

REPORT TITLE:	Discharge of Roles and Responsibilities since the last meeting of the Council
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Cabinet decisions

Cabinet has met twice since the AGM.

The July Cabinet meeting took two really important decisions. The first was to agree the Major Modifications to the Local Plan to go out to consultation – a significant step forward in moving towards having an adopted plan that shapes future development and helps deliver on our ambitions for Calderdale; and agreement to proposals to raise the pay levels of social care staff to the Living Wage, providing dignity and recognition to an important and under-valued workforce and improving care by boosting recruitment and retention.

Other important decisions include:-

- Agreeing proposals to reshape our partnership work around Climate Change with the creation of the Climate Change Partnership;
- Approving the Highways Capital programme which includes an increase in allocation for maintenance schemes and additional investment in white lining;
- Starting consultation on restructuring within Public Health and CAFM service areas;
- Accepting a report from the Place Scrutiny Panel on the Planning Service improvement plan;
- Receiving the annual report on fire safety and agreeing an updated Fire Safety Action Plan; and
- Receiving annual performance report and final accounts.

Priorities and plans

After a number of discussions with the Chief Executive, Cabinet and CLT, we have decided this year to bring forward a corporate plan which will take a slightly longer focus on actions and priorities than the six month priorities produced last year. This will

be coming to Cabinet in September.

Health and wellbeing Board

The June meeting had a useful and informative discussion with the Deputy Mayor for Policing, Alison Lowe, exploring how the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan overlap with our wellbeing priorities for Calderdale.

We agreed changes to the membership to reflect the new integrated health and care arrangements, approved the pharmaceutical needs assessment for consultation, and shared information about the pressures on the health and social care system.

The Board held an informal session in July which covered briefings on two major topics – the implications of the new Drugs Treatment Strategy, much of which helps us build on work already underway in Calderdale; and the scale and problems caused by long Covid.

West Yorkshire Health Partnership work

I chaired the meeting of the Partnership Board in June and attended the first formal meeting of the Integrated Care Board in July. Through the work I am doing with the NHS Confederation ICS Advisory Group, it is very clear how strong and distinctive the partnership approach is within West Yorkshire.

Through the latter work I have been involved in several interesting national discussions around the implementation of the Act, including meetings with the Care Minister and with the new Chair of NHS England.

Re-Stitch Conference

I was pleased to welcome delegates to the Re-Stitch Conference in Halifax, and it was great to have a significant national conference about the future of towns taking place here (this was the second day of a two part event, the first day taking place earlier in the week in London, with Cllr Scullion one of the speakers). It demonstrates the way that our investment in regeneration particularly through the transformation of the Piece Hall has really given Calderdale a national profile.

We are Calderdale

My thanks again go to everyone who organised and took part in the inspiring “We are Calderdale” conference in May; an incredible reminder of the work that’s going on across the Borough and the diverse and talented people, organisations and businesses who make up our community.

