

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 27TH JULY, 2012
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: P.A.Rees (Chairman) and P.D.Richards

Officers in Attendance:

D.Davies, D.Michael, S.John and A.Borthwick

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Agreed that Councillor P.A. Rees be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 18TH JUNE, 2012**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Corporate Directors' Group

3. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 30TH JUNE, 2012**

Decisions:

1. That the budget monitoring information be noted;
2. That the reserve movements and budget virements be recommended to Cabinet for approval.

4. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decision:

That the application from Onllwyn Community Council in the sum of £250pa as detailed in the circulated report, be approved, subject to the Community Council making a contribution of £25 in respect of the annual rental, i.e. a grant of £225.

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

6. **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES: WALES OFFICE GREEN PAPER ON FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Decision:

That the response to the Green Paper on Future Electoral Arrangements was “that the matter should be determined by the Welsh Government.”

Reason for Decision:

To meet the deadline for responses to the above consultation paper.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **WELSH GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER: PROMOTING LOCAL DEMOCRACY**

Decision:

That the responses set out in the circulated report form this Authority's formal response to the Local Democracy Consultation Paper.

Reason for Decision:

To meet the deadline for responses to the above consultation paper.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **STANDARDS AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE**

Decision:

That the circulated report provide the basis of a response to the Welsh Language Commission's consultation document entitled "Standards and the Welsh Language: What are your views?"

Reason for Decision:

To ensure that the Welsh Language Commission is informed of the Council's views on the Welsh Language Standards prior to the final standards being published which will require the Council's compliance.

Implementation of Decision:

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

9. **WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2011/2012 AND CORPORATE ACTION PLAN**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Head of Corporate Strategy

10. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

11. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA – OVERVIEW 2011/2012**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Legal Services

12. **REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS AND TIME OF MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

Decision:

That the Head of Legal Services be granted delegated authority to implement the changes as outlined in the circulated report and introduce a scheme for the availability of the service, setting appropriate fees and other conditions considering each application as it arises, in line with staff availability and other conditions and operational issues, as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To exercise strategy discretion in accordance with the new legislative regime.

Implementation of Decision:

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

13. **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12 AND THE ANNUAL LETTER**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Financial Services

14. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of ICT

15. **SICKNESS ABSENCE PROGRESS REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

16. **MINUTES**

Decision:

That the Minutes of the following be noted:

Margam Joint Crematorium Committee – 3rd February, 2012.
Joint Resilience Committee – 9th March, 2012.

17. **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 Financial Services

18. **HOUSING BENEFIT OVERPAYMENT WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

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

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable for the reasons disclosed.

Implementation of Decision:

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

19. **COUNCIL TAX OVERPAYMENTS WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the write off of the Council Tax Overpayments, as detailed in the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable for the reasons disclosed.

Implementation of Decision:

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

20. **APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS RATES HARDSHIP RELIEF**

Decision:

That Business Rates Hardship Relief for 2012/13 for a period of 9 months, be granted to the Company concerned, as detailed in the private circulated report, in the sum of £74,241.

Reason for Decision:

To assist with economic development.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Private Report of the Head of ICT

21. **ELECTRONIC TRADING PROJECT**

Decision:

That the Director of Finance and Corporate Services be granted delegated authority to enter into a formal contract with Proserve for XChangeWales Electronic Trading Programme from 1st September 2012

to 31st August 2016, as detailed in the private circulated report, following a final and comprehensive review of the offering and discussions with Value Wales regarding the project implementation.

Reason for Decision:

To allow the Council to seamlessly access all supply/service contracts set up for its use. It would also allow local supplies to trade more efficiently with the Council and also ensure the Authority complies with the European Union Procurement Directive and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Implementation of Decision:

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

22. **TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF A MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

23. **GIS/MAPPING PROGRESS REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

CHAIRMAN