

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 1ST APRIL, 2010
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: C.Morgan and P.A.Rees (Chairman)

Officers in Attendance:

D.W.Davies and Miss G.Cirillo

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Agreed that Councillor P.A.Rees be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY, 2010**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

3. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT – ICELANDIC BANKS**

Decisions:

1. That the Council consents to the appointment of Bevan Brittan LLP to act on behalf of this Authority in respect of the proceedings before the Icelandic Courts arising out of the winding up of Landsbanki and Glitnir;
2. That the Council meet its share of all the relevant costs.

Reason for Decisions:

In order to arrange appropriate legal representation.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call-in period.

4. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decisions:

1. That the following application be refused:-
 - (a) Firing Line Royal Welsh Cardiff
2. That the following applications be approved in accordance with the criteria as detailed in the circulated report:-
 - (a) Swansea Bay Branch Royal Marines Association - £50;
 - (b) Port Talbot Horticultural Society – an annual grant of £2,450 be made towards their rental payment of £2,500;
 - (c) Glynneath Training Centre, Neath – an annual grant of £4,500 be made towards their rental payment of £4,600;
 - (d) Christian Lewis Trust, Cardiff - £250.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call-in period.

5. **WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**

Decision:

That the following application be approved in accordance with the criteria as detailed in the circulated report:-

Y Capel, Skewen – 60% of actual costs incurred up to a maximum grant of £2,000.

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call-in period.

6. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

7. **RETURNING OFFICER AND ACTING RETURNING OFFICER - INDEMNITY**

Decisions:

1. That the Authority provide an appropriate Indemnity under The Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) (Wales) Order 2006 to Mr. Steven Phillips in relation to his carrying out his duties as Returning Officer and/or Acting Returning Officer for all Elections and Referenda (with the exclusion of any European Parliamentary Elections) taking place within the County Borough;

2. That the Authority delegates to the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the power for either of them to extend the indemnity referred to in 1 above to any European Parliamentary Elections in those circumstances where the Chief Executive is required to carry out the duties of Acting Returning Officer.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended).

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call-in period.

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy

8. **COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION**

Decision:

That the following applications be approved as detailed in the circulated report:-

Giants Grave Boys & Girls Club	Equipment	£378.50
Afan Boxing Club	Equipment	£400.00
Afan Tawe Nedd Neighbourhood Watch	Signs	£265.00
Safer Neath Port Talbot	Proxy purchasing Campaign	£2,947.50

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call-in period.

9. **CITIZENS' PANEL CONSULTATION**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Change Management and Innovation

10. **SECURING ARRANGEMENTS TO ACHIEVE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

Decisions:

1. That the changes being introduced by the Local Government (Wales) Measure, be noted and the proposed revised roles for the Executive and Scrutiny Committees outlined in paragraph five of the circulated report, be endorsed;
2. That officers be instructed to review the arrangements set out in the Council's Constitution for securing continuous improvement and to bring forward for approval proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution to ensure that the changes introduced by the Local Government (Wales) Measure are properly reflected in the Council's policy framework.

Reason for Decisions:

To implement the changes made by the Local Government (Wales) Measure.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call-in period.

11. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA – OVERVIEW – 3RD QUARTER 2009/10**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Joint Report of the Director of Environment and the Head of Change Management and Innovation

12. **SICKNESS ABSENCE MANAGEMENT – CORPORATE REVIEW**

Decision:

That the report be noted and that the Director of Environment bring back to Members feedback from an initial review at the end of June 2010.

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the Review of Sickness Absence which forms part of the Council's Work Force Strategy.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call-in period.

Joint Report of the Head of Change Management and Innovation and the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

13. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA – CHIEF EXECUTIVE & FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES – 3RD QUARTER 2009/10**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

14. **ACCESS TO SERVICES – DIGITAL TV PROJECT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

15. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

Decision:

That pursuant to Regulation 4(3) and (5) of the Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Private Report of the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

16. **APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION – MRS. M. W. 20 R.S., B.F.**

Decision:

That a 100% reduction be granted in respect of the council tax due on the property 20 R.S., B.F., for the periods 29th December, 2009 to 31st March, 2010 and 1st April, 2010 to 31st March, 2011 in the sums disclosed in the private circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

Due to the condition of the land upon which the property is built.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call-in period.

CHAIRMAN