

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 17TH NOVEMBER, 2011
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: A.H.Thomas (Chairman) and P.A.Rees

Officers in Attendance:

D.W.Davies, D.Michael and Miss G.Cirillo

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 6TH OCTOBER, 2011**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Corporate Directors' Group

3. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2011**

Decision:

That the report be noted and the proposed reserve movements, as contained in the circulated report, be approved.

4. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12 TO 2013/14**

Decisions:

1. That the revised Capital Programme for 2011/12, as contained in the circulated report, be commended to Cabinet and then Council for consideration and approval;
2. That the actual spend to 13th October, 2011 of £24.9m, as detailed in the circulated report, be noted.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with procedures.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decision:

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

1. St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Neath Abbey – £50 per annum towards rental costs.
2. Affiliated Sports Clubs of Glyncoirwg, Glyncoirwg – £50 per annum towards rental costs.
3. Margam Community Centre, Margam – £50 per annum towards rental costs.

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

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

6. **WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**

Decisions:

1. That the following applications be approved in accordance with the criteria:-

St. Cadoc's Church Aberpergwm, Glynneath;

St. David's Church, Resolven;

St. Anne's Church, Tonna;

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

Baglan Community Church, Baglan.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with approved criteria.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

7. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME**

Decisions:

1. That the application from Resolven Community Council, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved, support of 60% up to a maximum of £12,000 in accordance with the Schedule, to be made on receipt of paid invoices, together with copy bank statements;

2. That the application from Blaengwrach Community Council, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved, support of 70% up to a maximum of £14,000 in accordance with the Schedule to be made on receipt of paid invoices, together with copy bank statements.

Reason for Decisions:

The decisions are in compliance with the approved Policy.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Report of the Head of Financial Services

8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy

9. **PERIODIC REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS**

Decision:

That the following be commended to Council for approval:-

- (a) To adopt the following criteria for polling stations:-
 - (i) Wherever possible, the polling station to be located within the polling district;
 - (ii) The polling station to provide appropriate access and facilities for all electors;
 - (iii) Licensed premises to be used only as a last resort;

- (iv) Places of worship to be avoided (not including church halls or chapel vestries but refers to the actual place of worship);
- (b) To make no changes to the boundaries of the polling districts in the County Borough area.
- (c) To make the following changes to the locations of polling stations:-

<u>Current Polling Station</u>	<u>Proposed Polling Station</u>
Ty Afan Secondary School	Sandfields Primary School
Duffryn Afan Primary School	To be advised
Blaengwynfi Social Welfare Centre	Pen Afan Primary School
Tabor Chapel Vestry	Pen Afan Primary School
Melin Advice Centre	New Melin Advice Centre
Community Centre (adj. to Gwyn Hall)	Neath Civic Centre
YGG Castell-nedd	Neath Leisure Centre

Reason for Decision:

The decision will provide for the effective management of the electoral process within the County Borough.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after consultation with the Scrutiny Committee and consideration and approval by Council.

10. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES: ELECTORAL REVIEW: POLICY AND PRACTICE**

Decision:

That approval be granted for the response to the Consultation document, as detailed in the circulated report, to be forwarded to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales.

Reason for Decision:

To comply with the Commission's request by the due deadline.

Implementation of Decision:

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

11. **COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS FUND**

Decision:

That the following applications, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved in the sums specified hereunder:-

Submitted Application

- (a) Neath and Melin Amateur Boxing Club - £500.

Partnership Project

- (b) The Safer Neath Port Talbot Christmas Campaign - £2,536.

Reason for Decision:

The applications recommended for approval 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.

12. **OFFICER URGENCY ACTION**

Decision:

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

Urgency Action No. 0021 – 10th October, 2011

Community Safety Projects Fund.

Report of the Head of Change Management and Innovation

13. **OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

14. **CORPORATE PLAN 2011/14 “DOING WHAT MATTERS”**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Joint Report of the Director of Environment and Head of Change Management and Innovation

15. **SICKNESS ABSENCE PROGRESS REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

16. **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 Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

17. **JOINT LEGAL SERVICES CHILD CARE TEAM**
(Exempt under Paragraphs 14 and 15)

Decisions:

1. That further discussions be held with the City and County of Swansea over the funding of a continuing Joint Legal Childcare Service between Neath Port Talbot and the City and County of Swansea, as detailed in the private circulated report;
2. That fresh consultation take place with employees regarding possible transfer to the Vale of Glamorgan/Bridgend and to the City and County of Swansea.

Reason for Decisions:

To provide for future service provision and safeguard the position of staff.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Private Report of the Head of Financial Services

18. **OFFICER URGENCY ACTION**
(Exempt under Paragraph 14)

Decision:

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

Urgency Action No. 0355 – Date 26th October, 2011

Afan Lido Leisure Complex.

CHAIRMAN