

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD - 7 JANUARY 2016
POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: A.N.Woolcock (Chairperson) and P.A. Rees

Officers in Attendance:

Mrs.K.Jones, D. Rees, Miss C.Gadd and Miss G. Cirillo

Wales Audit Office Representatives:

S. Barry and Mrs.S. Clements

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor A.N. Woolcock be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2015**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD OF THE 10TH OCTOBER 2015 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE 3RD DECEMBER 2015**

Noted by the Committee.

4. **WALES AUDIT OFFICE (WAO) - PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

The Chairperson thanked Officers present from Wales Audit Office for their comments and support in response to the Authority's Performance Management arrangements. It was noted that the Head of Corporate

Strategy and Democratic Services would arrange the training requested by Scrutiny Members on the matter.

Decisions:

1. That the progress made by the Council in implementing the proposals for improvement contained in the Wales Audit Office Report, as detailed in the circulated report, be noted.
2. That the findings of the Wales Audit Office follow up Review of the Council's Performance Management arrangements, as detailed within the circulated report, be noted.
3. That the actions proposed in relation to the recent Wales Audit Office Report, be endorsed.
4. That the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services arrange a series of training workshops for elected Members to support Members in using the new performance management framework.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the Council has a robust, fit for purpose corporate performance management framework to support the delivery of our commitment to protect jobs and services particularly to those that are most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities in times of severe and enduring austerity.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

5. **PROPOSED NATIONAL INDICATORS FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

Following discussions at the Scrutiny Committee, the cabinet Board agreed that the proposed draft response be amended to reflect the points made by Scrutiny Committee Members, following which the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services be authorised to submit the amended consultation response to Welsh Government.

Also, the Cabinet Board agreed that a covering note be prepared by the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services to accompany

commentary on each proposed wellbeing indicator to reflect the discussion that took place in the Scrutiny Committee about the fitness of the general framework being proposed for measuring the wellbeing goals. In particular, that the framework could track changes in inequality across communities and between particular population groups.

Decisions:

Cabinet Board agreed that the proposed consultation response attached at Appendix 1 to the circulated report be amended to take into account points made at the Scrutiny Committee meeting immediately preceding the Cabinet Board and that the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services be authorised to submit the amended consultation to Welsh Government, together with a covering letter that expressed the Council's views as to the overall fitness of the approach being taken to the development of wellbeing indicators.

Reason for Decisions:

In order to provide the Welsh Government with commentary on the proposals for national well-being indicators.

Implementation for Decisions:

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

6. **CCTV APPRAISAL - CONSULTATION OUTCOME**

Following discussions, the Cabinet Board acknowledged the concerns discussed at the earlier Scrutiny Committee in relation to the proposed reduction in the monitoring service and the methodology to be employed in decommissioning cameras where "a pressing need" was not demonstrated. As a result of the concerns expressed and in light of the slightly better than anticipated financial settlement the Cabinet Board agreed:

Decisions:

1. That the number of cameras across the county borough be reduced to be compliant with existing legislation and Codes of Practice as set out at Appendix 1 of the circulated report.
2. That the proposal that the CCTV service moves to a demand-led model be approved. This would mean active monitoring generally

only taking place at the weekend and bank holidays. During other times, cameras will remain operational but no active monitoring would be taking place. The implementation of this recommendation be deferred until 1 April 2017

3. That an update report be brought to Committee in early 2016 setting out the proposed methodology and timetable for developing the business case for establishing a joint service with the City and County of Swansea that tests the cost benefits of establishing a joint CCTV service either on a CCTV only scope, or, extending the CCTV service on joint basis to include other complementary functions.
4. That officers be authorised to finalise arrangements with Bridgend County Borough Council to deal with the Council's out of hours telephone response service to coincide with any reduction in CCTV monitoring out of hours.
5. That the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services be authorised to implement the recommendations of the Cabinet Board, including entering into agreements to effect the necessary changes within the overall cash limit approved for the service.
6. That the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services reports no less frequently than quarterly to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on levels of crime and disorder across the county borough so that Members can maintain an overview of the impact of the changes being recommended.

Reason for Decisions:

To further develop the proposals set out in the Council Budget 2015-16 to 2017-18 in order to achieve further savings in the cost of CCTV to the Council and provide the Best Value for Money Option.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

7. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2015-2016**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

8. **REVIEW OF IMPACT OF REDUCED CASH OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) COMPANY - LEVY COLLECTION**

Decision:

That the provision of services to the proposed Bid Company, with the recovery of additional costs incurred, as detailed within the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to provide services to the Neath Bid Company.

Implementation of Decision:

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

10. **WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND APPLICATIONS**

Decision:

That the applications as set out in Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To provide financial support, in accordance with criteria, in respect of grant applications received.

Implementation of Decision:

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

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

Decision:

That the report be noted.

12. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

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.

13. **VALLEY LOANS**

Decision:

That the loan accounts, as detailed in the private circulated report, be written off.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

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

14. **WRITE OFF OF COUNCIL TAX**

Decision:

That the accounts, as detailed in the private circulated report, be written off.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRPERSON