

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET BOARD - 9 DECEMBER, 2016

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Board Members:

Councillors: M.L.James (Chairperson) and E.V.Latham

Officers in Attendance:

A.Collins and Mrs.T.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor M.L.James be appointed as Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION CABINET BOARD HELD ON 28 OCTOBER, 2016 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER, 2017**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE MONITORING - EDUCATION**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

4. **QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE MONITORING - ENVIRONMENT**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

5. **WELSH PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2015 -16**

Decision:

That the Annual Report to the Welsh Government in respect of the Authority's library services performance against the Welsh Public Library Standards (framework 5), be approved, and the feedback, comments and recommendations in the Annual Assessment Report 2015-16, be noted.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Authority to comply with its statutory duty of providing a library service in Neath Port Talbot.

Implementation of Decision:

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

6. **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES 2016 - 17**

Decision:

That the proposed opening and closure times for libraries, museums, theatres, community centres, Margam Country Park, leisure centres and swimming pools over the Christmas and New Year period 2016 – 17, as detailed within Appendix 1 and 2 to the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure that the Council's facilities are available to the public when there is a demand for them to be open and to enable managers to make appropriate arrangements with front line staff over their annual leave.

Implementation of Decision:

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

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

That the Forward Work programme 2016/17, be noted.

8. **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 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

9. **CELTIC LEISURE - HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2016 - 17**

Decision:

That the performance of Celtic Leisure during the first half year 2016, in comparison to the submitted ten year business plan, as detailed in the private circulated report, be noted.

10. **PRESENTATION FROM CELTIC LEISURE**

Decision:

That the private presentation from Celtic Leisure, be noted.

11. **PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND AND RIGHTS ADJOINING THE SITE OF YSGOL GYFUN YSTALYFERA, YSTALYFERA**

Decision:

That the terms and conditions for the acquisition of land adjoining the playing fields at Ffordd Glandwr, Ystalfera and the option to acquire additional land/rights, as detailed in the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To enable a surfaced play area/outdoor teaching space and an option for a safe route path to be acquired and construct for Ysgol Gyfun Ystalfera.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to consultation with the Local Ward Member.

12. **PROPOSED LEASE OF BOWLS PAVILION AT KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK, PONTARDAWE**

Decision:

That subject to the consent of the Fields in Trust Cymru, a lease be granted for the Bowls Pavilion to the Trustees of Pontardawe Bowls Club, on the standard terms as set out in Appendix 1 to the private, circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To allow the Bowls Pavilion to continue to be used in conjunction with the adjoining Bowls Green for the benefit of the community.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

13. **TURBINE HOUSE AND HYDROELECTRIC POWER SCHEME**

Decision:

That the restoration of the Turbine House and the installation of a Hydropower scheme at Margam Country Park, Margam, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To reinstate a 100 year old Hydroelectric System and associated Turbine House, generating onsite renewable electricity, reducing the dependency

of imported electricity achieving consequential electrical cost savings, and in addition, the Country Park will improve its carbon performance significantly and become an exemplar for environmental education in respect of hydroelectric power.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRPERSON