

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 27TH AUGUST, 2009
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: C.Morgan, A.H.Thomas (Chairman) and A.N.Woolcock

Officers in Attendance:

D.Davies, M.Jones and A.Borthwick

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 THE 16TH JULY, 2009**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

3. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decisions:

1. That the following applications for grant be approved in accordance with the criteria, as contained within the circulated report:-

PDSA – Swansea Hospital - £100;

Blaenhonddan Community Council - £1,800 p.a. to cover the rent for Caewern Community Centre for the 25 year period of the lease with 5 yearly rent reviews and as detailed in the circulated report;

2. That the following application for grant be deferred for more information to be obtained:-

Port Talbot C.A.B.

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**

Decision:

That the following applications for grant 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:-

Capel Y Glyn, Glynneath

St. Agnes Church, Port Talbot

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the approved criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

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

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

Decision:

That the undermentioned application received under the Community Councils' Minor Projects Scheme be approved at 40% of the actual sum requested up to a maximum of £8,000, in accordance with the schedule, to be made in receipt of paid invoices, together with a copy Bank Statement:-

Pontardawe Town Council – Refurbishments at Ynysmeudwy Park.

Reason for Decision:

In accordance with the approved policy.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Report of the Head of Financial Services

6. **WELSH PURCHASING CONSORTIUM ENERGY MANAGEMENT**

Decisions:

1. That the work undertaken by the Welsh Purchasing Consortium be endorsed;
2. That the Authority continue to be part of the Energy Contract with the Office of Government Commerce Buying Solutions;
3. That the recommendations agreed by the Welsh Purchasing Consortium Board at its July meeting, as detailed in Paragraph 3.1 of Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decisions:

To comply with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and EU Procurement Directives.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

7. **ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT 2008/2009 AND AMENDED PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS FOR 2009/2010 ONWARDS**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

8. **INSURANCE RENEWALS**

Decision:

That the report be noted and a further report submitted in due course.

9. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

10. **WRITE OFFS – INSOLVENCIES**

Decision:

That the Director of Finance and Corporate Services be granted delegated authority to write off Council Tax, Business Rates, Sundry Debtor and Housing Benefits overpayments debts over £1,000 which are caused by Insolvency.

Reason for Decision:

To improve the efficiency of the administration of insolvent debts over £1000.

Implementation of Decision:

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

11. **COUNCIL TAX WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

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

12. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DATA – FIRST
QUARTER 2009/2010**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Report of the Head of Human Resources

13. **ANNUAL EQUALITIES IN EMPLOYMENT – 2008/2009**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Minutes

14. **JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE – 19TH JUNE, 2009**

Decision:

That the above mentioned Minutes be noted.

15. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No. 16 below, the Chairman agreed that this could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Statutory Instrument No. 2290 (as amended).

Reason:

Due to the time element.

Urgent Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

16. **INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – THE “WAY FORWARD” POLICY CONSULTATION**

Decision:

That the tabled document form the Authority's formal response to the “Way Forward” Policy Consultation.

Reason for Decision:

To enable a formal response to be submitted by the Authority.

Implementation of Decision:

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

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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the undermentioned Paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Private Report of the Head of Revenues and Customer Services

18. **APPLICATIONS FOR HARDSHIP RELIEF** (Exempt under Paragraphs 12 and 14)

Decisions:

1. H.P., 70 H.S., G.

That the application be refused.

2. P.T. & A.C.C., 62 S.R., P.T.

That the application be refused.

3. T.W.C., L.R., T.

That hardship relief of £550 be granted.

Reason for Decisions:

To determine applications in accordance with the Council's guidelines on hardship relief.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Private Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services

19. **JOINT LEGAL SERVICES CHILDCARE TEAM** (Exempt under Paragraphs 14 and 15)

Decisions:

1. That the proposals set out in the executive summary contained in the private circulated report, be approved in principle;
2. That the Authority consult with staff and with Trade Unions regarding the proposed transfer of staff.

Reason for Decisions:

To put in place appropriate arrangements to enable the stable and improved provision of the service.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Private Report of the Head of Property and Regeneration

20. **LAND AT CHURCH FARM, LLANDOW, VALE OF
GLAMORGAN – WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND**
(Exempt under Paragraph 14)

Decision:

That approval be granted for the payment of overage to the Welsh Church Act Fund on the terms and conditions as detailed in the private circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To provide an additional capital receipt for the Welsh Church Act Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRMAN