

COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

7 September, 2016

The Mayor: **Councillor Mrs.S.M.Penry**

The Deputy Mayor: **Councillor Mrs.J.Dudley**

Councillors: H.M.Bebell, Mrs P.Bebell, A.Carter, M.Crowley, A.P.H.Davies, D.W.Davies, Mrs.R.Davies, M.Ellis, J.S.Evans, C.P.Golding, H.N.James, M.L.James, A.Jenkins, E.E.Jones, M.Jones, S.Jones, A.Llewelyn, Mrs.K.Lloyd, A.R.Lockyer, J.Miller, Mrs.S.Miller, C.Morgan, J.D.Morgan, Ms.C.Morgans, Mrs.S.Paddison, Mrs.K.Pearson, D.M.Peters, R.Phillips, M.Protheroe, L.M.Purcell, S.Rahaman, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards, J.Rogers, A.Taylor, A.J.Taylor, A.H.Thomas, D.Whitelock, I.D.Williams, Mrs.L.G.Williams and Mrs.A.Wingrave

Officers in Attendance: S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, N. Jarman, D.Griffiths, Mrs.K.Jones, I.Davies, R.George and Mrs.A.Manchip

1. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

It is with great sadness that I would advise Council of the death of Councillor Alf Siddley, Mr Cyril James the husband of Councillor Mrs Lella James and father to Councillor Ian James, who was also Mayor's Consort in 2010/2011 and also former Councillor Les Davies, who was a Member of this Authority from 2004 to 2008

As a mark of respect Members stood for a minute's silence.

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillor C.M.Crowley	Re Decision Record of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Board held on 29 June 2016, as it relates to the Aberavon Green Stars as he is its president.
Councillor Mrs.S.Miller	Re Report of the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing on the Western Bay Youth Justice and Early Intervention Annual Plan for 2016/2017, as she is employed by ABMu, which is a partner of Western Bay and confirmed her dispensation to speak but not vote thereon.

3. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016/17**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the following meeting of Council be confirmed, subject to Councillor M.Jones being added to the list of Members present:

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(NB: Members asked for an update in relation to the provision of name/role plates at Committee meetings and were advised that the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services would look into this further.)

4. **WESTERN BAY YOUTH JUSTICE AND EARLY INTERVENTION ANNUAL PLAN 2016-2017**

Council received the Report of the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing on the Western Bay Youth Justice and Early Intervention Annual Plan for 2016/2017, which had been commended

to Council for adoption by the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board held on 28 July, 2016.

Following presentation of the report, Members raised the following issues:

- Members asked the reason behind the postponement of the Review referred to in the report and were advised that this was due to the changes in the Secretary of State and Minister for Justice.
- Members were pleased to note that 520 young people had been diverted from a custodial sentence.
- Members also asked what partnership working was in place and were pleased to note that NPT Homes worked with the Authority to find suitable accommodation for care leavers and also for those young people discharged from custody. In addition there was multiagency joint working with for example Health.

RESOLVED: that the Western Bay Youth Justice and Early Intervention Annual Plan for 2016/2017, an Appended to the Council report, be adopted.

5. **BUDGET GUIDELINE CHANGES 2016/17**

Members received the Report of the Corporate Directors' Group in relation to Budget Guideline Changes for 2016/17, which had been commended to Council by Cabinet at its meeting on 29 July, 2016.

RESOLVED:

1. that the budget virements, as contained in Paragraph 6 of the circulated report, be approved;
2. that the reserve movements, as contained in Paragraph 7 of the circulated report, be approved.

6. **CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2016/17**

Members received the report of the Head of Financial Services on Capital Budget Monitoring for 2016/17, which had been commended to Council by Cabinet at its meeting on 29 July, 2016.

- RESOLVED:**
1. that the proposed capital budget for 2016/17, in the sum of £48.460m, as contained in the circulated report, be approved;
 2. that the position in relation to expenditure as at 30 June 2016, be noted.

7. NEATH PORT TALBOT WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP THE SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

Council received, as an Appendix to the circulated report, a copy of the Neath Port Talbot Single Integrated Plan Annual Report for 2015/16, which had been commended to Council by the Local Service Board. Members noted that this was the last report of the Local Service Board, which had now been replaced by the Public Service Board.

Following the verbal presentation, Members raised the following:-

- In relation to Priority 4 Members asked that the Public Service Board look into the provision of better transport, including community transport. Members felt that, due to the centralisation of many of the Authority's services, due to budget cuts, the need for improved transport, especially in rural areas was critical. Could the Public Service Board meet with Community Council representatives to discuss this further. Officers confirmed that transport was included in the Regional working and that there were comprehensive community transport schemes in the area. There needed to be a radical approach by Welsh Government to address these issues.
- In relation to the Flood Risk Management Plan, Members raised the incidents of flooding which had occurred on the weekend of 2 September 2016 in the Swansea Valley and asked that their thanks be put on record to the staff, the Local Area Coordinator and the emergency services for their assistance, together with the tremendous community effort. The local Member would be speaking to Joint Resilience regarding the incidents and also invited Cabinet Members and Officers to meet with the residents affected to discuss any outstanding issues. Members felt that in some areas the lack of riverbed dredging, by Natural Resources Wales, had contributed to the flooding over recent years. In other areas the topography of the land together with unauthorised excavation works had had a negative impact, this would need to be addressed by Enforcement Officers as appropriate.

RESOLVED: that the 2015/16 Annual Report of the Single Integrated Plan prepared by the Local Service Board, be endorsed.

8. **OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION**

RESOLVED: that, for the reasons specified in the circulated report, Councillors A.R.Lockyer and M.Harvey be removed as the Authority's representatives on Neath Inspired (formerly the Business Improvement District (BID)).

9. **EXECUTIVE DECISIONS OF CABINET AND CABINET BOARDS 2016/17 (FOR INFORMATION)**

RESOLVED : that the undermentioned Minutes be noted:-

Cabinet	25 May 2016
Cabinet	1 June 2016
Cabinet	8 June 2016
Cabinet	13 July 2016
Cabinet	20 July 2016
Children, Young People and Education	2 June 2016
Children, Young People and Education (Special)	9 June 2016
Children, Young People and Education	30 June 2016
Children, Young People and Education	30 June 2016
Children, Young People and Education	28 July 2016
Social Care, Health and Housing	9 June 2016
Social Care, Health and Housing	14 July 2016
Policy and Resources	29 June 2016
Policy and Resources	14 July 2016
Policy and Resources	27 July 2016
Economic and Community Regeneration	22 April 2016
Economic and Community Regeneration	3 June 2016
Economic and Community	15 July 2016

Regeneration	
Environment and Highways	14 April 2016
Environment and Highways	26 May 2016
Environment and Highways	3 June 2016
(Special)	
Environment and Highways	7 July 2016

CHAIRPERSON