

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

19 JANUARY 2023

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt Chairperson, S.A.Knoyle, N.Jenkins,
D.M.Peters, J.Hurley, A.Llewelyn, W.F.Griffiths and
S.Jones

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, N.Pearce, C.Griffiths, A.J.Thomas, C. Furlow-
Harris, L.Willis, A.James and J.Woodman-Ralph

Invitees:

P.Rogers Scrutiny Chairperson
C.James Scrutiny Vice Chairperson

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor S.K.Hunt be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

Councillor S.K.Hunt welcomed all to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions were received.

5. **2023/2024 BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION**

Members were supportive of the request made by the scrutiny committee held prior to this meeting. For member to be provided with additional detail on the budget proposals.

Officers confirmed that a video and leaflets are currently being prepared. These will explain what the Council provides and will give further detail in an easy read version. These can be made available to Members.

In addition, all Directors will be providing further detail on the budget in regard to their services for discussion at the relevant scrutiny committee sessions that have been arranged to discuss the budget.

Also, if members who have questions or need clarity around the budget please contact the Chief Finance Officer or the Chief Executive. It was important that Members had all the clarification needed in readiness for consideration at Cabinet and Council at the beginning of March.

Decision:

Having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

The Draft 2023/2024 Budget Proposals be approved for public consultation from the 19th January to the 10th February 2023.

Reason for Decision:

To fulfil the statutory requirements to consult on the 2023/2024 draft budget proposals.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be for immediate implementation with the agreement of the Scrutiny Chairperson.

6. **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC 'ANCHOR' PROJECTS**

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. That the five Neath Port Talbot strategic 'anchor' projects as detailed in the circulated report be approved and funded by the Neath Port Talbot allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. For the delivery of these strategic 'anchor' projects to commence prior to the Inter Local Authority Service Level Agreement is finalised.
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member(s) to:
 - a) Agree third party grant criteria and approve third party grant awards via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Grant Schemes with regular reports to Cabinet:
 - b) Agree any necessary changes to projects to allow flexibility to adapt to challenges and opportunities with regular reports to Cabinet.
 - c) Agree to launch an open call for projects under the Skills and Multiply priorities and to target those areas of the Investment Plan not being delivered by the strategic 'anchor' projects (as detailed on Page 61, Agenda Item 4, 'Implementation' section of this report) with regular reports to Cabinet.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable Neath Port Talbot Council to implement the Uk Shared Prosperity Fund Implementation Plan and commence project delivery.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period which ends at 9am, Monday, 23rd January 2023.

7. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

8. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Members did not resolve to go into private session as Members did not have questions relating to the private information contained within the report.

CHAIRPERSON