

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD – 30TH MAY, 2013
POLICY AND RESOURCES

Cabinet Board Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

D. Michael, Mrs.K.Jones, D.Rees. R.George, A.Davies, Ms.C.Sim and N.Evans

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 18TH APRIL, 2013**

Noted by the Committee.

Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

3. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS**

Decision:

That the following application for grant be refused:-

Cambrian Education Foundation for Deaf Children, Swansea.

Reason for Decision:

To decide on the funding applications.

Implementation of Decision:

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

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

Decision:

That the application for grant under the above scheme, from Clyne & Melincourt Community Council be approved at 70% up to a maximum grant of £14,000 in accordance with the schedule, on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

Reason for Decision:

As the application was in line with the Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Report of the Head of Legal Services

5. **CONSULTATION – THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (STANDING ORDERS) (WALES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2013**

The Interim Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Legal Services be granted permission to remain in the meeting.

Decisions:

1. That the inclusion of the Head of Democratic Services in the list of posts that require certain procedures to be followed in the event of an investigation into allegations of misconduct, be supported;
2. That the requirement to advertise all Chief Officer posts not be supported and that this report form the basis of comments to the Welsh Government;

3. That the inclusion of the Monitoring Officer and the Head of Democratic Services to the list of those posts who were not subject to appointment or dismissal by the Head of Paid Services or another Officer designated to him, be supported.

Reason for Decisions:

To express the Council's views to the Welsh Government.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions proposed are urgent for immediate implementation, the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair has been given and the decision was not therefore subject to call-in.

6. **CONSULTATION ON REVISED CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY IN WALES**

Decision:

That the Head of Legal Services be requested to respond to the above Consultation , as contained in the circulated report, subject to :-

- (a) clarification be requested on the use of Council newspapers to publish official notices;
- (b) the Welsh Government be requested to consider whether paragraphs 38 and 39 of the Draft Code fall within the terms of Section 4 of the Local Government Act 1986;
- (c) clarification be requested of paragraphs 43 and 45 as set out in the circulated report and
- (d) the Welsh Government be requested to consider whether it would be appropriate to clarify whether the Code applies to the use of Council facilities to issue messages on social media if Council facilities are used to do so.

Reason for Decision:

To formulate a response to the Welsh Government on the consultation document.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Report of the Head of Financial Services

7. **BANK TENDER ARRANGEMENTS**

Decision:

That the Head of Financial Services use his delegated powers to approve the invitation of tender documentation, as contained in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To agree arrangements for the ongoing provision of banking services due to the timescale.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision proposed is an urgent one for immediate implementation, the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair had been given and the decision was not therefore subject to call-in.

8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2013/14**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Urgent Report of the Head of Change Management, Innovation and Democratic Services

9. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – ELECTORAL REVIEWS: COUNCIL SIZE POLICY CONSULTATION PAPER**

Decision:

That the Head of Change Management, Innovation and Democratic Services be authorised to submit the proposed response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales as the Council's formal response to the proposals.

Reason for Decision:

To express the Council's views to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales in relation to the Council Size Policy Consultation Paper.

Implementation of Decision:

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

10. **REVIEW OF COMMUNITIES AND ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF NEATH PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That the draft terms of reference relating to the review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot, contained in the circulated report, be approved subject to the verbal amendment made at the Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to formally respond to the consultation document.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRMAN