

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
CABINET BOARD - 15 DECEMBER, 2016
POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: A.H.Thomas (Chair), A.N.Woolcock and E.V.Latham

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, Mrs.A.Manchipp and Miss.C.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

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

2. **MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillor A.H.Thomas

Re report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services on Third Sector Grant Funding as it relates to DANSA Transport and Dove Workshops as he is a Board Member on both organisations.

3. **MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER, 2016.**

Noted by the Committee.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

Noted by the Committee.

5. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FUND APPLICATION**

Decision:

That the application for grant funding received from Bibles for Children Bath be approved in the sum of £100.

Reason for Decision:

To decide on providing financial support in respect of the grant applications received.

Implementation of Decision:

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

6. **THIRD SECTOR GRANT FUNDING - AWARD OF GRANTS 2017/18**

(Councillor A.H.Thomas disclosed an interest in this item as it related to Dove Workshops and DANSA Transport and withdrew from the meeting- Councillor A.N.Woolcock took the Chair for this item, Councillor E.V.Latham substituted).

Decisions:

1. That the monitoring arrangements for the current recipients of third sector grant funding, be noted;
2. That the award of Grants to the Third Sector organisations as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the circulated report, be approved;
3. That grants not be awarded to the applications as set out in Appendix 3 to the circulated report.

Reason for Decisions:

To approve grants to third sector organisations in line with the Council's Scheme.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

7. **COUNCIL TAX AND BUSINESS RATES- REPRESENTATIVES AT
MAGISTRATES COURT PROCEEDINGS**

Decision:

That the following revised list of people to represent the Authority in proceedings before a Magistrates Court for the purpose of the recovery of Council Tax and Business Rates, be approved:-

Mrs A Hinder
Mrs R Stanbury
Mrs Lisa Morgan
Mrs A Greenway
Miss V Edwards
Mrs P Roberts
Mrs I Smith
Mrs L Lewis
Mr C Watkins

Reason for Decision:

To confirm officers authorised to represent the Authority at Magistrate Court proceedings.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **SUPPLY OF VARIOUS FOOD PRODUCTS AND ASSOCIATED ITEMS**

Decisions:

1. That the requirements for competition be excluded and Rule 2.2 of the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules be suspended;
2. That authority be given to make a direct award to the Suppliers and for the Council to enter into contract with the Suppliers for the Supply of the Products as set out below for a period of six months from the following dates together with an option to extend up to a maximum of a further six months:

Soft Drinks, Crisps, Snacks and Confectionery from 1 January 2017

Alcoholic and Associated Beverages from 1 March 2017

Fruit and Vegetables from 1 March 2017

Water Coolers from 1 June 2017

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure continuity of Supply of the Products pending the implementation of new contracts under the NPS Frameworks.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

10. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT DATA 2016-2017 - QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE (1ST APRIL 2016- 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016)**

Decision:

That the last bullet point on page 55 of the circulated report in relation to School exclusions be amended to reflect the current position.

11. **WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS**

Decision:

That the response received from the Welsh Language Commissioner as contained in the circulated report together with the dialogue now taking place between officers of the Council and representatives of the Welsh Language Commissioner with a view to agreeing a mutually agreeable position in relation to the Compliance Notice, be noted.

Reason for Decision:

To endorse the actions taken by officers to achieve a mutually agreeable position in relation to those Welsh Language Standards the Council has identified as being difficult or impossible to comply with.

Implementation of Decision:

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

12. **STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016**

Decision:

That the contents of the Annual Report 2015-2016, attached at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be noted.

13. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

Decision:

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

14. **WRITE OFF OF BUSINESS RATES**

Decision:

That the write off of the amounts as described in the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

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

15. **WRITE OFF OF COUNCIL TAX**

Decision:

That the write off of the amounts as described in the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

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

.

16. **HOUSING BENEFITS WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

That the write off of the amounts as described in the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable for the reasons given in the private circulated report.

Implementation of Decision:

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

17. **SUNDRY DEBTOR WRITE OFFS**

Decision:

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

Reason for Decision:

The amounts due are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

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

18. **HARDSHIP RELIEF**

Decision:

That the application for Business Rates Hardship Relief for the Neath store of H.H.F., be refused.

Reason for Decision:

1. The council and police are taking action to try to minimise anti-social behaviour. Benches located outside the Neath store have been removed as this was highlighted as a major issue by the company directors.
2. Other local businesses may also apply for hardship relief.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRPERSON