

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 13TH DECEMBER, 2013
POLICY AND RESOURCES (SPECIAL)

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: M.L.James and P.A.Rees (Chairman)

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, Mrs K.Jones, R.Livingstone, M.Bateman and Mrs A.Manchipp

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

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

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services

2. **2013-2016 NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH
COUNCIL OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

Decisions:

1. That the draft 2013-2016 Outcome Agreement as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved;
2. That the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services be authorised to submit the Draft Agreement to Welsh Government by the 31st December, 2013.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to meet the Welsh Government's timetable for submitting an Outcome Agreement in accordance with Welsh Government guidance and thereby secure grant funding opportunities of £1.4m per annum over the period 2013-2016.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

4. **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STEERING GROUP FOR THE REVIEW OF FUNDING FOR THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**

The Deputy Leader reiterated that this was a position forced on the Authority by Central Government as a result of the austerity measures and that the Council valued the work of the third sector. He extended his thanks to the Members of the Steering Group, the Organisations which took part in the consultation and also to the officers involved. The review process had been thorough and transparent with the impacts being identified throughout the County Borough.

The affected Organisations would be encouraged to rise to the challenge of seeking alternative funding streams. Additionally, the proposal to carry out a review of the Council's Policy for providing "benefits in kind" was supported.

Cabinet Board Members were verbally advised that the initial report considered on 8th November had included an error and that neither the Neath Port Talbot Sports Council nor the Sports Council for Wales had been allocated funding in 2013/14.

Decisions:

That having given due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment :-

1. That having considered the Steering Group's final report set out at Annex 1 to the circulated report, approval be granted for the proposed reductions in funding set out in Appendix 6 to the circulated report, to be implemented for the financial year 2014/15;

2. That the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Corporate Services be authorised to build the detail of those funding reductions into the Council's overall Budget Strategy for 2014/15 and also authorise the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Corporate Services to take the necessary steps to issue formal Notice of the proposed funding cuts to the Organisations affected by the review by 31st December 2013;
3. That having considered the other recommendations made by the Steering Group, which were set out in Appendix 5 to the circulated report, that those recommendations be approved and implemented;
4. That the Chief Executive be authorised to prepare an Action Plan identifying the steps to be taken to fully implement the recommendations contained in Appendix 5 to the circulated report, and for that Action Plan to be submitted to the Policy and Resources Cabinet Board for approval before the commencement of the 2014/15 financial year;
5. That a review of the Policy in relation to "in kind" support of outside organisations be carried out in the New Year.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to achieve the financial targets set out in the Forward Financial Plan approved by Council in June 2013 and the additional financial targets contained within the Cabinet Report considered on the 30th October 2013, also to comply with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 with due regard to the equality impact of the proposed decisions.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

The consultation has been undertaken with the Third Sector from the outset of the review. A one month's consultation was additionally undertaken from the 8th November to the 8th December, 2013 following consideration of the initial recommendations of the Steering Group to the Policy and Resources Cabinet Board on the 8th November, 2013.

CHAIRMAN