

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

11 SEPTEMBER 2024

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt, S.A.Knoyle, N.Jenkins, J.Hurley, S.Harris,
J.Hale, A.Llewelyn, S.Jones and C.Phillips

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, N.Pearce, A.Jarrett, K.Warren, N.Daniel, A.Thomas, H.Jones,
C.Griffiths, G.Hargest, M.Selby, S.Brennan, J.Burge, H.Short, S.Coe,
C.Jones, N.Jones and C.John

Invitees: Councillors T.Bowen, P.Richards and C.Jordan

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor S.K.Hunt 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 beginning of the meeting:

Councillor S.Knoyle

Minute No. 10 - Community Councils Minor Projects Scheme – Glynneath Town Council–
Cllr Knoyle is named in the document.

Minute No. 23 - LA Governors - Autumn Term 2024– Family member is named in the document.

Councillor S.Jones

Minutes No.14 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Approval of Community Facilities Improvement Fund ProjectsAs he is a trustee of Croeserw Athletic Club.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet, held on the 24 July 2024 and 7 August 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 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2024/25**

Decision:

1. That members note the contents of this report in relation to the current projected budget outturn and reserves position
2. That members note the progress against the agreed savings.
3. That members note that Officers will look to implement additional cost saving and income generation measures in year in order to reduce the current overspend position. These measures will only be where they can be delivered within existing policy frameworks.

8. **CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2024/25**

Decision:

That members approve;

1. The updated proposed 2024/25 budget totalling £77.979m;

2. Note the position in relation to expenditure as at 30th June 2024.

Reason for Proposed Decision

To comply with the Councils constitution in relation to budget virement, re-profiling between financial years and to update the Council's Budget projections for 2024/25.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

9. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2024/25**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

10. **COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME –
GLYNNEATH TOWN COUNCIL**

Councillor S.Knoyle reaffirmed his interest, and left the meeting for this item.

Decision:

That members approve a grant of 50% of actual costs up to a maximum of £10,000 to Glynneath Town Council Council.

Reason for Proposed Decision:

The decision is in compliance with the approved policy and to enable community improvements.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

11. **COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME – ONLLWYN
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Decision:

That Members approve a grant of 70% of actual costs up to a maximum of £14,000 to Onllwyn Community Council.

Reason for Proposed Decision

The decision is in compliance with the approved policy and to enable community improvements.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

12. **REBALLOT FOR THE PORT TALBOT BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, VIVA PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That Members approve the request from VIVA Port Talbot for the Council to act as Ballot Holder in the forthcoming ballot, at a cost of approximately £3,000 - £3,500.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

In order to allow VIVA Port Talbot to fulfil their obligation to re-ballot their levy paying businesses.

Implementation of Decision:

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

13. **COMMERCIAL PROPERTY GRANT: REVIEW OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Decision:

That it is recommended to extend the geographical eligibility of the CPG to all Wards within the County Borough.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To implement, as widely as possible, the provisions of the Commercial Property Grant scheme in accordance with the criteria and terms of administration of the grant, in order to contribute to the vicinity of Neath Port Talbot.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

14. **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND PROJECTS**

Councillor S.Jones reaffirmed his interest, and left the meeting for this item.

Decision:

That having had due regard to the first stage of the Integrated Impact Assessment and following approval at the Funding Panel held on 29th August, it is recommended that:

- Members agree the recommendation to approve the following projects, which have Member involvement submitted under the Neath Port Talbot UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) via the Community Facilities Improvement Fund, assuming that they were approved at the Funding Panel held on the 29th August:

- 1) Croeserw AFC – Road improvements/re-surfacing
- 2) Aberavon Greenstars RFC – Solar panel installation, phase 2
- 3) Cwmavon Community Engagement Centre – Kitchen upgrades

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

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

Implementation of Decision:

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

15. **LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that:-

The List of Approved Contractors is amended as follows:-

Company to be added to the List of Approved Contractors.

The following company has applied to be included on the list and has passed the required assessments:-

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Category</u> |
|---|------------------------|
| Cambrensis Civil Engineering Ltd (C078) | 76,80 |

Companies to be removed from the List of Approved Contractors

Removal of the following companies is required due to:-

M038 - Company is in Liquidation

R041 – Company failed H&S requirements & financial criteria

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Category</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Mid Glam Construction Ltd (M038) | 15,25,71,76,77,80,84 |
| RTS Tree Specialist Ltd (R041) | 2, 84 101,102 |

Category of work to be removed from an approved Contractor due to no H&S cover

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Category</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Core Highways (Regions) Ltd (A035) | 2 |

NB This company remains an approved contractor for Category 9 – Traffic Management.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

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

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

16. **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY**

Decision:

That having due regard to the integrated impact screening assessment that Cabinet considers and approves the Neath Port Talbot Council Procurement Strategy 2024-2028, which includes the Council's socially responsible procurement objectives, as enclosed at Appendix 1 of this Report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The aim of this Procurement Strategy is to ensure adherence to new legislative requirements and have a framework in place so that procurement and commissioning decisions play a key role in supporting the delivery of the aims of the Council's Corporate Strategy and this Procurement Strategy.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation following the expiry of the three-day call-in process.

17. **LA GOVERNORS - AUTUMN TERM 2024**

Decision:

That, in line with approved policy, LA governor representatives be appointed to the existing and forthcoming vacancies set out in the attached appendix.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To enable the Authority to contribute to effective school governance through representation on school governing bodies.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

18. **PART-NIGHT LIGHTING PILOT**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment, and the need to gather further information to complete a full assessment, it is recommended that Members approve the proposed part-night lighting pilot contained in the report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To trial the implementation of part-night lighting for a short period to help assess the impact of such a measure and to inform future decision making.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

19. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

20. **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.

21. **POSITIVE OUTCOMES PLAY SERVICE (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

1. The undertaking of a procurement exercise to commission a Positive Outcomes Play Service be agreed.
2. Following the procurement process, the Head of Children and Young Persons Services be granted delegated authority to enter into a contract with the winning bidder.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

Undertaking a procurement exercise for the Positive Outcomes Play Service will ensure that the Council is legally compliant when purchasing this service. In addition, this will ensure that the Council is best placed to continue meeting the needs and demands of those that require this service through the purchasing of high quality and financially sustainable services.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

22. **SUPPORTED LODGINGS SERVICE (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

That Members grant permission for officers to:

1. Conduct a 30 day consultation exercise.
2. Negotiate a contract end date with the existing Provider to cover the timeline of consultation and bringing the service in house if agreed.
3. Present a paper to Cabinet following the consultation period to report on the outcome and proposal to bring in house.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To take into account the social care resources available when undertaking an assessment or reassessment of individuals' needs; to ensure a sustainable range of good quality services are available to young people in Neath Port Talbot; to contribute towards the budgetary savings identified in the Council's Forward Financial Plan; and to contribute to Welsh Government's aim to rebalance the social care market by moving services away from for-profit organisations.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

23. **LA GOVERNORS - AUTUMN TERM 2024 (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 12)**

Councillor S.Knoyle reaffirmed his interest, and left the meeting for this item.

Decision:

That members supported the three LA Governors be removed.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To enable the Authority to contribute to effective school governance through representation on school governing bodies and consider the safeguarding arrangements.

Implementation of Decision:

Immediate implementation.

24. **HARDSHIP RELIEF (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

That the application was refused.

Reason for Proposed Decision:

Detailed in item 7.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON