

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 26th MARCH, 2009
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

Ms.K.Jones, N.Humphreys, Miss G.Cirillo 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 22ND JANUARY, 2009**

Decision:

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

3. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decisions:

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

Pontardawe Town Council - £395

2. That consideration of the following application be deferred to a future meeting:-

P.O.N.T.Y. Project, Pontardawe

3. That the following application be refused:-

Derby ToCH Children's Camp, Derby

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

4. **WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**

Decisions:

1. That the following applications received under the Welsh Church Act Fund be deferred to a future meeting:-

Elim Church, Neath;

Seion Fforest Calvinistic Methodist Church, Neath Abbey.

2. That the following applications received under the Welsh Church Act Fund be refused:

Sardis English Baptist Church, Resolven;

Bridge Marine Science Group, Anglesey.

3. That the undermentioned applications 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:-

Bethlehem Evangelical Church, Port Talbot;

St. Thomas Church, Neath.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

5. **COMMUNITY COUNCILS' MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME**

Decisions:

1. That the undermentioned application received under the Community Councils' Minor Projects Scheme be approved, at 45% of the sum requested up to a maximum of £9,000 in accordance with the Schedule, to be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy of the bank statement:-

Cilybebyll Community Council – upgrade of the Playing Field at Rhos Park;

2. That the undermentioned application received under the Community Councils' Minor Projects Scheme be approved, at 50% of the sum requested up to a maximum of £10,000 in accordance with the Schedule, to be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy of the bank statement:-

Glynneath Town Council Playground Improvement Programme at Glynneath.

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with the approved policy.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

6. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

7. **MARGAM CREMATORIUM BUSINESS PLAN 2008/2009**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy

8. **COMMUNITY PLAN THEME MONITORING – OVERVIEW
AND CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES THEME**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY IN SERVICE DELIVERY –
CORPORATE ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

10. **EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY IN SERVICE DELIVERY – CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S OFFICE – ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Financial Services

11. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Decisions:

1. That the opening of a Debt Management Account Facility with the Debt Management Office, be approved;
2. That the amendment of the Treasury Management Practices Document 1.5.1, to include investments with Nationalised Banks and Debt Management Office, be approved;
3. That the Director of Finance and Corporate Services be granted Delegated Authority to utilise any changes in relation to debt repayment in line with Welsh Assembly Government guidance.

Reason for Decisions:

To provide additional secure facilities for the Authority’s surplus funds.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

12. **NEATH PORT TALBOT WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**

Decisions:

1. That the increase in the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council accountancy fee to £2,000, with effect from the 1st April, 2008, be approved;

2. That it be noted that the Wales Audit Office had finalised its audit of the 2007/08 accounts.

Reason for Decisions:

To reflect the increased charges for providing financial services to the Fund.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

13. **OFFICER URGENCY ACTION**

Decision:

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

Tender for the Provision of General Grocery Supplies.

Joint Report of the Head of Change Management and Innovation and the Head of Revenue and Customer Services

14. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA
1ST APRIL TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2008**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Change Management and Innovation

15. **IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT INITIATIVE**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

16. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA –
OVERVIEW – 1ST APRIL TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2008**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

CHAIRMAN