

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 27TH MARCH, 2008
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, M.Jones and Mrs.A.Manlipp

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 14TH FEBRUARY, 2008**

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:-

Dyffryn Clydach Community Council - £350.

2. That the following application for grant be refused:-

Derby Toc H Children's Camp.

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 approved in accordance with the criteria as contained in the circulated report at 60% of the sum requested up to a maximum of £4,000:-

- (i) Ebeneser Chapel;
- (ii) Seion Bethania Chapel;
- (iii) St. Michael's Church;
- (iv) Salem Chapel;
- (v) St. Matthews Church;
- (vi) Tabernacle Chapel.

2. That the following application for grant be refused:-

Bridge Marine Science Group.

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 COUNCIL MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME**

Decision:

That the undermentioned application, which complies with the criteria be approved at 50% of the cost of the scheme, up to a maximum of £10,000, in accordance with the schedule, subject to receipt of paid invoices, together with a copy of the applicant's bank statement:-

Ystalyfera Community Council – Works at Varteg Park, Ystalyfera.

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Improvement

6. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA –
OVERVIEW – 1ST APRIL, 2007 TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2007**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

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

Decision:

That the report be noted.

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

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Joint Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Improvement and the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

9. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA – CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S AND FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATES**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Financial Services

10. **PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE WELSH PURCHASING CONSORTIUM (WPC)**

Decision:

That the Authority commit, for an initial three year period, to continue its membership of an expanded Welsh Purchasing Consortium (WPC) at a maximum financial contribution of £18,871 per annum funded as a first call from purchasing savings.

Reasons for Decision:

1. To ensure the Authority can further benefit from further cashable and non-cashable savings as identified in the NQ Consultancy Report;
2. To ensure that the Council has contractual arrangements in place that are in compliance with the EU Procurement Directives and the Council’s own Contract Procedure Rules.

Implementation of Decision:

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

11. **HIRE OF SMALL TOOLS AND NON-OPERATIVE PLANT**

Decision:

That the Authority award the Framework for Small Tools and Non-Operative Plant to the following five suppliers:-

1. Ashtead Plant Hire Company Limited, Swansea;
2. Hire One, Swansea;
3. Brandon Hire, Port Talbot and Swansea;
4. Speedy Hire, Baglan and Swansea;
5. Proplant, Swansea.

Reasons for Decision:

1. To ensure the Authority complies with European Procurement Directives and to further improve the efficiency of the Authority's hire requirements;
2. Fleet Management and Corporate Procurement will facilitate the roll out of the Framework Contract.

Implementation of Decision:

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

12. **REVISION OF CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES**

Decision:

That the Contracts Procedure Rules, be revised in accordance with the revisions as set out in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To update the Contract Procedure Rules following the comprehensive review recently undertaken.

Implementation of Decision:

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

13. **TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF PHOTOCOPIERS**

Decision:

That the Authority award the Framework for the Provision of Photocopiers to the following three suppliers:-

1. Canon (UK) Limited;
2. Toshiba Tec (UK) Limited;
3. Infotec (UK) Limited.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure that the Authority complies with the European Procurement Directive and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Implementation of Decision:

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

14. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

15. **STAFF ATTAINMENTS**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Solicitor and Childcare Manager

16. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WEST GLAMORGAN JOINT
CHILDCARE LEGAL SERVICE**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

17. **EMPTY PROPERTY RATING**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

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18. **(A) MARGAM JOINT CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE – 12TH
OCTOBER, 2007**
(B) JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE – 18TH JANUARY, 2008

Decision:

That the above Minutes be noted.

19. **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

20. **RATE RELIEF FOR CHARITIES**

Decisions:

1. That, subject to the verbal amendment made at the meeting, the application detailed in Paragraph 7 of the private circulated report be granted 80% Mandatory Relief only for the period 1.4.08 to 31.3.11;
2. That, subject to the verbal amendments made at the meeting, the application detailed in Paragraph 8 of the private circulated report be granted 80% Discretionary Relief for the period 1.4.08 to 31.3.11;
3. That the application detailed in Paragraph 9 of the private circulated report be granted 80% Mandatory Relief plus 20% Discretionary Relief for the period 1.4.08 to 31.3.11;
4. That the application detailed in Paragraph 10 of the private circulated report be granted:-
 - (i) 80% Mandatory Relief plus 20% Discretionary Relief for the period 5.11.07 to 31.3.11;
 - (ii) 100% Discretionary Relief for the period 1.4.07 to 4.11.07; and
 - (iii) 100% Hardship Relief for the period 1.4.06 to 31.3.07;
5. That, subject to the verbal amendments made at the meeting, the applications detailed in Paragraph 11 of the private circulated report be granted 100% Discretionary Relief for the period 1.4.08 to 31.3.11;
6. That the application detailed in Paragraph 12 of the private circulated report be granted 100% Discretionary Relief for the period 1.4.08 to 31.3.11.

Reason for Decisions:

In line with the agreed criteria.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

21. **WRITE OFFS – COUNCIL TAX ACCOUNTS**

Decision:

That the schedule of Council Tax accounts, as contained in the private circulated report, be approved for write off.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRMAN