

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 5TH JANUARY, 2012
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: Mrs.A.P.Davies and P.A.Rees (Chairman)

Officers in Attendance:

D.W.Davies, H.Jenkins, D.Michael and A.Borthwick

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 17TH NOVEMBER, 2011**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

3. **WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Decisions:

1. That following their review by the Scrutiny Committee, the Welsh Church Act Fund 2010/11 Financial Statements be submitted to the Charity Commission for their approval;
2. That approval of new applications be suspended until further notice, for the reason outlined in the circulated report.

Reasons for Decisions:

1. To comply with the Charity Commission's requirements;
2. To ensure that the fund remains solvent.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

4. **WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**

Decision:

That consideration of the following applications be suspended:-

- United Methodist Church, Skewen, Neath;
- Orchard Place Baptist Church, Neath;
- Baglan Community Church, Baglan.

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the new Policy.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decision:

That the following application be approved in the sum specified hereunder:-

Bibles for Children, Bath - £100

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Report of the Head of Financial Services

6. **IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC SOURCING SOFTWARE (eSOURCING)**

Decision:

That the forward eSourcing Work Programme, as detailed in Section 7 of the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the Authority complies with the European Union Procurement Directive and the Council's contract procedure rules.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **COUNCIL TAX – RECOVERY OF COSTS 2012/13**

Decision:

That the following level of costs be implemented for 2012/13, with effect from the 1st April 2012:-

- On the issue of a summons - £39;
- On the granting of a Liability Order - £23.

Reason for Decision:

To contribute towards the costs of recovering debt.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **BUSINESS RATES – RECOVERY OF COSTS 2012/13**

Decision:

That the following unchanged level of costs be implemented for 2012/13:-

- On the issue of a summons - £39
- On the granting of a Liability Order - £31

Reason for Decision:

To contribute towards the costs of recovering debt.

Implementation of Decision:

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

9. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2011/2012**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

10. **MAXIMISING ATTENDANCE AT WORK – PROGRESS UPDATE – CORPORATE SERVICES**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy

11. **COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS FUND – APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION**

Decision:

That the following applications be approved in the sums as specified hereunder:-

Engage and WGCADA - Switch FC - £374.51

Croeserw - Boxing Club - £500

Reason for Decision:

As the applications meet the eligibility criteria and the projects will contribute to the objectives of the Community Safety Strategy.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Report of the Head of Change Management and Innovation

12. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES – 2ND QUARTER 2011/2012**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

13. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA – OVERVIEW 2ND QUARTER 2011/2012**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

14. **NEW GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

Decisions:

1. That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to undertake the actions required to introduce a new scheme of Governance for the Council's Registration Service, as outlined in Paragraph 3 of the circulated report;
2. That the Service Delivery Plan be adopted, subject to the process of implementation, as outlined in Paragraph 4 of the circulated report.

Reason for Decisions:

The new governance arrangements will facilitate the more efficient use of resources, and outline local arrangements, to be put in place to improve the service.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

CHAIRMAN