

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 22ND MARCH, 2012
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

D.W.Davies, S.John, N.Evans and Miss G.Cirillo

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Agreed that Councillor A.H.Thomas 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:-

Councillor A.H.Thomas - Urgent Item - Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services – Community Council Minor Projects Scheme as he is a Member for the Onllwyn Ward and Internal Auditor for the Community Council.

3. **MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 16TH FEBRUARY, 2012**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

4. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE SAFER NEATH PORT TALBOT PARTNERSHIP**

Decision:

That the recommendations contained in the report of the Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group in relation to the Community Engagement Activities of the Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure that the Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership continue to undertake the most relevant and meaningful community engagement activities.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT COUNCIL HAS IN PLACE TO SECURE THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF ITS FUNCTIONS**

Decision:

That the recommendations contained in the report of the Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Authority's continuous improvement, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure that Neath Port Talbot Council continues to deliver high quality, efficient services through consideration of meaningful performance and data information.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

6. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decisions:

1. That the following grants application be refused as it did not comply with the criteria:-

Derby TOCH Children's Camp Derby

2. That in relation to the following grant application in order to enable further information to be obtained, as there was a need for it to be determined prior to the next scheduled meeting, the Director of Finance and Corporate Services be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chairman of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, to determine the application for 2012/13, with a review to take place in 2013/14.

NPT Disability Network Action Group.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with approved criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No. 8 below, the Chairman agreed that this could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to the time element

Report of the Head of Financial Services

8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Decisions:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Council's current banking service contract be extended until the 10th January, 2014 as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decisions:

Due to the time required to ensure that an appropriate contract is retendered.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy

9. **COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS FUND: APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION**

Decision:

That the following projects be approved in the sum as indicated hereunder:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Friends of Sandfields	Motive8	£500
Faith Youth Group	Alpha - Omega	£500
SA12	Cycle Safety	£900
Safer NPT Partnership	Stop Repeat Scheme	£2,070

Reason for Decision:

As the applications meet the eligibility criteria and 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.

10. **OFFICER URGENCY ACTION: REVIEW OF FEES PAID AT LOCAL ELECTIONS**

Decision:

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

Urgency Action Number – 0022 Date: 20th February 2012

Review of Fees paid at Local Elections.

Report of the Head of Change Management

11. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA FOR THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

12. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA – OVERVIEW**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of ICT

13. **SICKNESS ABSENCE PROGRESS REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Urgent Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

14. **COMMUNITY COUNCILS' MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME**
(Cllr. A.H. Thomas re-affirmed his interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting. Councillor P.A.Rees took the Chair for this item only)

Decision:

That the following grant application be approved:

Onllwyn Community Council

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the eligibility criteria. 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.

15. **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, 13 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Private Report of the Head of Financial Services

16. **HOUSING BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the write off of the Housing Benefit Overpayments, as contained in the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable for the reasons given.

Implementation of Decision:

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

17. **SUNDRY DEBTORS WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the Sundry Debtors accounts, as contained in the private circulated report, be written off.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

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

18. **DECRIMINALISED PARKING – BAD DEBT WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the write off of historic bad debts, as detailed in the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable for the reasons given.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRMAN