

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

10 JULY 2024

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

N.Pearce, A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, H.Jones, C.Griffiths, S.Brennan, D.Griffiths, C.Howard, K.Warren, A.Collins, V.Smith, A.Metcalf, R.Livingstone, G.Powell, N.Jones and T.Davies

Scrutiny/ Shadow Cabinet Invitees: Councillors P.Rogers, S.Thomas, P.D.Richards and R.Wood

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor A.Llewelyn be appointed as Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the start of the meeting. He felt this interest to be prejudicial, so left the meeting for the relevant item:

Councillor S.Jones

Minute No. 14 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund,
Approval of Projects – as he is a Trustee of
Croeserw AFC.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet, held on the 29 May 2024, be agreed as an accurate record.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25**

The Forward Work Programme 2024/25 was noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

7. **REVENUE OUTTURN AND RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT
2023/24**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted, in relation to the 2023/24 budget outturn position and reserve balances.

8. **CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2023/24**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

9. **ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2023/24**

Decision:

That the 2023/24 treasury management function performance, as set out in the circulated report, including the actual 2023/24 prudential and treasury indicators, be noted.

10. **NEATH PORT TALBOT WELSH CHURCH ACT TRUST FUND**

Decisions:

1. That the draft annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024, be approved.
2. That the draft annual report and financial statements be submitted to the Wales Audit Office for independent examination, be agreed.
3. That the submission of the accounts to the Charity Commission, should no material changes be identified by Wales Audit Office, be approved.

Reason for Decisions:

To approve the draft annual report and financial statements for the Welsh Church Act Trust Fund 2023/24.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

11. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FUND APPLICATION**

Decision:

That on this occasion, the British Red Cross be refused grant assistance to continue to support vulnerable people, including in the Neath Port Talbot area, The British Red Cross are an international charity with substantial funds.

Reason for Decision:

To decide on the amount of financial support in respect of the grant application received.

Implementation of Decision:

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

12. **SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026/2027**

Decision:

That the proposed School Terms and Holiday Dates for the 2026/2027 Academic Year, as detailed within the circulated report, be approved for submission to Welsh Ministers.

Reason for Decision:

To decide on the School Term dates for 2026/2027.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

13. **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - APPROVAL OF PROJECTS**

(At this point, Cllr S.Jones reaffirmed his interest, and left the meeting for this item)

Decisions:

That the following projects, which have Member involvement, submitted under the Neath Port Talbot UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Community Facilities Improvement Fund, be approved:

1. Croeserw AFC – Changing room and electrical upgrades.
2. Aberavon Greenstars RFC – Solar panel installation.
3. Cwmavon Community Engagement Centre – Flooring and electrical upgrades.
4. Friends of Seven Sisters – Path and cycle track upgrades.

Reason for Decisions:

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

Implementation of Decisions:

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

14. **PROPOSED FUTURE USE OF OLD NEATH LIBRARY BUILDING IN NEATH**

(Cllr S.Jones rejoined the meeting)

Decisions:

That having had due regard to the first stage of the Integrated Impact Assessment, the following be agreed:

1. Officers proceed with the preferred option (Option 1 in the Feasibility Study produced by Counter Culture, as detailed in the circulated report) for the future use of the vacant Library building in Neath as a creative hub.
2. Officers proceed with a procurement exercise to tender for an organisation to lease and operate the building.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable Neath Port Talbot Council to proceed with the refurbishment of the prominent, vacant old Neath Library building in order to bring it back into beneficial use as a creative hub and prevent the building falling further into a state of disrepair.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

Consultation was undertaken by Counter Culture with key stakeholders and a wider consultation in relation to comparators as part of the feasibility study.

15. **LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS**

Decisions:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, the List of Approved Contractors be amended as follows:

Companies to be added to the List of Approved Contractors:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Category</u>
HCD Haywood Crushing Demolition Ltd (H031)	75, 79
National Testing Services Ltd (N020)	78
ASG Highways Ltd T/A Bridgecare (A078)	91, 92

Companies to be removed from the List of Approved Contractors:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Category</u>
Anthesis Energy UK Ltd (S061)	111
SWARCO Traffic Ltd (S092)	1, 111
Universal Sealants (UK) Ltd (U002)	91, 92
Europest Environmental Services Ltd (E032)	4, 5

Reason for Decisions:

To keep the List of Approved Contractors up to date and as far as possible, ensure a competitive procurement process, and for the purpose of supplying a List of Approved Contractors for invitation to tender within the relevant category.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

16. **ADVERTISEMENT OF VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNCILS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2025 AND WELSH GOVERNMENTS GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMME OF WORK 2024-2025.**

Decisions:

1. That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, approval be given to Traffic Section Officers, for schemes contained within the following, to be advertised in accordance with the statutory requirements:
 - Traffic Capital Programme 2024-2025 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report)
 - Active Travel Programme 2024-2025 (as detailed in Appendix B to the circulated report)
 - Individual Disabled Parking Places (IDPP) Programme 2024-2025 (as detailed in Appendix C to the circulated report)
 - Welsh Government 20 mph Default Speed Limit national rollout Programme 2024-2025 (as detailed in Appendix D to the circulated report)
 - Welsh Government Capital Road Safety Grant (as detailed in Appendix E to the circulated report)
2. That the schemes be implemented in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements contained within the current Road Traffic Regulations, subject to there being no objections received. In the event of any objections being received in respect of any schemes, these will be reported back to Cabinet for a decision.

Reason for Decisions:

The schemes are necessary in the interest of road safety, providing speed reduction, promoting Active Travel, IDPP priority on street parking bays, providing adequate parking provision and casualty reduction within the Borough.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

Consultation will be carried out with the local Member(s) for each ward affected by a scheme prior to the formal consultation process undertaken with the public and any other affected bodies.

17. **TRAFFIC ORDER - C250 FROM CYMMER TO GLYNCORRWG AND CYMMER ROAD, GLYNCORRWG (REVOCATION) AND (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2024.**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, the objection to the C250 from Cymmer to Glyncorrwg and Cymmer road, Glyncorrwg (revocation) and (40mph speed limit) order 2024, (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report), be overruled, the scheme be implemented as advertised, and the objector be notified of the decision accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

To provide a buffer speed limit of 40mph in advance to the 20mph default speed limit on small sections of the highway that were previously national speed limit, in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

18. **TRAFFIC ORDER - GILFACH ROAD, BRYNCOCH, NEATH (REVOCATION) AND (30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2024**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, the objection to the Gilfach road, Bryncoch, Neath (revocation) and (30 mph speed limit) order 2024, (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated

report) be overruled, the scheme be implemented as advertised, and the objector informed of the decision accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

To provide a buffer speed limit of 30mph in advance to the 20mph default speed limit on small sections of the highway that were previously national speed limit, in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

19. **TRAFFIC ORDER - B4242 NEATH ROAD, ABERGARWED (REVOCATION) AND (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2024**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, the objection to the B4242 Neath road, Abergarwed (revocation) and (40mph speed limit) order 2024, as indicated in Appendix A to the circulated report) be overruled, the scheme be implemented as advertised, and the objector notified of the decision accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

To provide a buffer speed limit of 40mph in advance to the 20mph default speed limit on small sections of the highway that were previously national speed limit, in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

20. **TRAFFIC ORDER - LONGFORD ROAD, DYFFRYN ROAD AND LANE BETWEEN DYFFRYN ROAD AND FARMERS ROAD, NEATH (REVOCATION) AND (30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2024**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, the objection to the Longford road, Dyffryn road and Lane between Dyffryn road and Farmers road, Neath (revocation) and (30 mph speed limit) Order 2024, (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) be overruled, the scheme be implemented as advertised, and the objector informed of the decision accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

To provide a buffer speed limit of 30mph in advance to the 20mph default speed limit on small sections of the highway that were previously national speed limit, in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

21. **PROCUREMENT OF A REGIONAL ALLIANCING AGREEMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES**

Decisions:

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, the following be approved:

1. The undertaking of a procurement exercise to commission an alliance of providers to deliver substance use services across the Swansea and Neath Port Talbot region.
2. Following the procurement process, the Head Housing and Communities to be granted delegated authority to enter into a contract with the winning bidders.

3. The Head Housing and Communities to enter into a partnership agreement with the APB partner organisations.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure substance use services across the Swansea and Neath Port Talbot region are of high quality, financially sustainable and able to meet the current and future needs of the population

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

22. SUPPORTING PARENTS IN AND LEAVING CARE

Decision:

That the Supporting Parents in and Leaving Care Charter, as detailed within the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure that the Council has signed up to the Charter as a good Corporate Parent.

Implementation of Decision:

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

23. WESTERN BAY ADOPTION SERVICE (WBAS) QUALITY OF SERVICE REPORT - MARCH 2024

Decision:

That the report be noted.

24. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

25. **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.

26. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND**

The Cabinet Member for Nature, Tourism, and Well-being spoke about ecology and biodiversity, as well as nature conservation in relation to the land proposed for disposal. The Director of Environment emphasised that the land was being disposed of in line with the conditions of the current LDP, and explained the role of the Councils Ecologists.

Decision:

That having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment, for the reasons detailed within the private, circulated report, the disposal of land (on the terms and conditions as set out in the private, circulated report), be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To provide the Council with a capital receipt.

Implementation of Decision:

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

27. **COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY
CALL MONITORING AND MOBILE RESPONSE SERVICES**

Decisions:

1. That the undertaking of a procurement exercise be approved, consisting of two lots to commission:
 - Call Monitoring Service for lifeline and telecare clients.
 - Mobile Response Service.

2. That following the procurement process, the Head of Adult Services be granted delegated authority to enter into a contract with the winning bidders.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure that the Council is legally compliant when purchasing these services. In addition, this will ensure that the Council is best placed to continue meeting the needs and demands of those that require these services through the purchasing of high quality and financially sustainable services.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

CHAIRPERSON