

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**  
**CABINET BOARD – 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**  
**ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: Mrs.S.Miller (Chairman) and P.D.Richards

**Officers in Attendance:**

D.Griffiths, M.Roberts and Mrs.T.Davies

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Agreed that Councillor Mrs S.Miller be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2014**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **DECLARATION OF CWM DU GLEN GLANRHYD PLANTATION AS A LOCAL NATURE RESERVE**

**Decision:**

That Cwm Du Glen & Glanrhyd Plantation be declared a Local Nature Reserve and that authorisation be given for the associated Management Plan to be implemented, and also that a management agreement with Pontardawe Town Council be entered into on terms and conditions to be agreed by Property and Regeneration Section.

**Reason for Decision:**

To secure the long term protection of the site, whilst demonstrating to the general public the quality and value of the natural environment in Neath Port Talbot.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

4. **APPLICATION TO UPGRADE BRIDLEWAY NO. 17 (LLANGYNWYD MIDDLE)**

**Decision:**

That the application to upgrade Bridleway No. 17 in the community of Llangynwyd Middle and footpath Nos. 36, 76, 58 and 97 to a restricted byway (as detailed within the circulated report) be refused.

**Reason for Decision:**

There is insufficient evidence to support the claim to upgrade the footpaths to a higher status than that currently ascribed to it.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

5. **APPLICATION TO UPGRADE FOOTPATH NO. 73 (MARGAM)**

**Decision:**

That the application to upgrade footpath No. 73 (Margam) to a byway open to all traffic and footpath No. 25 (Llangynydd Middle), be refused.

**Reason for Decision:**

There is insufficient evidence to support the claim to upgrade Footpath No. 73 to any higher status than that currently ascribed to it.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

6. **GNOLL PARK SAVINGS**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

7. **APPROVED CONTRACTORS**

**Decision:**

That, having due regard to the Equalities Impact Assessment screening, Contractor 1- 3 (as detailed within the circulated report) be included on the Select List for the relevant categories.

**Reason for Decision:**

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

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

8. **PORT TALBOT PARKWAY AND MILLAND ROAD CAR PARKING**

**Decisions:**

That, having given due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment:-

1. the new Port Talbot Parkway Car Park be named as “Harbourside – ‘Parkway’ Car Park”;

2. both “Harbourside – ‘Parkway’ Car Park” and Milland Road Car Parks be designated as Long Stay Pay and Display;
3. a Merchant Account be set up to accept credit and debit card payments;
4. approval be granted to invest in new Pay and Display machines;
5. the tariff structure set out at Appendix A to the circulated report, be approved.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To enable the Authority to harmonise its long stay parking provision at the Rail Stations in Neath and Port Talbot.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

**Consultation:**

A legal order will be advertised and should any objections/observations be received, these will be presented to a future Environment and Highways Scrutiny Committee for discussion before consideration by the Environment and Highways Cabinet Board and a decision made.

9. **TRAFFIC ORDERS, NEATH PEDESTRIAN AREA**

**Decisions:**

That, having due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment screening:-

1. the objections be upheld in part (as detailed within the circulated report) and the objectors informed accordingly;
2. the scheme be redesigned to allow vehicles to park in the pedestrian area between 5pm and 8am;
3. the scheme be advertised as indicated at Appendix F to the circulated report, and subject to there being no objections, the Order be implemented.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To prevent unauthorised entry and indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety and to support the night time economy within the area where there is less pedestrian movement.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

10. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No.11 below, the Chairman agreed that it could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Statutory Instrument 2001 No.2290 (as amended).

**Reason for Urgency:**

Due to the time element.

11. **BUS ROUTE 32-36, CROESERW AND CYMMER**

**Decision:**

That having due regard to the Equalities Impact Assessment, it be noted that First Group will continue to provide the route 32/36 service at its current level, whilst Bridgend County Borough Council's funding arrangement remains at its current level, and that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Officers be authorised to write to Bridgend County Borough Council advising them that this Authority's funding contribution towards service 32/36 will be withdrawn from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**Reason for Decision:**

In order that Officers can formally notify Bridgend County Borough Council of the Authority's intention to withdraw revenue support associated with their service contract 32/36.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to initial consultation as part of the removal of Council subsidised bus services reported to the Environment and Highways Cabinet Board on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014, including groups with protected characteristics. A further consultation with the Operator and Local Members has been undertaken on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**CHAIRMAN**