

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

28 NOVEMBER 2023

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt (Chairperson), S.A.Knoyle, N.Jenkins, J.Hurley,
S.Harris, J.Hale and W.F.Griffiths

Officers in Attendance:

N.Daniel, H.Jones, C.Griffiths, K.Warren, C.Furlow-Harris, H.Lewis, L.Willis,
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.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the start of the meeting:

Councillor S.Harris Re Item 6 – Nomination of an Elected Member to the National Adoption Services Committee – as the report refers to her.

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

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

6. **NOMINATION OF AN ELECTED MEMBER TO THE NATIONAL ADOPTION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Decision:

That Cllr Sian Harris, as Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services, be appointed as the Neath Port Talbot Council nominee to the National Adoption Services Committee.

Reason for Decision:

To fulfil the Council's responsibilities under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Joint Adoption Arrangements) (Wales) Directions 2015.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **SETTING COUNCIL TAX BASE 24/25**

Decisions:

1. That the 2024/25 net Council Tax Base of £48,827.47, for the whole of the County Borough, be approved.
2. That for each Town and Community Council area, the amount shown in paragraph 4 of the circulated report be approved.

Reason for Decisions:

To determine the Council Tax Base for 2024/25.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions are for immediate implementation, following the agreement of the Scrutiny chair. There would be no call in of this item.

8. **AUDIT WALES DIGITAL STRATEGY REVIEW - ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSE**

Decision:

That the Organisational Response document, which Officers will issue to Audit Wales, as detailed at Appendix 3 to the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure that the Council has considered and responded to the findings Thematic Digital Strategy Review.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is for immediate implementation, following the agreement of the Scrutiny chair. There would be no call in of this item.

9. **CORPORATE PLAN “RESET, REVIEW, RECOVER” 2022-2027 ANNUAL REPORT PERIOD: 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023**

Decisions:

1. That the draft Corporate Plan “Reset, Review, Recover” 2022-2027 Annual Report for the period: 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, be commended to Council for adoption.
2. That the Leader of Council be given delegated authority to make such changes as may be needed to the Annual Report, prior to publication, provided that such changes do not materially alter the content of the document considered by Council.

Reason for Decisions:

To meet the statutory requirements set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

10. **2023-2024 STRATEGIC CHANGE PROGRAMME - "WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP FOR OUR PEOPLE, OUR PLACES AND OUR PLANET" - PROGRESS UPDATE**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

11. **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN FOR 2023-2024 - HALF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

12. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

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

RESOLVED: 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 Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

14. **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND SKILLS AND MULTIPLY ROUND 2**

Officers corrected a minor error in relation to the detail of funding at Appendix 1 to the private, circulated report, concerning the Swansea University 'Technocamps: Digital Skills Pathways' project. A correction

was also highlighted in relation to the five Multiply applications, which had been received following the open call.

Decisions:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment screening:

1. The projects listed at Appendix 1 to the private, circulated report, submitted under the Neath Port Talbot UKSPF Skills Open Call, be APPROVED, subject to Subsidy Control assessments being approved by the Head of Property and Regeneration.
2. The projects listed at Appendix 2 to the private, circulated report, submitted under the Neath Port Talbot UKSPF Skills Open Call, NOT be approved.
3. Delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the Chief Finance Office, the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member/s to approve projects submitted under the Neath Port Talbot UK Shared Prosperity Fund Multiply Round 2 Open Call.
4. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund project change process, be approved.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable Neath Port Talbot Council to implement the UKSPF Implementation Plan and advise Skills and Multiply applicants of the open call funding decision.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

15. **GLAMORGAN FURTHER EDUCATION TRUST FUND**

Decisions:

1. That the applications for awards, as detailed at Appendices B and C to the private, circulated report, made out of the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund for the academic year 2023/2024, to

eligible applications received on or before the closing date, be approved.

2. That the allocation of monies up to the maximum of £1832.00 for 5 full-time students (as detailed at Appendix B) and £840.00 for 1 part-time student (as detailed at Appendix C), be approved.
3. That payments to those applicants for whom continuing support from the Glamorgan Further Education Trust Fund has already been approved, continue.

Reason for Decisions:

To provide appropriate financial support for students who would otherwise suffer hardship.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

16. **THE HAROLD AND JOYCE CHARLES TRUST**

Decisions:

1. That the applications for awards, as detailed at Appendix B to the private, circulated report, made out of the Harold and Joyce Charles Fund, for the academic year 2023/2024 to eligible applications received on or before the closing date, be approved.
2. That the allocation of monies of £3,000.00 for 2 full-time students (detailed at Appendix B to the private, circulated report) be approved.
3. That payments continue, to those applicants for whom continuing support from the Harold and Joyce Charles Fund has already been approved.

Reason for Decisions:

To provide appropriate financial support for students who would otherwise suffer hardship.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

CHAIRPERSON