

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 12TH JUNE, 2008
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: C.Morgan and A.H.Thomas (Chairman)

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, D.Michael, S.Jones and A.Borthwick

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Agreed that Councillor A.H.Thomas be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 27TH MARCH, 2008**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

3. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decisions:

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

Christian Lewis Trust, Cardiff - £250;
Cambrian Educational Foundation, Swansea - £200;
CRUSE, Swansea - £5,000.

2. That consideration of the undermentioned applications for grants be deferred for further information:-

Swansea Valley OAP Association, Pontardawe;
WAFERS, Skewen.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

4. **WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**

Decisions:

1. That the following applications received under the Welsh Church Act Fund be approved in accordance with the criteria as contained in the circulated report at 60% of the sum requested up to a maximum of £4,000:-

St. David's Church, Ystalyfera;
St. David's Church, Margam (as a special case);
Margam Abbey, Port Talbot;
Bethany Baptist Church, Seven Sisters.

2. That the following application for grant be refused:-

Lennox Children's Cancer Fund, Essex.

3. That consideration of the following application be deferred to enable further information to be obtained:-

Weston Spirit, Cardiff.

4. That the existing criteria be re-evaluated and updated at the next meeting.

Reasons for Decisions:

In accordance with approved criteria. However, in relation to St. David's Church Margam due to the short period of time between this application and the building reaching 50 years in age, and the proposal to bring it into repair by its 50th anniversary, the condition relating to the age of the building not be applied.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy

5. **EQUALITY POLICIES AND SCHEMES**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

6. **COMPLAINTS POLICY (CORPORATE)**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Financial Services

7. **OFFICER URGENCY ACTION**

Decision:

That the following urgency decision taken by the Head of Financial Services, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Tenders for the Provision of Stationery and Office Supplies.

8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Minutes

9. **MINUTES OF THE MARGAM JOINT CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE – 8TH FEBRUARY, 2008**

Decision:

That the Minutes be noted.

10. **URGENT ITEMS**

Decision:

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

Reason:

As an urgent decision was required thereon.

Urgent Verbal Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

11. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decision:

That the following application for grant, reported orally, be approved in accordance with the criteria, and in the sum shown below:-

Dylan Thomas Prize Fund - £5,000.

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Urgent Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

12. **VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CORONER**

Decisions:

1. That the impending vacancy in the Office of Coroner be advertised;
2. That authorisation be granted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to engage the services of an experienced Coroner to advise on the appointment.

Reason for Decisions:

To fill the impending vacancy in the Office of Coroner.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

13. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

Decision:

That pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290, the public be excluded for the following items 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

14. **BUSINESS RATES – APPLICATIONS FOR HARDSHIP RELIEF
(LOSS OF RURAL RATE RELIEF)**

Decisions:

1. That the following applications received for Hardship Relief, as detailed in the private circulated report, be granted in the sums disclosed therein:-

G.C.C., O.P., G.
T.D.W.I., L.R.T.

2. That the following application received for Hardship Relief be refused for the reasons contained in the private circulated report:-

M.P.I., G.R., G.C.G.

Reason for Decisions:

To determine each application on its merits in light of the Authority's scheme for hardship relief.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

15. **BUSINESS RATES – APPLICATIONS FOR HARDSHIP RELIEF
(OTHER)**

Decision:

That the following application for Hardship Relief, as detailed in the private circulated report, be granted in the sum disclosed therein:-

P.T.C.C., T.N.M., P.T.

Reason for Decision:

To determine each application on its merits in light of the Authority's scheme for hardship relief.

Implementation of Decision:

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

16. **WRITE OFFS – IRRECOVERABLE SUNDRY DEBTS**

Decision:

That consideration of the matter be deferred for further information to be obtained.

17. **WRITE OFF OF IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS IN RESPECT OF HOUSING BENEFITS**

Decision:

That consideration of the matter be deferred to enable further information to be obtained.

CHAIRMAN