

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

9 JULY, 2015

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: A.H.Thomas (Chairperson) and A.N.Woolcock

Officers in Attendance:

Mrs.K.Jones, D.Rees, S.John and Miss.G.Cirillo

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor A.H. Thomas be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON 28 MAY, 2015**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS APPLICATIONS**

Decision:

That the following Miscellaneous Grant Application, as detailed in the circulated report be refused:

Briton Ferry Old Age Pensioners – General Grant.

Reason for Decision:

Grants to Old Age Pensioner Groups were withdrawn as part of the outcome of the Review of Third Sector Grants in 2013.

Implementation of Decision:

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

4. **BUSINESS RATES - APPLICATIONS FOR HARDSHIP RELIEF**

Decision:

That the following Application for Business Rates Hardship Relief, as detailed in the circulated report be refused:

Baguette Bar 3a Angel Place, Neath, SA11 1RS.

Reason for Decision:

Not in accordance with criteria.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2015/16**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

6. **DIGITAL BY CHOICE - CHANNEL SHIFT STRATEGY**

Decision:

That the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services be authorised to initiate a Public Consultation exercise to determine support for the overall direction of travel set out in the proposed Digital Choice Strategy and associated work priorities commencing on 17 July and ending on the 17 August 2015.

Reason for Decision:

To gauge the level of public support for the proposed Strategy which will replace the existing Access to Services Strategy prior to final proposals being considered by the Cabinet Board and Council.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **RESETTLEMENT OF AFGHANISTAN PEOPLE SCHEME**

Decision:

That the proposal that the Council signs up to the Afghan Locally Engaged Staff Ex Gratia Scheme, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To support the relocation and integration activity for Afghan Households entering the UK as part of the Afghan Locally engaged Staff Ex Gratia Scheme.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT DATA 2014-2015 - QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE (1 APRIL 2014 - 31 MARCH 2015)**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS AND COMMENTS - ANNUAL REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

10. **WELSH LANGUAGE SCHEME: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2014-15 AND CORPORATE ACTION PLAN**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

11. **CORPORATE ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN - UPDATE**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

12. **THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

13. **TO RECEIVE THE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

Decision:

That Forward Work Programme for the Policy and Resources Cabinet Board 2015/16, be noted.

14. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need now to deal with the matter contained in Minute No. 15 below, the Chairman agreed that it could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Statutory Instrument 2001No.2290 (as amended).

Reason

Due to the time element

15. **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ICT - SUPPLY OF OFFICE, COPIER, AND DIGITAL OFFSET PAPER**

Decision:

That Office Depot be appointed as the Authority's supplier of Office, Copier and Digital Offset paper as outlined in the urgent circulated report for the period 1 August 2015 to 18 January 2017 (with an option to extend for up to a further 24 months).

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the Authority complies with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Implementation of Decision:

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

16. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

Decision:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No.2290, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

17. **WRITE OFFS OF COUNCIL TAX**

Decision:

That the write off of the amounts, as detailed within the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision

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

18. **BUSINESS RATES WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the write off of the amounts as detailed within the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision

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

CHAIRPERSON