

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD - 18 FEBRUARY 2016
POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: P.A.Rees (Chairperson) and E.V. Latham

Officers in Attendance:

Mrs.K.Jones, D.Rees, Mrs.A.Hinder and Miss G. Cirillo

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor P.A.Rees be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2016**

Decision:

Noted by the Committee.

3. **URGENCY ACTION NO. 0365 - WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND FINAL ACCOUNTS**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

4. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANT APPLICATIONS AND WELSH CHURCH ACT FUND APPLICATIONS**

Decisions:

That the following Applications as detailed within the circulated report be approved:

1. Welsh Church Act Fund Applications

- a. Eglwys Brynlllynfell - Maximum Grant £1,000
- b. Action For Children, Darwin Road, Port Talbot

Maximum Grant of £1,000

Reason for Decisions:

In accordance with criteria and to provide financial support in respect of Applications received.

Implementation of Decision:

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

2. Miscellaneous Grant Applications

Decision:

That the provision of a grant to cover the rent due for the first five years of new lease agreements for bowling pavilions that have been taken over by appropriate community groups as outlined in the circulated, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To establish criteria for the award of grants to community groups and to award cover for the rent due for the first five years of new lease agreements for bowling pavilions to appropriate community groups.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **DISCRETIONARY RATES SCHEME APRIL 2017-2019**

Decision:

That the Criteria for the Discretionary Rate Scheme as detailed within the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to provide discretionary rates relief to ratepayers from the 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2019.

Implementation of Decision:

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

6. **REVIEW OF COUNCIL TAX - SINGLE PERSON DISCOUNT**

Decision:

That Databank be authorised to carry out the review of the Single Person Discount for 2016/17 and that an appropriate press release be made in advance of this, as detailed within the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to decide on the method for carrying out a Single Person Discount Review and enable the Council to comply with its duty to ensure discounts are awarded correctly.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **COURT COSTS - COUNCIL TAX AND BUSINESS RATES**

Decisions:

That the costs associated with obtaining a Summons and Liability Orders in respect of Council Tax and Business Rates remain the same, as detailed within the circulated report as follows, be approved:

Council Tax

Summons = £42.00
Liability Order = £24.00

Business Rates

Summons = £41.00
Liability Order = £29.00

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to continue to charge for costs incurred in the recovery of Council Tax at the Magistrates Court

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT 2015-2016**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **URGENCY ACTION NO 0901 - WELSH GOVERNMENT
CONSULTATION PROPOSED RESPONSE - MULTI AGENCY
COLLABORATION IN RESPECT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,
DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Cabinet Board acknowledged the points made in the Scrutiny Committee where the domestic abuse approach in the County Borough should accommodate people of all genders and re-affirmed the Council's

commitment to ensure the approach to domestic abuse was inclusive of all genders.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

10. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT DATA 2015/2016 - QUARTER 3 REPORT- 1 APRIL 2015 - 31 DECEMBER 2015**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

11. **DATA PROTECTION BRIEFING**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

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

Decision:

That the report be noted.

13. **MINUTES OF OF THE JOINT MARGAM CREMATORIUM MEETING OF 25 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Decision:

Noted by the Committee.

14. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Regulation 4(3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 no. 2290 and 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 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

15. **LEISURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES RESIDENTIAL CARE WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

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

Reason for Decision:

The amount of debts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

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

16. **COUNCIL TAX WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the accounts as detailed within 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