

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 24TH JUNE, 2010
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

D.Michael, H.Jenkins, M.Jones 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 13TH MAY, 2010**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

3. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decisions:

1. That the following application be approved in accordance with the criteria as detailed in the circulated report:-

Cambrian Education Foundation for Deaf Children (Swansea) -
£200.

2. That the following application be refused:-

Ms.L.Harding – Neath.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with current policy.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

4. **WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**

Decision:

That the following applications be approved in accordance with the criteria as detailed in the circulated report:-

(a) Y Capel at Skewen, Skewen - £2,000;

(b) Cwmllynfell Independent Chapel - £2,000

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with Council policy.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Report of the Head of Financial Services

5. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

6. SHARED LEGAL SERVICES PROJECT – EXTERNAL LEGAL SERVICES CALL OFF CONTRACT

Decisions:

1. That Bridgend County Borough Council be granted authority to act as the lead Authority in entering each call off contract on behalf of this Authority;
2. That no instructions for external legal services be issued other than through Legal and Democratic Services;
3. That other than in exceptional circumstances, agreed by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, all future instructions for legal services be issued under the call off contracts.

Reason for Decisions:

To improve the appointment of external advice and reduce costs.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS FUND – APPLICATIONS

Decision:

That the following projects, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved:-

1. Community Based Projects
 - (a) Neath East Youth Forum - £500
 - (b) Cwmavon Boys & Girls Club - £500

2. Voluntary Organisations Projects

- (a) Afan Tawe Nedd Neighbourhood Watch Association - £987

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with approved criteria and that 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.

8. **NEATH PORT TALBOT LOCAL SERVICE BOARD –
PROGRESS REPORT 2009/10**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

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

9. **SICKNESS ABSENCE CORPORATE REVIEW**

Decisions:

1. That the report be noted;
2. That Members note that Heads of Service whose services fall within this Committee's portfolio will be required to attend a future meeting to discuss the underlying reasons for absence in their service areas and the actions being taken to maximise attendance.

Reason for Decisions

To increase the scrutiny of sickness absence management across the Council.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

**Joint Report of the Head of Change Management and Innovation
and Head of Revenues and Customer Services**

10. **YEAR END (4TH QUARTER) PERFORMANCE INDICATOR
DATA 2009/10**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Change Management and Innovation

11. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA 2009-2010
OVERVIEW**

Decision:

That the above report be noted.

Report of the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

12. **RATE RELIEF FOR CHARITIES AND NON-PROFIT MAKING
ORGANISATIONS**

Decisions:

1. That the criteria for granting discretionary rate relief as set out in Paragraph 5 of the circulated report, be approved, subject to the following amended paragraphs:-

“- top up relief will only be granted to a College in respect of facilities provided in a deprived Ward, subject to excluding those Wards within the main population centres”;

“ - rate relief will not normally be granted in respect of any area of an organisation’s premises which are operated as a licensed bar and for ancillary purposes (e.g. cellars)”;

2. That the new scheme of discretionary rate relief applies for the revised period of 1st April, 2011 to 31st March, 2014*, and that all re-applications and new applications that are approved, be granted to 31st March, 2014* (*as amended at the meeting).

Reason for Decisions:

To implement a scheme of discretionary rate relief for the revised period 1st April, 2011 to 31st March, 2014.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

CHAIRMAN