**RESOLVED** that after considering the options set out in the published report and for the reasons set out in the report, that
1 Cabinet note the work being undertaken by officers.
2 Cabinet approve the updated policy in respect of how Cumbria County Council will comply with the Regulation of Investigatory powers Act 2000.

21 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT - QUARTER 1, 2017/18

Cabinet considered a report from the Corporate Director – Resources and Transformation regarding the Corporate Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 1, 2017/18 which gave a progress update on Corporate Performance and focussed on the Council Plan Delivery Plan for 2017/18 which had been agreed at Cabinet in March 2017.

The Leader referred to challenges in relation to the delivery of targets associated with the delayed transfer of care, and discussions that had taken place with health colleagues. He considered the Council to be in a good position given the improved performance across all the indicators in anticipation of the imminent OFSTED inspection.

The Chief Fire Officer gave an update on the latest position regarding the joint emergency medical response pilot with the North West Ambulance Service.

RESOLVED that after considering the options set out in the published report and for the reasons set out in the report and above that

1. Cabinet note overall performance across the 5 Council Plan priorities, including progress against the Council Plan Delivery Plan for the 1st quarter ending 30th June 2017.
2. Cabinet note performance at 30th April 2017 across the key performance indicators that are used to track progress against the Children’s Improvement Plan.

22 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 30TH JUNE 2017

Cabinet considered a report from the Corporate Director – Resources and Transformation regarding the 2017/18 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report to 30 June 2017 which set out the Council’s financial position at 30 June 2017 covering the Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Treasury Management.

The Assistant Director – Finance (Section 151 Officer) reported on five key messages for Cabinet in summarising the report, adding that every effort was being made to reduce the forecast revenue budget pressure by the year end.
The Leader referred to budget pressures in the directorates advising of the possible impact in 2018/19 should budget pressures be carried forward. In welcoming the report, the Leader highlighted that pressures on the older adults budget should be considered in context of NHS pressures and the county’s demography.

**RESOLVED** that after considering the options set out in the published report and for the reasons set out in the report and above, that

a) Cabinet notes the Revenue Budget at the provisional outturn for monitoring purposes of £380.770m as a result of the transfers from the Inflation and Contingency budget and agreed transfers from reserves (set out in Appendix 1 of the report).

b) Cabinet notes the forecast Revenue Budget outturn of a net pressure of £2.990m at Q1.

c) Cabinet notes progress in delivering the 2017/18 savings target of £16.398m; a total of £10.387m (63.3%) of the 2017/18 savings target is forecast to be delivered by 31st March 2018.

d) Cabinet notes the forecast General Reserve balance at 31st March 2018 of £7.169m at Q1. The minimum level of General Reserve Balances target set by Council in February 2017 was £10m.

e) Cabinet approves the transfer of £0.300m to the Children and Families Services Directorate following notification of the final Focussed Family Grant allocation for 2017/18. The allocation is £0.300m greater than the original budget.

f) Cabinet approves the transfer of £1.137m from the Contingency Budget to Directorate budgets as set out in Table 4 paragraph 3.14 of the report.

g) Cabinet approves the inclusion of £11.1m of Improved Better Care Fund specific grant to Health and Care Services budget to be utilised in accordance with the conditions of the grant.

h) Cabinet approves the additional capital scheme increases of £1.778m for 2017/18 referred to in Table 6 (paragraph 3.28) funded from external contributions.

i) Cabinet recommends to Council in respect of the Capital Programme:-

   i. the inclusion of the £1.000m capital spend increase associated with the LEP Barrow Waterfront scheme and associated funding;

   ii. the inclusion of the £0.520m capital spend associated with bridges and structures and associated funding;
iii. to accelerate £0.150m from 2018/19 into this year’s Capital Programme against Individual Access Needs Capital to meet the current demand for alterations to schools to meet specific needs in 2017/18 and to accelerate £0.250m from 2018/19 into this year’s budget in order to accelerate the Road Restraint System Programme which is highway safety related.

iv. the approval of the proposed re-profiling of £22.099m of approved capital spend into future years;

j) Cabinet notes the forecast position for the Capital Programme 2017/18 at the year-end of £164.351m against a current budget of £164.598m (excluding Accountable Bodies) resulting in a variance of (£0.247m) which is made up of (£0.247m) underspend, as set out in Table 7 of the report.

k) Cabinet notes Treasury Management activities during Q1 have operated within the treasury limits set out in the Council’s Treasury Policy Statement and Treasury Strategy Statement and the Prudential Indicators set by Council in February 2017.

23 RESPONSE TO THE BARROW BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

Cabinet considered a report from the Corporate Director – Economy and Highways regarding the response to the Barrow Borough Local Plan Pre-Submission Consultation. The report sought Cabinet’s agreement to the proposed County Council response. When adopted, the Plan would identify key development sites in Barrow up to 2031.

RESOLVED that after considering the options set out in the published report and for the reasons set out in the report, that Cabinet approves the consultation response attached at Appendices 1 and 2 of the report for submission to Barrow Borough Council.

24 HEALTH AND CARE INTEGRATION

Cabinet considered a report from the Corporate Director Health, Care and Community Services which updated members on the progress in carrying out council policy as agreed through the Council Plan, the Council Plan Delivery Plan and the Cabinet Decision of April 2016 with regards to the integration of health and social care.

The Leader advised that he had requested Cabinet consider the report given the large amount of work being undertaken by the NHS and County Council and the significant changes to the way health provision would operate in the county. He
considered local members had a part to play and requested that all members of the Council and the District Councils received the report.

The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities welcomed the progress being made and offered her support for the future. She welcomed the emphasis on prevention and commented on the agenda of the Council's community development teams and their role in moving the health and care agenda forward.

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport highlighted the challenges being faced by different communities and to pressures on the Ambulance Service. A short discussion took place on Integrated Care Communities and provision of the community run ambulance service in Alston.

**RESOLVED** that after considering the options set out in the published report and for the reasons set out in the report, that

1. Cabinet notes the current progress on developing more integrated services and systems with health partners and the work being undertaken to develop Integrated Care Communities.
2. Cabinet notes the current programmes of work developing models of accountable care in both West, North and East Cumbria and in Morecambe Bay.
3. The report be circulated to all members of the Council and to District Council Leaders and Chief Executives.

### 25 2019-2020 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Cabinet considered a report from the Corporate Director – Children and Families Services regarding the 2019/2020 School Admissions Arrangements. The report set out the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for which the county council is the statutory admission authority and the proposed coordinated scheme for school admissions in 2019/20 which the council is required to formulate by 1 January 2018.

**RESOLVED** that after considering the options set out in the published report and for the reasons set out in the report that

1. Cabinet approves the amended admissions policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools at Appendix A of the report for consultation with the required groups as set out in the School Admissions Code 2014, paragraph 1.44. This includes consultation on proposals to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for George Romney Junior School, Greengate Junior School and The Nelson Thomlinson School.
2. Cabinet notes that a further report will be brought to Cabinet in December 2017 to provide feedback from consultations and to seek a decision on adoption of the 2019-20 admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools.
3 Cabinet approves the re-designation of the Heversham St Peter’s catchment area as detailed in paragraphs 14 – 16 of the report, with immediate effect.

4 Cabinet approves the proposed coordinated scheme set out at Appendix B of the report.

5 Cabinet agrees the nursery admissions policy for 2019-20 for community and voluntary controlled nursery schools and infant/primary schools providing nursery education.

PART 2: ITEMS LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

26 STRATEGIC ACQUISITIONS - LAND AND BUILDINGS IN CARLISLE AND SOUTH LAKELAND

Cabinet considered a report from the Corporate Director – Economy and Highways regarding strategic acquisitions – land in Carlisle and South Lakeland districts to support the delivery of the key priorities of the Council as set out in the Council Plan 2016-19.

The Cabinet member for Economic Development commented positively on the four proposed acquisitions as set out in the report.

RESOLVED that after considering the options set out in the published report and for the reasons set out in the report, that Cabinet

1 Approves the acquisition of the following land and buildings:

   a. land adjacent to Rockcliffe School, Carlisle as set out in the plan in Appendix 1;
   b. land adjacent to Brook Street School, Carlisle as set out in the plan in Appendix 2;
   c. former ambulance station, Victoria Road, Ulverston as set out in the plan in Appendix 3;
   d. land adjacent to Petteril House, Carlisle as set out in the plan in Appendix 4; and

2. Delegates authority to the Corporate Director for Economy and Highways, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Property, to finalise the detailed terms of each acquisition.

The meeting ended at 11.05 am