

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 16TH JULY, 2009
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

D.Davies, D.Michael, Miss G.Cirillo and A.Borthwick

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

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

2. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting and confirmed his dispensation to speak and vote thereon:-

Councillor A.N.Woolcock - Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services on the Consultation Documents – Mid and West Wales Fire Authority – as the Council's representative on the Mid and West Wales Fire Authority.

3. **MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 11TH JUNE, 2009**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Corporate Director's Group

4. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 30TH JUNE, 2009**

Decisions:

1. That the budget position to June 2009 as detailed in the circulated report be noted, together with the measures highlighted by the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing, that seek to contain the pressures on the Service, within the cash limit;
2. That the reserve proposals contained therein be supported and budgets updated to reflect these changes;
3. That the grant charges therein be noted and budgets updated to reflect these changes.

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5. **DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2010/2015 AND DRAFT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2010/2011 OF THE MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

(Councillor A.N.Woolcock reiterated his interest and dispensation thereon).

Decision:

That all Members be informed of the availability of Draft Strategic Plan 2010/2015 and Draft Annual Action Plan 2010/11 of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service on the Intranet to enable any comments to be supplied by the closing date of the 4th August, 2009.

Reason for Decision:

To comply with the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service's request for a response to the consultation on the Strategic Plan and the Draft Annual Plan by the given period.

Implementation of Decision:

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

6. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No. 7 below, the Chairman agreed that this matter could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Statutory Instrument No. 2290 (as amended).

Reason:

Due to the time element.

Urgent Verbal Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

7. **FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES – FINANCIAL RESERVES, SECTION 4 OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES SERVICES ACT 2004**

(Councillor A.N.Woolcock reiterated his interest and dispensation thereon).

Decisions

1. That the tabled consultation document from WAG regarding the creation of powers to allow Fire and Rescue Authorities to hold financial reserves, be approved;
2. That the Director of Finance and Corporate Services be authorised to sign and return the Agreement Document to WAG.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable a formal response to be submitted.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decisions:

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

Brynamman First Responders - £200

Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children, Swansea - £200

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

PONTY Project, Pontardawe

3. That the following application for grant be referred to the Voluntary Sector Support Grant Awards 2009/10:-

Serenata Ladies Choir, Port Talbot.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

9. **WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND**

Decision:

That the following applications for grant be approved under the current criteria as contained in the circulated report, at 60% of the sum requested, up to a maximum of £2,000:-

St. Cadoc's Church, Aberpergwm, Glynneath;
Wesley Chapel, Taibach;
St. Catherine's Church, Baglan.

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

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

10. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S MINOR PROJECT SCHEME**

Decision:

That the undermentioned application received under the Community Council's Minor Projects Scheme be approved at 70% of the sum requested, up to a maximum of £14,000, in accordance with the Schedule, to be made in receipt of paid invoices, together with a copy Bank Statement:-

Pelenna Community Council – Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment at Johns Terrace Playground.

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the approved policy.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy

11. **WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2008/09 AND CORPORATE ACTION PLAN**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Minutes

12. **MARGAM JOINT CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE – 17TH APRIL 2009**
JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE – 24TH APRIL AND 8TH MAY 2009

Decision:

That the above mentioned Minutes be noted.

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 the undermentioned Paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Private Joint Report of the Director of Environment and the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

14. **WASTE – UPDATE ON LEGAL ACTION**
(Exempt under Paragraphs 14 and 16)

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Private Report of the Head of Property and Regeneration

15. **OFFICER URGENCY ACTION**
(Exempt under Paragraphs 13 and 14)

Decision:

That the following urgency decision taken by the Head of Property and Regeneration, in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Installation of M and E Plant Equipment and Installations within Celtic Community Leisure Trust Properties and Various Council Pools.

Private Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

16. **LOCAL AUTHORITY PROPERTY SEARCH SERVICES**
(Exempt under Paragraph 16)

Decisions:

1. That the Scheme of Charges for Local Authority Property Search Services, as set out in the Appendix to the private circulated report, be approved and confirmed;
2. That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be granted Delegated Authority to vary the Scheme of Charges for Local Authority Property Search Services, as appropriate;
3. That the Council act jointly with other Local Authorities in obtaining Counsel's opinion on the lawfulness of the charges.

Reason for Decisions:

To confirm the charges levied and to obtain advice on the legality of the charging mechanism.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

CHAIRMAN