

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

11 DECEMBER 2024

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt (Chairperson), S.A.Knoyle, N.Jenkins, J.Hurley, S.Harris, J.Hale, A.Llewelyn (Chairperson for Item 14 only), W.F.Griffiths, S.Jones and C.Phillips

Officers in Attendance:

F.O'Brien, N.Pearce, A.Jarrett, N.Daniel, H.Jones, C.Griffiths, K.Warren, C.Saunders, M.Roberts, N.Chapple, J.Burge, S. Owen, Ms.G.Hargest, J Davies, L.McAndrew, V.Smith, N.Jones and T.Davies

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

Councillor S.K.Hunt - Minute No. 14 – Appointment of Local Authority Governors – as he was mentioned in the report. He considered this interest to be prejudicial, so left the meeting for this item.

Councillor J.Hurley - Minute No. 14 – Appointment of Local Authority Governors – as he was mentioned in the report. He considered this interest to be prejudicial, so left the meeting for this item.

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

Decision:

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

6. **RIGHTS OF WAY - FOOTPATH NO.127 IN THE COMMUNITY OF CWMAVON**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment, a public path Diversion Order be made pursuant to Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, in respect of the route shown A-B to C-D on plan no.1 (as detailed in the circulated report), and should no objections be received, the order be confirmed as made.

Reason for Decision:

The diversion is necessary to enable the development to proceed.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item was subject to external consultation.

7. **RIGHTS OF WAY - FOOTPATH NO.2 IN THE COMMUNITY OF PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment, a public path Diversion Order be made pursuant to Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, in respect of the route shown A-B-C-D-E to A-F-G-H-I-J-K shown on plan no.1 (as detailed on the circulated report), and that should no objections be received, the order be confirmed as made.

Reason for Decision:

To improve the privacy and safeguarding of work carried out on the farm. The diversion does not have any significant effect on the path as a whole.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

8. **COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME - APPLICATION FROM CLYNE AND MELINCOURT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Decision:

That a grant of 70% of actual costs, up to a maximum of £14,000, be awarded to Clyne and Melincourt Community Council, to better the provision currently on offer at Bryn Golwg Play Area in the village of Clyne.

Reason for Decision:

To enable community improvements.

Implementation of Decision:

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

9. **CORPORATE PLAN 2024/2027 - HALF YEARLY UPDATE 2024/2025**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

10. **CIW FOSTER WALES NEATH PORT TALBOT INSPECTION REPORT 2024**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

11. **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES PLACEMENT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY 2024-2027**

Decision:

That the Neath Port Talbot Council Children and Young People Services Placement Commissioning Strategy 2024-2027, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure a robust plan is in place to continue to deliver and commission a range of services for Children and Young People.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item will be subject to external consultation.

12. **ARBORICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Decisions:

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

1. The updated Arboricultural Management Plan and the Operational Action Plan (as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report) associated with tree inspections, be endorsed.
2. The 12 month transition period required before full compliance with the plan is achieved, be acknowledged.
3. The use of the in-year allocation of capital funding for tree works included for 24/25 in the capital programme, be noted.
4. The potential scale of future capital needs be noted, and a further report be brought back to Cabinet on completion of the detailed survey work.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the Council fulfils its Duty of Care with respect to public safety in relation to tree management, to minimise associated risks to visitors and the Council, and to appropriately maintain the Council's Tree Stock.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

13. **LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PLAN (LFRMSP)**

Decisions:

That having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. The new Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and Plan (as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report), be agreed, which will enable full public and statutory consultation to take place.

2. The supporting Environmental Plans (as detailed at Appendix B to the circulated report) be agreed.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the Council fulfils its duties under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 in relation to Flood Risk Management, to minimise associated risks to communities, and to appropriately mitigate flood risk.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

This item will be subject to external consultation.

14. **APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVES**

At this point in the meeting, Councillors J.Hurley and S.K.Hunt reaffirmed their interest in this item, and left the meeting for the discussion and voting thereon. The Deputy Leader, Councillor A.Llewelyn, took over the role of Chair.

Officers explained that since the report had been written, there were now two vacancies available for appointment at Crynallt Primary School due to a recent resignation from a serving Local Authority Governor. Therefore, the recommendation to Members was be to appoint both applicants.

Decisions:

That the following appointments be made as Local Authority governor representatives, to existing vacancies and vacancies that will arise up to and including the end of the Spring Term 2024/25:

School	Date of Vacancy	Proposal
Baglan Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Blaendulais Primary School	01/04/2025	Re-appoint Cllr Stephen Hunt

Bryncoch CIW Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Coedffranc Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mrs Charlotte Ajomale-Evans
	Immediate	Appoint Mr Sewak Singh
Creunant Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Mr Alan Tudor Jones
	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Crynallt Primary School	Immediate	Mrs Melanie Moore Cllr. Jeremy Hurley
Cwmnedd Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Godre'rgraig Primary School	11/01/2025	Re-appoint Mrs Glenys Protheroe
	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Llangatwg Community School	Immediate	Appoint Mr Emrys Elias
	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Melin Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Rhydyfro Primary School	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
St Joseph's RC School & 6th Form Centre	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Tairgwaith Primary School	Immediate	Appoint Miss Lucy Russell
YGG Blaendulais	01/04/2025	Re-appoint Mrs Gaynor Smith
YGG Gwaun Cae Gurwen	Immediate	Appoint Mrs Lucy Harrison
YGG Trebannws	Immediate	Future appointment to be made
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera-Bro Dur	01/04/2025	Re-appoint Mr Gavin Thomas

Reason for Decisions:

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

Implementation of Decisions:

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

15. **URGENT ITEMS**

Councillors J.Hurley and S.K.Hunt returned to the meeting, and the Leader, Councillor S.K.Hunt, resumed the role of Chair.

No urgent items were received.

16. **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 the relevant Paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule.

17. **REMOVAL OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 12)**

Decision:

That the removal of a Local Authority governor representative who had failed to attend governing body meetings, as identified during the discussion at the private item, be agreed.

Reason for 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:

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

CHAIRPERSON