

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

22 JANUARY 2024

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt (Chairperson), N.Jenkins, J.Hurley, J.Hale,
A.Llewelyn, W.F.Griffiths, S.Jones and C.Phillips

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, N.Pearce, A.Jarrett, N.Daniel, H.Jones, J.Stevens, C.Furlow-Harris,
R.Crowhurst, S.Rees, C.Owen, C.Howard, N.Blackmore, L.McAndrew,
A.Thomas and T.Davies

Scrutiny Chair: Councillor P.Rogers

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, and explained that as he was declaring an interest for minute No 10, the Deputy Leader, Councillor A.Llewelyn would take over the Chair for this item.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the start of the meeting:

Councillor S.K.Hunt	Minute No 10 – APSE Wales Chair – Housing, Homelessness and Community
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Support – as the report relates to his own appointment. He considered the interest as prejudicial, so left the meeting for the discussion and voting thereon.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

That the minutes of the previous meetings of Cabinet, held on the following dates, be agreed as an accurate record:

- 13 December 2023
- 20 December 2023 (Special)

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

7. **SELF-ASSESSMENT 2022-2023**

Decision:

That the draft self-assessment, be approved, prior to publication and submission to the Welsh Government.

Reason for Decision:

To evidence how the council is meeting the duty set out in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, 'for each Council in Wales to keep under review the extent to which it is meeting the 'performance requirements', that is the extent to which:

- it is exercising its functions effectively
- it is using its resources economically, efficiently and effectively
- its governance is effective for securing the above.'

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **UPDATE REPORT ON SETTLEMENT POSITION**

Cabinet Members raised significant concerns over cuts to specific funding, and encouraged all Members to continue to lobby for additional funding.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No 10 below, the Chairperson agreed that this could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to time element.

10. **APSE WALES CHAIR – HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

At this point in the meeting, Councillor S.K.Hunt reaffirmed his interest in the matter, and left the meeting and the discussion and voting thereon. Councillor A.Llewelyn took over the Chair for this item only.

Decisions:

1. That the Leader of Council act as Chair of the APSE Wales Housing, Homeless and Community Support group on an interim basis initially, and on a permanent basis should APSE Wales determine to make the Housing, Homeless and Community Support group permanent.
2. That an officer be identified by the Director of Social Services as the Lead Officer associated with this advisory group.

Reason for Decisions:

To provide authorisation for the Leader of Council to act as a representative to an outside body and to authorise officer participation in the same work.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

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

Councillor S.K.Hunt rejoined the meeting and resumed the role of Chair.

Decision:

That pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No 2290, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. **HOME OFFICE CONSULTATION ON SAFE AND LEGAL ROUTES**

Decisions:

1. Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, the Consultation response (as detailed at Appendix 1 to the private, circulated report) be approved, and that the Council propose to settle the amount of families, in 2025, as detailed in the private, circulated report. It is noted that a response was submitted to the Home Office pending Cabinet's decision, and a formal response will subsequently be submitted.
2. That the Council's response be shared with the Welsh Local Government Association/Welsh Strategic Migration Partnership and Welsh Government.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to respond to a Home Office Consultation document, and to set a cap on the number of people NPTC will endeavour to settle in 2025.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision is for immediate implementation, following the agreement of the Cabinet Scrutiny Chair.

CHAIRPERSON