

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 8TH OCTOBER, 2009
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: J.Rogers and A.N.Woolcock (Chairman)

Officers in Attendance:

D.Davies, H.Jenkins, M.Jones and Miss G.Cirillo

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Agreed that Councillor A.N.Woolcock be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 27TH AUGUST, 2009**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Corporate Directors' Group

3. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2009**

Decisions:

1. That the budget position to September 2009 be noted, along with the measures highlighted by the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing seeking to contain the pressures within the cash limit;
2. That the reserve proposals be supported and budgets updated to reflect these changes;

3. That the grant changes be noted and budgets updated to reflect these changes.

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

4. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decisions:

1. That the following applications for grant be approved in accordance with the criteria, as contained within the circulated report:-

Cancer Information & Support Services Swansea - £100;

Wales Air Ambulance - £250

NB: not on a permanent basis;

Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales Bridgend - £540 p.a. lease of land £250 – Legal Costs;

Tairgwaith Residents Association Tairgwaith - £220 p.a. lease of land.

2. That the following application for grant be deferred for further information:-

Vitalise Essex.

3. That the following applications for grant be refused:-

Eryl-Lois Davies;

Bibles for Children – Bath;

Music in Hospitals – Surrey.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with 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 request from Bethania Chapel, Skewen, for the approval granted in December 2008 for painting of the Chapel, to be exchanged to take care of the dry rot problem, be approved.

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. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Decision:

That the report be noted and the revised arrangements shown in Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved.

7. **OFFICER URGENCY ACTION**

Decision:

That the following urgency decision taken by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Insurance Renewals 2009/10.

Report of the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

8. **COUNCIL TAX – PRESCRIBED DWELLINGS**

Decisions:

1. That no Council Tax discount be granted to dwellings in Prescribed Class A for 2010/11;
2. That a 25% Council Tax discount be granted to dwellings in Prescribed Class B for 2010/11;
3. That no determination to reduce or remove the Council Tax discount in respect of dwellings in Prescribed Class C be made for 2010/11.

Reason for Decisions:

For the reasons set out in the circulated report.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Minutes

9. **MARGAM JOINT CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE – 26TH JUNE, 2009**

Decision:

That the above mentioned Minutes be noted.

10. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matters contained in Minutes Nos. 11 and 12 below, the Chairman agreed that these could be raised at today's meeting as urgent items pursuant to Statutory Instrument No. 2290 (as amended).

Reason:

Due to the time element.

Urgent Report of the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

11. **COUNCIL TALK – HELP FOR PENSIONERS**

Decisions:

1. That, subject to 2 below, a payment of £50 be made to persons meeting the criteria set out in Paragraph 13 of the circulated report and shown below, to assist these persons with payment of their Council Tax;

Eligibility Criteria:

- Eligible persons must be liable to pay Council Tax in respect of a chargeable dwelling which is their sole or main residence on 30th November, 2009;
 - Eligible persons must be aged 65 or over on 30th November, 2009;
 - Eligible persons must be in receipt of partial Council Tax Benefit on 30th November, 2009, in respect of the chargeable dwelling which is their sole or main residence and on which they are liable to pay Council Tax.
2. That the maximum amount of the payment be capped at the level of the eligible person's liability for Council Tax, with the minimum payment amount being £5;
 3. Any amount of the grant remaining unspent after payments have been made to individual pensioners will be given to the Welfare Rights Unit for the express purpose of providing assistance to pensioners with the payment of their Council Tax.

Reason for Decisions:

To make payments to pensioners who have financial need.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Urgent Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

12. **AUTHORISATION FOR A LEGAL OFFICER TO APPEAR IN THE MAGISTRATES' AND COUNTY COURTS**

Decision:

That Siwan Daniel a trainee solicitor in the Legal and Democratic Services, be authorised to:-

- (a) represent Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in the County Court, and
- (b) represent Neath Port Talbot Borough Council in the Magistrates' Court pursuant to Section 223 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

for the period that she is with the Authority under an exchange agreement with the Welsh Assembly Government.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the named officer to represent the Authority in the County Court and the Magistrates Court.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRMAN