

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 22ND JANUARY, 2009
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, M.Jones and A.Borthwick

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Agreed that Councillor D.Vaughan be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 26TH NOVEMBER, 2008**

Decision:

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Corporate Directors' Group

3. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 2008**

Decisions:

1. That the budget position to December 2008, be noted;
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**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

5. **WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**

Decision:

That the undermentioned application received under the Welsh Church Act Fund 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. John the Baptist Church, Neath Abbey.

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with approved criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Report of the Head of ICT

6. **RESPONSE TO THE WELSH AUDIT OFFICE REPORT ON THE ICT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW**

Decision:

That the report, together with the issues highlighted by the Wales Audit Office during the presentation of the report to Scrutiny Committee, be noted.

Report of the Head of Financial Services

7. **REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND MONITORING REPORT FOR 2008/2009**

Decisions:

1. That the updated Capital Programme for 2008/09 be approved;
2. That the position for 2009/10, as detailed in the circulated report, be noted.

Reason for Decisions:

To update the Capital Programme for proposed expenditure.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

8. **NEATH PORT TALBOT WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND**

Decision:

To authorise the appointment of the Wales Audit Office to certify the Neath Port Talbot Welsh Church Acts Fund 2007/2008 Financial Statements.

Reason for Decision:

To meet the requirements of the Charity Commission.

Implementation of Decision:

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

9. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

10. **BUSINESS PLAN – PROPERTY AND CORPORATE, AND
LITIGATION AND COMMERCIAL TEAMS – LEGAL
SERVICES SECTION**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

11. **BUSINESS PLAN – LOCAL LAND CHARGES**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

12. **COUNCIL TAX – RECOVERY OF COSTS**

Decision:

That for Council Tax – the recovery of costs be increased with effect from the 1st April 2009, to the undermentioned:-

- On the issue of a Summons - £36;
- On the granting of a Liability Order - £21.

Reason for Decision:

To increase costs in line with inflation.

Implementation of Decision:

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

13. **BUSINESS RATES – RECOVERY OF COSTS**

Decision:

That for Business Rates – the recovery of costs be increased with effect from the 1st April 2009, to the undermentioned:-

- On the issue of a Summons - £37;
- On the granting of a Liability Order - £30.

Reason for Decision:

To increase costs in line with inflation.

Implementation of Decision:

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

14. **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

15. **WRITE OFFS OF COUNCIL TAX**

Decision:

That the accounts be written off, as detailed in the private circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

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

16. **WRITE OFFS OF BUSINESS RATES**

Decision:

That the accounts be written off, as detailed in the private circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRMAN