



## **C O U N C I L   S U M M O N S**

*To all Members of Council*

*You are hereby summoned to attend a*

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

*to be held at 2.30 pm on*

**WEDNESDAY 29 November 2017**

*in the*

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - PORT TALBOT**

*Prayers will be said by the Mayor's Chaplain prior to the commencement of the meeting.*

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### **PART A**

1. *Mayor's Announcements.*
2. *To receive any declarations of interest from Members.*
3. *Presentation by the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner*
4. *To receive and, if thought fit, confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting of Council:*

Civic Year 2017/18

28 September 2017 (Special),  
28 September 2017 and  
18 October 2017

## **PART B**

5. *Report of the Head of Financial Services re Capital Programme Monitoring (Pages 21 - 26)*
6. *Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services re Outside Body Representation (Pages 27 - 30)*

## **PART C**

7. *To receive the following-and any questions raised by Members, or any matters to be raised by Cabinet Members:- (Pages 31 - 92)*

Record of Executive Decisions of the Cabinet and Cabinet Boards.

## **PART D**

8. *To receive any questions from Members, with Notice, under Rule 9.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules.*
9. *Notice of Motion under Section 10 of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) of the Council's Constitution, proposed by Councillor C.Clement Willaims and seconded by Councillor P.D.Richards as follows:-*

### **Notice of Motion**

#### **Robin Hood Tax**

*This Council notes the suffering forced upon local residents as a result of this government's cuts programme and asserts that there is an alternative to its ideologically driven attack on public services – namely the levy of a Financial Transactions Tax on the speculative activities that have accelerated the recent enrichment of the few to the detriment of the many. The Council therefore calls upon Government to enact the FTT and use the revenues from this measure to reverse ongoing shrinkage in the block grant to Wales, so that the Welsh Government can pass on fair funding for our Council.*

10. *Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Mayor pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.*

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Chief Executive

**Civic Centre  
Port Talbot**

**Thursday, 23 November 2017**

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## COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

**Members Present:**

**28 September, 2017**

**The Deputy Mayor:**        **Councillor D.Keogh**

**Councillors:**            A.R.Aubrey, S.Bamsey, D.Cawsey, H.C.Clarke,  
S.ApDafydd, O.S.Davies, R.Davies, C.Edwards,  
J.Evans, S.E.Freeguard, C.Galsworthy,  
W.F.Griffiths, S.Harris, M.Harvey, N.T.Hunt,  
S.K.Hunt, C.James, H.N.James, C.J.Jones,  
D.Jones, L.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.Jones,  
S.A.Knoyle, E.V.Latham, A.Llewelyn,  
A.R.Lockyer, R.Mizen, J.D.Morgan, S.Paddison,  
S.M.Penry, D.M.Peters, M.Protheroe, S.Pursey,  
S.Rahaman, S.Renkes, S.H.Reynolds,  
A.J.Richards, P.D.Richards, A.J.Taylor,  
R.L.Taylor, A.L.Thomas, R.Thomas, J.Warman,  
D.Whitelock, C.Williams, A.Wingrave,  
R.W.Wood and A.N.Woolcock

**Officers in Attendance:**        S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, G.Nutt, A.Evans,  
D.Michael, K.Jones, R.George and A.Manchipp,

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1.    **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**     That the Chairperson be Councillor Sheila Penry.

2.    **ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CIVIC YEAR 2017/18**

On the motion of Councillor Councillor S.Paddison seconded by Councillor E.V.Latham, it was:-

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Dennis Keogh be elected Mayor for the remainder of the Civic Year 2017/18 pursuant to Section 23(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Dennis Keogh then subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance administered by the Chief Executive and made the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chief Executive was pleased to announce that the Mayoress would be Mrs Christine Keogh and the Mayor's Chaplain would be Canon Illtyd Protheroe from Carmarthen.

The Chairperson then adjourned the meeting in order for the Mayor to take his seat as Chairperson of Council.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CIVIC YEAR 2017/18**

On the motion of Councillor Ralph Thomas seconded by Councillor Arwyn Woolcock, it was:-

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Scott Jones be appointed the Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the Civic Year 2017/2018 pursuant to Section 24(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillor Scott Jones then made the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chief Executive was pleased to announce that the Deputy Mayoress for the remainder of the Civic Year would be Mrs Jemma Jones.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR AND THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE CIVIC YEARS 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 AND 2021/22**

Council received the report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services on proposals for the Appointment of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor for the Civic Years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

**RESOLVED:** That the proposals contained in the circulated report on the Appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the ensuing years from 2018/19 to 2021/22, be approved.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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## COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

**Members Present:**

**28 September 2017**

**The Mayor:** Councillor D.Keogh

**The Deputy Mayor:** Councillor S.Jones

**Councillors:** A.R.Aubrey, S.Bamsey, D.Cawsey,  
H.C.Clarke, S.ApDafydd, O.S.Davies,  
R.Davies, C.Edwards, J.Evans,  
S.E.Freeguard, C.Galsworthy, W.F.Griffiths,  
S.Harris, M.Harvey, N.T.Hunt, S.K.Hunt,  
C.James, H.N.James, C.J.Jones, D.Jones,  
L.Jones, R.G.Jones, S.A.Knoyle, E.V.Latham,  
A.Llewelyn, A.R.Lockyer, A.McGrath, R.Mizen,  
J.D.Morgan, S.Paddison, S.M.Penry,  
D.M.Peters, M.Protheroe, S.Pursey,  
S.Rahaman, S.Renkes, S.H.Reynolds,  
A.J.Richards, P.D.Richards, A.J.Taylor,  
R.L.Taylor, A.L.Thomas, R.Thomas,  
J.Warman, D.Whitelock, C.Williams,  
A.Wingrave, R.W.Wood and A.N.Woolcock

**Officers in Attendance:** S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, G.Nutt, A.Evans,  
D.Michael, K.Jones, R.George, C.Matthews  
and A.Manchipp,

**Representatives of the Present  
Translation Service:**

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### 1. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

It was with great pleasure that the Mayor announced that a local company, Call of the Wild, based in Seven Sisters, had won a prestigious award at the Conference and Incentive Travel Awards in London for the best team building experience with Worcester Warriors Premiership Rugby team.

## 2. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting:-

Councillor M.Harvey	re the report of the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing on the Western Bay Youth Justice and Early Intervention Annual Plan 2017-2018 as he is employed by the South Wales Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner is mentioned in the Plan.
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In addition the Chief Executive declared an interest in relation to the Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services on the Electoral Reform in Local Government in Wales as it relates to the fees paid to Returning Officers.

## 3. **RESPONSE TO THE WELSH GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM IN RELATION TO ELECTIONS**

(The Chief Executive, S.Phillips, withdrew from the room during discussion of this item).

Members received the Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services on the draft response to the Welsh Government's proposals on the Electoral Reform in Local Government in Wales.

Members then raised the following points:-

- In relation to Q15 the proposal to agree a term of 5 years for local government election was seen as positive as it would give stability and avoid, as far as possible, a clash of elections in future years. Officers advised that it was not possible to guarantee that this would not happen in the future as snap general elections could be called at any time:
- In relation to Q38 Members felt it important that the Chief Executive should also be the Returning Officer in Local Authorities, although Members noted that the Chief Executive did not have strong views either way:

- Clarity was sought in relation to Q33 and Q36, wherein Members noted that there would be a conflict of interest for Officers standing in the political arena while still employed by the Local Authority as Officers, whether elected or not, as they would have expressed their political views during their election campaign:
- Members also noted that in addition to the proposed response, individual Members or Political Group could respond separately:
- It was noted that following the consultation period, Welsh Government would provide feedback in the form of either a report or White Paper. Welsh Government did not have the power to implement the proposals until after April:
- In relation to Q41-43 Members asked whether the proposed responses were incompatible with the Court of Human Rights and were advised that this was probably the case. There had been considerable discussion on this however the UK Government's view was to maintain the current position.

**RESOLVED:** that the Draft response to the Welsh Government consultation on Electoral Reform in Local Government in Wales, as contained in Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved.

#### 4. **WELLBEING OBJECTIVES AND THE CORPORATE PLAN**

The Leader of Council introduced the report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services on the final version of the Corporate Plan for 2017-2022. Members noted that the Plan had been prepared in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Plan outlines the programme of work for the Authority over the next 5 years.

Members then received a presentation on the Web based version of the Plan. The Plan itself was appended to the circulated report.

Council noted that the report had been considered and commended to Council, with amendments, by the Policy and Resources/Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet held on 27 September 2017. Members then thanked the Officers and respondents to the consultation, in the production of the Plan.

Members felt it important to involve local organisations and Community Councils in rolling out the Plan and to evidence the resultant improvements.

In relation to the Authority's other Plans it was necessary to ensure continuity around such things as land development and the provision of workshops etc. This was particularly the case in respect of the Local Development Plan (LDP), which was due for review in 2018. Members were asked to consider the LDP in light of the Corporate Plan, in particular identifying "candidate sites".

The work of the Valleys' Task and Finish Group would also have an impact. In relation to the references to the use of the Welsh Language, Members supported the aim of fulfilling the standards and to the increase in the number of Welsh speakers by 2050.

Members supported the document before them today and expressed their view that improving transport was key to improving jobs and employment.

The Leader of Council then summed up and asked Members to take today's Plan into account during the review of the LDP during 2018. In addition he referred to the work of the Valley's Task and Finish Group and asked Members to approach the review on a strategic level. He said that the Welsh Government was exploring the possibility of Local Authorities establishing their own bus companies to help address the issues of transport.

**RESOLVED:** That having given due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment attached to the circulated report:

1. The Plan set out at Appendix 1 and the supporting document set out at Appendix 2, be approved, subject to the amendments made at Cabinet held on 27 September 2017;
2. That the Leader of Council be given delegated authority to agree any changes to the Plan together with any other minor amendments that might be necessary prior to its publication.

5. **CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Council received the report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services in relation to changes to Committee Memberships together with the addendum report.

- RESOLVED:**
1. that the appointment of a Parent Governor Co Opted Member of the Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee be confirmed as Adam Amor, with a four year term:
  2. that Cllr Leanne Jones be replaced by Cllr Suzanne Paddison on the Policy and Resources/Cabinet Scrutiny Committee:
  3. that Cllr Dennis Keogh be replaced by Cllr Oliver Davies and Cllr Scott Jones be replaced by Cllr Robert Wood on the Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee:
  4. that Cllr Dennis Keogh be replaced by Cllr Oliver Davies on the Community Safety and Public Protection Scrutiny Sub Committee:
  5. that Cllr Scott Jones be replaced by Cllr Steffan ap Dafydd on Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee and to appoint Cllr Ralph Thomas as Vice-Chair:
  6. that Cllr Dennis Keogh be replaced by Cllr Charlotte Galsworthy on the Planning Committee:
  7. that Cllr Dennis Keogh be replaced by Cllr Mike Harvey as Vice Chair of the Appeals Committee:
  8. that Cllr Dennis Keogh be replaced by Cllr Sharon Freeguard (Cllr Freeguard to be replaced as substitute by Cllr Robert Wood) on the Standards Committee:
  9. that Cllr Dennis Keogh be replaced by Cllr Robert Wood on the Industrial Communities Alliance:
  10. that Cllr Scott Jones be replaced by Cllr Angharad Aubrey on Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Community Health Council.

6. **WESTERN BAY YOUTH JUSTICE AND EARLY INTERVENTION ANNUAL PLAN 2017/2018**

Prior to consideration of the Report, the Leader of Council advised Members that the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing, Nick Jarman, would shortly be leaving the Authority. He wished to place on record his thanks for the work he had done in improving Childrens' Services resulting in their removal from "Special Measures", and in also modernising the services and realising substantial savings.

The Chief Executive, together with other Members of Council, also thanked Mr Jarman. Mr Jarman then responded.

Council then considered the report of the Director in relation to the Western Bay Youth Justice and Early Intervention Annual Plan 2017/2018.

**RESOLVED:** That the Western Bay Youth Justice and Early Intervention Annual Plan 2017/2018, as contained in the Appendix to the circulated report, be approved.

7. **URGENT ITEM**

With the permission of the Mayor the following item was raised as an urgent item.

Reason for Urgency:

Due to the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing leaving the Authority.

8. **STATUTORY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

The Chief Executive advised Members that he would be submitting a report to the next meeting of Council on 18 October 2017, proposing that Aled Evans, the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning, be designated the interim Director of Social Services in line with the relevant legislation until such time as the vacant post is filled.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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**The Deputy Mayor:** Councillor S.Jones

**Councillors:** A.R.Aubrey, S.Bamsey, D.Cawsey, H.C.Clarke, C.Clement-Williams, M.Crowley, S.ap.Dafydd, D.W.Davies, N.J.E.Davies, O.S.Davies, R.Davies, C.Edwards, M.Ellis, J.Evans, S.E.Freeguard, C.Galsworthy, W.F.Griffiths, S.Harris, M.Harvey, N.T.Hunt, S.K.Hunt, C.James, H.N.James, D.Jones, H.Jones, L.Jones, R.G.Jones, E.V.Latham, A.Llewelyn, A.R.Lockyer, A.McGrath, J.Miller, S.Miller, R.Mizen, J.D.Morgan, S.Paddison, S.M.Penry, M.Protheroe, L.M.Purcell, S.Purse, P.A.Rees, S.Renkes, A.J.Richards, P.D.Richards, A.J.Taylor, R.L.Taylor, R.Thomas, J.Warman, D.Whitelock, C.Williams, A.Wingrave, R.W.Wood and A.N.Woolcock

**Officers in Attendance:** S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, G.Nutt, D.Michael, K.Jones, R.George and A.Manchipp

**Representative of the Wales Audit Office:** Present

**Representatives of the Translation Service:** Present

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### 1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of Council, held on 6 September 2017, be confirmed.

2. **S.BARRY WALES AUDIT OFFICE ON THE ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT (AIR) AND INTRODUCTION TO THE WALES AUDIT OFFICE**

Council received a presentation from Mr Steve Barry of the Wales Audit Office (WAO) on the Annual Improvement Report (AIR). In addition Members received a brief outline of the work of the WAO.

Following the presentation Members asked the following:-

- How were the recommendations made in relation to the governance arrangements for service change monitored. Members were advised that, since the compilation of the WAO report, the reporting template had been amended to ensure that all the information needed to support decision making was contained within reports and was consistent across the various Committees and Cabinet Boards. This development build upon the training of reporting Officers had been undertaken throughout the Authority by the Head of Legal Services and the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services. In relation to evaluating the impact of service changes – the revised report template would identify how change could be assessed, for example evidenced by the continued provision of services, the attainment of statutory requirements for such services as recycling and the provision of improved services.
- In relation to the risk register, Members expressed concern that progress had been slow and that the register was not yet fit for the purpose of managing the Authority's risk. Members noted that the WAO report referenced in the AIR was dated October 2016. Progress had been made in addressing the recommendations to ensure there was more consistency in the identification, recording, measurement and ongoing reporting of risks. The Council's insurers Marsh had provided training to reporting Officers and guidance had been introduced to improve consistency. In due course there would be a need to bring forward a revision of the Risk Policy to incorporate some of the revised arrangements into the Council's formal arrangements. All of these changes would be assisted by the introduction of new software. A further report would be submitted to the Policy and Resources Cabinet Board in early 2018.
- In relation to the Performance Management Arrangements for the Social Services, Health and Housing Directorate Members noted the WAO proposal that Adult Services 'learn from' Children's Services.



- Members asked whether the changes to the Committee portfolios which had brought all of the social services functions into one Committee would be seen as an improvement in practice. Mr Barry advised that he was not able to offer a view on the structure of the Council's Committees, however, as far as improving performance management, ultimately it was the behaviour of the staff and not the configuration of Committees that was the most important.

The Leader then summed up and advised Members that this was the last meeting Mr. Barry would attend as he was retiring. On behalf of Council the Leader thanked him for the professional way in which he had dealt with the Authority and wished him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

**RESOLVED:** that the Wales Audit Office Annual Improvement Report 2016/17, as contained in the circulated report, be noted.

### 3. **ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17**

Council received the report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services which presented the Annual Report 2016-2017 (Corporate Improvement Plan – 'Rising to the Challenge'). Members noted that the report reported on the priorities of the last administration. All of the issues that required attention within this administration had been included in this year's Corporate Improvement Plan.

**RESOLVED:** that the Annual Report for 2016/17, as contained in the circulated report, be adopted.

### 4. **STATUTORY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES: INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS**

**RESOLVED:** that the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning (Mr Aled Evans) be appointed to the post of Statutory Director of Social Services on an interim basis to take effect immediately and retrospectively to 9 October 2017.

5. **DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES HEALTH AND HOUSING ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017**

Council received the Annual Report of the Director of Social Services Health and Housing for 2016/17.

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

- In relation to the introduction of Direct Payments, was this now in place and achieving the predicted savings. Members were advised that there had been a lot of work to put the scheme in place, and that it was too early to determine the savings. This would be kept under review, however it was important to recognise that the scheme would allow service users the freedom to choose the best care package to meet their own particular needs, and that should that be in house provision, that this would also be provided.
- Members questioned the ability of the Authority to deliver services through the medium of Welsh? Officers confirmed that work was ongoing in relation to this issue and that it may be necessary to work in collaboration with neighbouring Authorities. Members were keen to ensure that services provided at the single point of contact could be delivered through both Welsh and English.

**RESOLVED:** that the above report be noted.

6. **PROVISIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT 2018-2019**

Members received the Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in relation to the Provisional Local Government Settlement for 2018/19, which had been announced by Welsh Government on 10 October 2017. The Provisional Settlement would be put out for consultation following the meeting of Cabinet on 8 November, 2017.

Members commented that health had again been protected which had resulted in significant pressures on Local Government.

The Chancellor would make his Autumn Statement on 22 November but it was anticipated that this would not have an impact on 2018/19.

Members questioned the detail of the funding formula and were advised that there were 52 specific elements considered in the

distribution of £5.5bn across Wales. Two indicators had been detrimental to the Authority's share ie the number of pupils where the rest of Wales had increased at a faster rate than Neath Port Talbot and that the Authority had less growth in the number of residents 85 years old and over.

Members, Officers and Trade Unions were thanked for the lobbying work which had been undertaken, which in turn had had a positive impact on the settlement.

**RESOLVED:** that the above report be noted.

## 7. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Council received a verbal amendment to the circulated report to the effect that Councillor R.Wood was the proposed replacement for Councillor S.Jones on the Community Safety and Public Protection Scrutiny Sub Committee.

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor S.Jones be replaced by Councillor R.Wood on the Community Safety and Public Protection Scrutiny Sub Committee.

## 8. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS OF CABINET AND CABINET BOARDS 2016/17

**RESOLVED:** that the undermentioned Minutes be noted:-

Policy and Resources	20 September, 2017
Education, Skills and Leisure	14 September, 2017
Education, Skills and Leisure	14 September, 2017
Regeneration and Sustainable Development	21 July, 2017
Regeneration and Sustainable Development	22 September, 2017
Streetscene and Engineering	14 July, 2017

Streetscene and Engineering	8 September,2017
Social Care, Health and Wellbeing	3 July, 2017
Social Care, Health and Wellbeing	13 July, 2017
Social Care, Health and Wellbeing	7 September, 2017

**CHAIRPERSON**

## NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### CABINET

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

#### SECTION A – MATTERS FOR DECISION

#### WARDS AFFECTED – ALL

#### CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18

##### **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide Members with information in relation to delivery of the 2017/18 Capital Programme.

##### **Background**

2. On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 Council approved its Capital Programme for 2017/18; the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £59.273m for the financial year. An updated Programme totalling £64.708m was approved by Council on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and to seek approval for an updated budget position.

##### **Targeted Achievements**

3. As Members are aware the following achievements are being targeted during this financial year:
  - Construction of a new 3-16 School in Margam to replace the Lower and Upper sites of Dyffryn Comprehensive as well as Groes Primary School (Ysgol Newydd Margam) with a budget of £31m.
  - Continuation of the construction and re-modelling works at the Welsh Medium 3-18 North Campus site in Ystalyfera (Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera). Also, commencement of the new Welsh Medium 11-16 South Campus (Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Dur) on the site of the former Sandfields Comprehensive School.

- Members should also note that Ysgol Bae Baglan has won Welsh Project of the Year at the Construction Excellence awards and will be going forward to the UK Awards in November. It has also won Local Authority Building Control Awards for Wales and the prestigious Gold Medal for Architecture at the National Eisteddfod of Wales 2017.
- Construction of a £7.6m new primary school in Briton Ferry, 'Ysgol Newydd Briton Ferry', on the site of the former Cwrt Sart Comprehensive School. The project will see three primary schools (Brynhyfryd, Llansawel and Ynysmaerdy) with significant surplus capacity and backlog maintenance issues close and be replaced by a new 21st Century school.
- Town Centre Regeneration including the commencement of the next phase of the redevelopment of Neath Town Centre.
- Completion of the Integrated Transport Hub in Port Talbot. The Hub will improve access to employment on strategic sites and integrate public transport connecting bus and rail services and will improve public transport's viability as a realistic alternative for commuting.
- Further investment of £3m into Disabled Facility Grants to assist people to live at home and investment of c£3m in Schools Capital Maintenance and Highways and Engineering Maintenance improvements.

### **Changes to the approved Budget**

4. The updated Capital Programme now totals £76.366m with the main additions being:
  - A budget increase of £10m which represents the capital contribution required as a result of the recently re-negotiated residential care contract with Pobl Group/Gwalia. Full details regarding this arrangement can be found in the report to the Social Care, Health and Housing Cabinet Board on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
  - A grant award of £617k from the Welsh Government's Local Transport Network Fund (LTNF) which will enable the continuation of bus corridor improvements.

- Re-profiled expenditure in relation to the Vehicle Renewals fund programme resulting in an increase in expenditure of £817k this financial year.
- The Council has recently been successful with a funding application to the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) to progress with the development of the Harbourside area of Port Talbot. The total project cost is £5.3m of which £3.5m will be funded through European Grant with the match funding coming from existing resources earmarked within the regeneration programme. In relation to this financial year a budget of £199k has been included within the programme.

### 2017/18 Capital Expenditure

5. Details of Capital Expenditure as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 are outlined in the table below:

**Table 1 – Capital Budget and Spend 2017/18**

	<b>Current Budget £'000</b>	<b>Proposed Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017</b>
Ysgol Bae Baglan *	869	0	-531
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Welsh Medium North Campus)	3,472	4,025	1,063
Ysgol Newydd Briton Ferry	4,951	5,385	695
Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Dur (Welsh Medium South Campus)	10,125	12,439	3,177
Ysgol Newydd Margam	19,488	18,549	4,393
Schools Capital Maintenance	1,083	1,083	806
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,035	2,153	991
Integrated Transport Hub	2,539	2,539	887
Bridge Strengthening – Alltwen Hill	779	864	297
Retaining Edge Work – Afan Valley	299	409	102
Health and Safety	1,080	1,080	564
Street Lighting	1,482	1,482	681
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,596	2,413	682
Regeneration	3,380	2,952	145
Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	2,000	500	6
PDR 2 – Land Compensation	500	500	11
Bus Corridor Improvements		617	0
Bus Routes and Cycle Ways (LTF)	837	847	50
Road Safety Improvements	582	582	174

<b>Table 1 - Continued</b>	<b>Current Budget £'000</b>	<b>Proposed Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017</b>
Safe Routes in Communities	250	250	5
Harbourside Development		199	19
Disabled Facilities Grants	3,063	3,063	1,444
Housing Energy Efficiency Works	477	477	
Residential Care Contract Contribution		10,000	10,000
Contingency	601	401	
Remaining Capital Programme	3,220	3,557	1,963
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,708</b>	<b>76,366</b>	<b>27,624</b>

\* The negative actual relates to contract retention accounted for in 2016/17 but not yet paid.

### **Risk Management**

- The capital programme is actively managed by managers and the Capital Programme Steering Group to comply with all relevant planning conditions, legislation, regulations and health and safety.

### **Consultation**

- There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

### **Recommendations**

- Cabinet commends to Council:
  - The approval of the proposed 2017/18 budget totalling £76.366m
  - And note the position in relation to expenditure as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### **Reason for proposed decisions**

- To update the capital programme for 2017/18 and inform Members of the current year spend to date.



## **Implementation of Decision**

11. The decisions are proposed for implementation after consultation with the Scrutiny Committee and approval by Council.

## **List of Background Papers**

12. Capital Programme working files

## **Officer Contact**

13. For further information on this report item, please contact:

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## NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Council

29 November, 2017

### **Report of the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services - K.Jones**

#### **Matters for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** All

#### **Changes to Outside Body Representation**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To make amendments to Outside Body representation

#### **Executive Summary and Background**

I have been advised that the West Wales Valuation Tribunal will no longer require representation from the Authority with effect from 1 December 2017. In addition the Appointments Panel to the West Wales Valuation Tribunal will also be disbanded.

The following appointments are also proposed:-

The vacancy on SACRE to be filled by Councillor R.Davies

The vacancy on the Schools Admissions Forum to be filled by  
Councillor N.Hunt

Replace Cllr S.Jones with Cllr R.Thomas in his capacity as Vice Chair of Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee on Corporate Parenting Panel.

### **Financial Impact**

2. There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

3. There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

### **Workforce Impacts**

4. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

### **Legal Powers**

5. Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/contents>

### **Risk Management**

6. There are no significant risk management issues associated with this report.

### **Consultation**

7. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

### **Recommendation**

8. That Council approves the following amendments to the Outside Body representations:
9. Remove the Local Authority representation on the Valuation Tribunal for Wales, from 1 December, 2017;
10. Remove the West Wales Valuation Tribunal Appointments Panel from the list of Outside Bodies, from 1 December, 2017.

11. Appoint Councillor R.Davies to SACRE
12. Appoint Councillor N.Hunt to the Schools Admissions Forum
13. Replace Cllr S.Jones with Cllr R.Thomas in his capacity as Vice Chair of Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee on Corporate Parenting Panel

### **List of Background Papers**

14. The Constitution - Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

<https://www.npt.gov.uk/pdf/constitution.pdf>

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**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD****CABINET****27 SEPTEMBER 2017****Cabinet Members:**

Councillors: R.G.Jones, A.J.Taylor, C.Clement-Williams, D.W.Davies, D.Jones, A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees and A.Wingrave

**Officers in Attendance:**

S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, G.Nutt, Mrs.K.Jones, C.Furrow and A.Manlipp

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**1. CHANGES TO OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATION****Decision:**

That Councillor O.Davies replace Councillor S.Freeguard on the TATA Joint Consultative Group.

**Reason For Decision:**

To update the Council's membership arrangements.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is for immediate implementation. The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has agreed to this course of action, there would therefore be no call in of this decision.

## 2. **WELLBEING OBJECTIVES AND THE CORPORATE PLAN**

### **Decision:**

That having regard to the Equality Impact Assessment appended to the circulated report:

- The Plan set out at Appendix 1 to the circulated report together with the supporting document set out at Appendix 2, be approved;
- That the Plan be commended to Council on 28 September 2017, for adoption;
- That delegated authority be granted to the Leader of Council to agree any changes to the Plan as a result of any comments received at Council on 28 September, together with any other minor changes that might be necessary prior to the publication of the Plan.

### **Reason for Decision:**

To ensure the results of the public consultation exercise are fully considered and reflected in the final Corporate Plan and to meet legal duties set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 as they relate to council corporate planning activities.

### **Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is for immediate implementation. The Chair has agreed to this course of action. There would therefore be no call in of this decision.

### **Consultation:**

A period of public consultation was undertaken between 6 July and 8 September, 2017 based on the consultation plan agreed by the Cabinet in July 2017. The feedback received is summarised in a consultation report included at Appendix 3.



### 3. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASES**

#### **Decision:**

That, in line with the request of the Scrutiny Committee, the report be deferred for further consultation

#### **Reason for Decision:**

#### **To implement Hackney Carriage fare increases**

#### **Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period. The new maximum hackney carriage fare will become effective following the completion of the statutory consultation requirements.

#### **Consultation:**

A consultation exercise has taken place with the hackney carriage proprietors. However where a decision is taken by members to increase the maximum fare, the proposed increase must be advertised on one occasion in a local newspaper for a period of at least 14 days; any objections must then be considered before the increase can become effective.

### 4. **RESPONSE TO THE WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION 'OUR VALLEYS, OUR FUTURE' CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

Cabinet reflected on the content of the advice documented by the Task and Finish Group and welcomed the detailed consideration that had been given to the Welsh Government proposals. Cabinet also noted the points made in Scrutiny Committee. Amendments were suggested by individual Cabinet Members re the importance of securing investment for a strategic hub; the need for Councils to be compensated if a free car parking policy was to be implemented; and that priority be given to establishing a fit for purpose transport infrastructure.

**Decision:**

That the Task Force advice form the substantive basis of the Council's response to Welsh Government, but incorporating the key points made by the Scrutiny Committee and the amendments put forward during the Cabinet meeting.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is for immediate implementation. The Chair has agreed to this course of action. There will therefore be no call in of this decision.

**Reason for Decision:**

In order for this Authority's views in relation to the Welsh Government consultation document to be taken into account and also to meet the deadline.

**CHAIRPERSON**

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

**CABINET**

**4 OCTOBER 2017**

**Cabinet Members:**

Councillors: R.G.Jones, A.J.Taylor, D.W.Davies, E.V.Latham,  
A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees and A.Wingrave

**Officers in Attendance:**

H.Jenkins, A.Evans, G.Nutt, A.Thomas, R.Gordon, I.Davies, A.Manlipp and  
Miss.C.Davies

**Invited Members:** Councillors A.Llewelyn and S.Paddison

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1. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting in relation to the Strategic School Improvement Programme: Proposed Projects for the Council's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Capital Funding Programme - Band B (2019-2024) :-

Councillor R.G.Jones	As his daughter works in the education system, but has no interest in the proposals on the agenda
Councillor A.J.Taylor	As he has children of school age who are not in the schools mentioned in the report
Councillor P.A.Rees	As he is a Govenor at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School and confirmed his dispensation to both speak and vote thereon

Councillor A.R.Lockyer

As he is a Governor at Gnoll Primary School and Castell Nedd Primary School and confirmed his dispensation to both speak and vote thereon

## 2. **THE CITY DEAL**

### **Decisions:**

1. That the Council's position be that the Joint Working Agreement (JWA) must be finalised (including a resolution of the issues identified in Section B of the circulated report) before this Authority considers consenting to the establishment of a formal Joint Committee;
2. That a further report be submitted to Cabinet should a revised JWA be produced for decision;
3. That Cabinet Members and Officers be authorised to continue to engage in informal discussions with a view to a decision on participation in the City Deal being taken by the end of the current financial year (in the context of the Council's 2018/19 Budget Round); and
4. That both the Policy and Resources/Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and the Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee be included in any further discussion.

### **Reason For Decisions:**

To invite Members to provide direction on the conduct of further discussions on the City Deal.

### **Implementation of the Decisions:**

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

3. **STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAMME BAND B (2019-2024)**

**Decision:**

That having given due regard to the impact assessments in relation to equality, risk, and Welsh language

1. The Band B programme of projects, as contained in the circulated report, and as submitted to the Welsh Government for grant funding consideration, be approved; and
2. Officers be authorised to explore with Welsh Government Officials the grant funding opportunities available within the Band B programme and secure the most beneficial option for the Council.

**Reasons For Decision:**

1. This decision is necessary to access Welsh Government 21<sup>st</sup> Century School and Education Band B Programme grant funding for capital projects.
2. Subject to the outcome of the grant funding application, implementation of the programme of projects will enable the Council to promote high educational standards and the fulfilment of every child's potential. It will also enable the Council to meet its duty to secure efficient education in its area.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This report seeks Member approval for a submission to the Welsh Government for funding under its 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools and Education capital grant funding programme, Band B. As the programme is developed, each project within this Council's Band B programme of projects will be subject to consultation with the respective school communities. Where a project involves the closure of a school formal consultation will be undertaken in line with legislative requirements.

**CHAIRPERSON**



**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

**CABINET**

**8 NOVEMBER 2017**

**Cabinet Members:**

Councillors: R.G.Jones, A.J.Taylor, C.Clement-Williams, D.Jones,  
E.V.Latham, A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards and  
A.Wingrave

**Officers in Attendance:**

S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, G.Nutt and A.Manchip

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1. **DRAFT BUDGET**

**Decision:**

That the draft savings and additional income proposals, as set out at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved for consultation purposes and the Chief Executive be authorised to carry out the said consultation.

**Reason for Decision:**

To commence the budget savings consultation for 2018/19.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is for immediate implementation, the Chairperson of the relevant Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action. There would therefore be no call in of this decision.

**Consultation:**

The formal consultation with the public and all stakeholders on the draft budget proposals for savings/income generation, will commence immediately until 15 January 2018. A final decision will then be made in February 2018.

2. **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING**

**Decisions:**

1. That the budget monitoring information be noted and management arrangements put in place to minimise overspends and the adverse impact on reserves:
2. That the additional grants received, be noted;
3. That the proposed reserve movements and budget virements, be approved and commended to Council as appropriate.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To update the Council's budget for additional grants received, budget virements and reserve movements in line with the Council's Constitution.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

The decisions will be implemented after consideration and approval by Council.

3. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING**

**Decisions:**

1. That the proposed 2017/18 capital programme budget, totalling £76.366m, be commended to Council for approval;
2. That the position in relation to expenditure as at 30 September 2017, be noted.



**Reason for Decisions:**

To update the capital programme for 2017/18 and inform Members of the current year spend to date.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

The decisions will be implemented after consultation with the Scrutiny Committee and approval by Council.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**  
**POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD**  
**20 SEPTEMBER, 2017**

**Cabinet Members:**

Councillors: A.J.Taylor and D.Jones

**Officers in Attendance:**

K.Jones, D.Rees and N.Headon

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agree that Councillor A.J.Taylor be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillor D Jones

Re Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services on Proposed Extension of the term of Lease of Recreation Land and Playing Field situated between Bryn Catwg and Cwmbach Road, Cadoxton, Neath as she is a Member of Blaenhonddan Community Council.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON 25 JULY, 2017**

Noted by Committee.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2017**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

5. **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MANAGED SERVICE FOR THE PROVISION OF AGENCY WORKERS**

**Decision:**

That approval be granted to utilise the direct award provision in the National Procurement Service (NPS) Framework to enter into contract with Comensura Ltd, to re-appoint Comensura as the Managed Service Provider for the supply of Agency Staff for the period 1 January to 7 October 2018, with the option to extend the arrangements for up to a further 12 months.

**Reason for Decision:**

To ensure continuity of service of a Vendor Managed Service for the provision of agency workers.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

6. **PROPOSALS FOR A WELSH LANGUAGE BILL - WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION**

**Decision:**

That the views of the Scrutiny Committee form the basis of the Authority's response to the Welsh Government's consultation on the Welsh Language Bill.

**Reason for Decision:**

To ensure the Council's views on the proposals for a Welsh Language Bill are conveyed to the Welsh Government.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

7. **COMMENTS, COMPLIMENTS AND COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

8. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT DATA 2017/2018 -  
QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE (1 APRIL 2017 - 30 JUNE 2017)**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

9. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS**

**Decisions:**

1. That approval be granted for Ystalyfera Community Council to receive grant assistance in the sum of £300 pa towards the annual rent of £434.50 for lease of Godre'r Graig Park;
2. That approval be granted for the Friends of Margam Park to receive grant assistance in the sum of £875 towards annual rent of £1,000 for lease arrangements of the Castle Rooms Margam Park, to be reviewed in line with the rent period.

**Reason for Decisions:**

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

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

10. **INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS 2017/18**

**Decision:**

That approval be granted for the Council's Insurance Renewal Arrangements, as contained in the circulated report, be in place before 1 October 2017.

**Reason for Decision:**

To provide a decision in relation to the Council's Insurance arrangements, which need to be in place before the 1st October 2017.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

11. **EDUCATION TRUST FUND SIGNATORIES**

**Decision:**

That approval be given for Hywel Jenkins (Director of Finance and Corporate Services), David Rees (Head of Financial Services) and Sue Gorman (Chief Accountant) to be authorised signatories for the investment funds relating to the following Charities:-

- Cwmtawe Prize (Margaret Williams)
- DW Davies Ystalyfera Testimonial Scholarship for School
- Penlan Fach Scholarship
- DW Davies Ty Coch Scholarship
- Ystalyfera - Building Surplus Scholarship Fund

**Reason for Decision:**

To formally confirm authorised officers to administer and be signatories to the above funds.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

12. **ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2016/17**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

13. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2014/18**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

14. **HOUSING LOAN SCHEMES**

**Decision:**

That the changes in the delivery of the Housing Loan Scheme, as set out by the Welsh Assembly Government, be approved.

**Reason for Decision:**

The proposed decision will enable the Authority to maximise the funding opportunity presented by the Loan schemes to bring empty properties back into use as residential accommodation and to improve the quality of private sector housing throughout the borough.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

15. **HAROLD AND JOYCE CHARLES TRUST FUND**

**Decision:**

That approval be granted for the Director of Finance and Director of Education to administer the Harold and Joyce Trust Fund, in accordance with the objects and rules outlined in the Trust Deed and make available grant application for September 2018.

**Reason for Decision:**

To administer the fund in accordance with the Trust Deed.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

16. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

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 the undermentioned Paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

17. **WRITE OFF BUSINESS RATES**

(Exempt under Paragraph 14)

**Decision:**

That the write off amounts contained within 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.

18. **PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF LEASE OF RECREATION LAND AND PLAYING FIELD**

(Exempt under Paragraph 14)

**Decision:**

That the item be deferred to a future meeting.



19. **HARDSHIP RELIEF**

(Exempt under Paragraph 12 &14)

**Decisions:**

That the Business Rates, Hardship Relief application from JTEKT Automotive UK Limited, Neath, for the full year 2017-2018, be granted.

**Reasons for Decisions:**

For the reasons contained in the private circulated report.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

**CHAIRPERSON**

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**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**  
**POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD**  
**1 NOVEMBER, 2017**

**Cabinet Members:**

Councillors: R.G.Jones, D.Jones and C.Clement-Williams

**Officers in Attendance:**

Mrs.K.Jones, D.Rees and N.Headon

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor R.Jones be appointed as Chairperson.

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

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillor D Jones

Re Report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services on the Urgency Action in relation to the Proposed Extension of the term of Lease of Recreation Land and Playing Field situated between Bryn Catwg and Cwmbach Road, Cadoxton, Neath as she is a Member of Blaenhonddan Community Council.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER, 2017**

Noted by Committee.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2017**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

5. **SUPPLY OF FRESH PASTEURISED LIQUID MILK**

**Decisions:**

1. That the requirements of competition be excluded and Rule 2.1 of the Corporate Procurement Rules be suspended;
2. That approval be granted to make a direct award to the suppliers Welsh Purchasing Consortium, for the continuation of the supply of Fresh Pasteurised Liquid Milk, for the maximum period of 6 months from 16 November 2017, to allow the Council to run a further competition exercise which will be undertaken at the same time that the direct award was in place, the duration of contract to be determined by the Head of ICT and Corporate Procurement.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To ensure continuity of service from the approved Supplier pending the Council's intended further competition exercise under the NPS Framework and the implementation of a new framework agreement resulting therefrom.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

6. **STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN - ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017**

The Cabinet Board supported the views of the Scrutiny Committee which were contained in the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Minutes of 1 November 2017.

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

7. **HALF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN FOR 2017/18 - PERIOD 1 APRIL 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

8. **WELSH CHURCH ACT TRUST FUND**

**Decision:**

That the application for grant assistance under the Welsh Church Act Trust Fund for purchasing a Gazebo for Air Cadet Activities, Tawe Terrace, Pontardawe, Swansea be approved in the sum of £50, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the circulated report.

**Reason for Decision:**

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

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

9. **COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME APPLICATION - COEDFFRANC COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Decision:**

That approval be given to provide a maximum grant of £8,000 to Coedffranc Community Council under the Community Councils' Minor Projects Scheme.

**Reason for Decision:**

The decision is in compliance with the approved policy and to enable community improvements.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

10. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) SUBSCRIPTION**

Members noted that this would be put onto the Scrutiny Forward Work Programme to be reviewed biannually.

**Decision:**

That approval be granted to re-join the Local Government Association (LGA) from the 2017/18 financial year at a cost of £10,250.09 per annum, and pay the annual subscription via the Welsh Local Government Association.

**Reason for Decision:**

To decide on whether to pay the annual subscription to rejoin the LGA from the 2017/2018 financial year.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

11. **CORPORATE CHARGING POLICY**

**Decision:**

That the Council's proposed Corporate Charging Policy be approved and adopted as a formal Policy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the circulated report.

**Reason for Decision:**

For the Council to adopt a formal Corporate Charging Policy.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

12. **SHARED COST ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME**

**Decision:**

That approval be granted for the Council to commission its tax advisor to support the development and implementation of a Shared Cost Salary Sacrifice Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme, on a fixed cost basis of £6,750, to be funded from the existing budget position.

**Reason for Decision:**

To introduce a shared cost salary sacrifice additional voluntary contribution scheme to reduce the Councils costs and provide a benefit to employees who are members of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

13. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2017-2018**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

14. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

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 the undermentioned Paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

15. **COUNCIL TAX WRITE OFFS**

(Exempt under Paragraph 14)

**Decision:**

That the write off of Council Tax amounts as contained within 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 BENEFIT WRITE OFFS**

(Exempt under Paragraph 12 and 14)

**Decision:**

That the write off of Housing Benefit amounts as contained within 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.

17. **SUNDRY DEBT WRITE OFFS**

(Exempt under Paragraph 14)



**Decision:**

That the write off of Sundry Debt amounts as contained within the private circulated report, be approved.

**Reason for Decision:**

The amounts due are irrecoverable.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

18. **URGENCY ACTION 0371 - PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE LEASE OF RECREATION LAND AND PLAYING FIELDS**

(Exempt under Paragraph 14)

**Decision:**

That the following private urgency action taken by the Head of Property and Regeneration and the Director of Financial Services in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:

Officer Urgency Action No: 0371 - 27 March 2017

Proposed Extension of the Term of the Lease of Recreation Land and Playing Fields.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**  
**CABINET BOARD - 12 OCTOBER 2017**  
**EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: A.R.Lockyer and P.A.Rees (Chairperson)

**Officers in Attendance:**

C.Millis, A.Thomas and Mrs.J.Woodman-Ralph

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE CABINET BOARD 14 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 17 - 18**

Noted by the Committee.

4. **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES, LIBRARIES, THEATRES, COMMUNITY CENTRES, MARGAM COUNTRY PARK, LEISURE CENTRES AND SWIMMING POOLS 2017 - 2018**

**Decision:**

That approval be granted for the Christmas and New Year opening and closure times for 17 – 18 as detailed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the circulated report.

**Reason for Decision:**

To ensure the Councils 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.

5. **FINANCING SCHOOLS - REVIEWING THE FUNDING FORMULA TO RAISE STANDARDS**

**Decision:**

That having given due regard to the impact assessments, in particular equality and risk approval be granted in line with the requirements of the School Funding (Wales) Regulations 2010, to undertake consultation on:

1. the three options for funding primary school budgets as contained within the circulated report;
2. the proposal to withhold financial benefits to schools with reserves above the £75k threshold; and
3. the suggested methodology for the redistribution of withheld funds as contained within the circulated report.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Council to comply with the formal consultation requirements of the School Funding (Wales) Regulations 2010 and to promote high educational standards and to fulfil every child's potential. In addition, to meet its duty to secure efficient education in its area.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is urgent for immediate implementation. The Chairman had agreed to this course of action and therefore there would be no call-in of these decisions.

6. **TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITIES FIRST  
TO THE EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**  
**CABINET BOARD - 9 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE (SPECIAL)**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: P.A.Rees (Chairperson) and A.R.Lockyer

**Officers in Attendance:**

I.Guy, K.Gilbert and Mrs.J.Woodman-Ralph

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES AT YSGOL GYMRAEG YSTALYFERA - BRO DUR**

**Decision:**

That, in line with the approved policy, the following changes be approved to the Local Authority Governor representatives for Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera – Bro Dur commencing the 9 November 2017 until the 8 November 2021 as detailed in the circulated report:

Councillor H.C.Clarke  
Councillor R.Davies  
Councillor H.James  
Councillor A.Llewelyn  
Councillor R. Mizen

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Authority to contribute to effective school governing bodies.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

3. **APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVE AT YSGOL NEWYDD MARGAM**

**Decision:**

That in line with approved policy approval be granted to appoint Cllr. R.Mizen as Local Authority governor representative to the temporary governing body of Ysgol Newydd Margam as detailed in the circulated report.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the authority to comply with legislative requirements for the establishment of a new school and to contribute effectively to the school governing body.

**Implementation of Decision:**

That the decision be implemented after the three day call in period.

**CHAIRPERSON**



**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**  
**CABINET BOARD - 9 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: P.A.Rees (Chairperson), A.R.Lockyer, and A.J.Taylor

**Officers in Attendance:**

A.Evans, A.Thomas, R.Gordon, R.Crowhurst, I.Guy and J.Woodman-Ralph

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the start of the item:-

Cllr.P.A.Rees	re: the Report of the Head of Transformation re: Primary Inclusion and Assessment Centre (PIAC) at Coedffranc Primary School, as he is a school governor at Crynallt Primary School.
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3. **MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 12 OCTOBER 2017**

Noted by the Committee.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 17 - 18**

Noted by Committee

5. **REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

6. **PRIMARY INCLUSION AND ASSESSMENT CENTRE (PIAC) AT COEDFFRANC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

(Cllr. P.A.Rees declared an interest at this point and withdrew from the meeting. Cllr.A.J.Taylor substituted for this item only.)

**Decision:**

That having given due regard to the impact assessments, in particular the equality, risk and Welsh Language assessments and in line with Section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 approval be granted to publish the statutory proposal to establish specialist provision for primary age pupils with social emotional and behavioural difficulties at Coedffranc Primary School and at Crynallt Primary School, on the 10 November 2017, as contained within the circulated report.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the authority to comply with the formal publication requirements of the School Organisation Code and associated legislation. Implementation of the proposal will enable the Council to promote high educational standards and the fulfilment of every child's potential. Also, to enable the authority to meet its duty to secure efficient education in its area.

**Implementation of Decision:**

That the decision is for immediate implementation. The Chairperson of Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action and therefore there would be no call-in of these decisions.

**Consultation**

Consultation has taken place on this item.

7. **STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - FUTURE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE UPPER AFAN VALLEY**

**Decisions:**

1. That having given due regard to the impact assessments as contained within the circulated report and in line with Section 48 of School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 approval be granted to undertake consultation on the future of secondary education in the Upper Afan Valley under a proposal to make arrangements for pupils who would otherwise attend Cymer Afan Comprehensive School to receive their secondary education at Ysgol Newydd Margam and to close Cymer Afan Comprehensive School as from 1 September 2019.
2. That the consultation commences on the 11 December 2017 until the 14 February 2018 and includes the:
  - Maintenance Schedule of Cymer Afan Comprehensive School;
  - Transport Analysis;
  - Community Impact Assessment;
  - and any other information required by Members of the Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet Board.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To enable the authority to comply with the formal consultation required of the Council by the School Organisation Code.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

8. **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW 3 - 11 PRIMARY SCHOOL REPLACING BRYNHYFRYD, LLANSAWEL AND YNYSMAERDY PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Members received a verbal amendment at the meeting that the name of the school was Ysgol Carreg Hir and not as detailed in the circulated report.

**Decisions:**

1. That the Instrument of Government as contained in Appendix A to the circulated report be approved with the incorporation date of the 1 November 2018, creating a permanent Governing Body;
2. That the name of the school be Ysgol Carreg Hir.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To enable to authority to comply with the legislative requirements for the establishment of a new school.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

9. **LOCAL AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT SPORTS WALES**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

10. **MARGAM BUSINESS PLAN**

**Decisions:**

1. That the Margam Country Park Business Plan as detailed in the circulated report be approved;
2. That Delegated Authority be granted to the Head of Transformation and Head of Property and Regeneration in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and Head of ICT and Procurement to embark on tender exercises for the appointment of external providers or to negotiate with any external providers to fulfil any obligations in the Action Plan incorporated in the Margam Country Park Business Plan.

**Reason for the Decisions:**

To enable the Council to explore commercial opportunities to generate income that will support a more sustainable business model for the Country Park and reduce reliance on Council subsidies.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

11. **WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN**

Members were supportive of the request made by the Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee held prior to this meeting for the report containing the results of the consultation to be brought back to the Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board on the 12 January 2018 for consideration prior to commending to Council on the 18 January 2018.

**Decision:**

That approval be granted to undertake further consultation on the amendments highlighted in Appendix 1 to the circulated report from the previously submitted plan for a period of 4 weeks commencing the 10 November 2017 until the 7 December 2017. In addition, that the outcome of the consultation be brought back to the Education, Skills and Culture Cabinet Board on the 12 January 2018 for consideration prior to commending to Council on the 18 January 2018.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the authority to undertake its statutory requirements to re-consult on the WESP 2017 – 2020.

**Implementation of Decision:**

That the decision is for immediate implementation. The Chairperson of Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action and therefore there would be no call-in of these decisions.

12. **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 item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

13. **CELTIC LEISURE ANNUAL REPORT (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

14. **CELTIC LEISURE QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

**CHAIRPERSON**

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

**CABINET BOARD - 27 OCTOBER 2017**

**REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CABINET BOARD**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: D.W.Davies and A.Wingrave (Chairperson)

**Officers in Attendance:**

S.Brennan, Mrs.N.Pearce and T.Davies

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor A.Wingrave be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CABINET BOARD HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER, 2017**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **PREVENT PLAN**

**Decisions:**

1. That the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services be given authority to implement the Venue Policy for Neath Port Talbot buildings necessary to secure compliance by the local authority with s29 section E paragraph 45 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and associated statutory guidance issued by the Home Secretary in relation thereto;
2. That the Neath Port Talbot Prevent Action Plan be supported.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To provide the relevant officers with the delegated authority to implement the Council's venue hire policy and implement the requirement set out in Statutory guidance to have such a policy in place.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

4. **NEATH FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL 2017**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

5. **PRIMARY AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP**

**Decisions:**

1. That the Head of Planning and Public Protection be granted delegated authority to enter into any Primary Authority arrangements with organisations that meet the necessary criteria for entering such arrangements;
2. That the Head of Planning and Public Protection be designated to be the representative of this Authority for the purposes of the Primary Authority arrangement and to carry out on behalf of the Council all the delegated powers of such a Representative;
3. That the Head of Planning and Public Protection be authorised to appoint an alternate or deputy for the purposes of the Primary Authority arrangement.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To provide assured advice, promote consistency and to encourage business confidence within Neath Port Talbot, whilst also accessing a means of cost recovery for time spent with the business by the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Department.



**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

6. **PLANNING PERFORMANCE ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017**

**Decision:**

That the Planning Performance Annual Report 2016-17 be formally submitted to the Welsh Government and also published on the Council's website.

**Reason for Decision:**

To comply with the requirements of the Welsh Government whereby each Local Planning Authority in Wales is required to produce, submit and publish an Annual Planning Performance Report by the 31 October 2017.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

7. **FOOD AND FEED SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2017-18 AND ENFORCEMENT REVIEW 2016-17**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

8. **INTEGRATED NETWORK MAP - ACTIVE TRAVEL**

**Decisions:**

1. That the four additional Existing Route Maps routes presented at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be agreed and authorisation be given to submit to the Welsh Government for approval;
2. That the responses and recommendations to the representations received, as set out at Appendix 2 to the circulated report, be agreed;

3. That the Integrated Network Map presented at Appendix 3 to the circulated report be agreed, and authorisation be given to submit to the Welsh Government for approval.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To ensure compliance with the requirements of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

9. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT**

**Decisions:**

1. That the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report as presented at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be noted;
2. That the submission and publication procedures, as set out in the circulated report, be implemented.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To ensure compliance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2015.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

10. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

**Decision:**

That the Forward Work Programme be noted.

11. **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.

12. **WORKWAYS +**

**Decision:**

That the Offer of Grant from the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) in relation to the Workways+ project as detailed at Appendix 1 to the private circulated report, be accepted, and that the Neath Port Talbot Delivery Team be supported with match funding, as detailed in the private circulated report.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Workways+ project to continue delivery in accordance with the business plan and WEFO Grant Offer letter.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

13. **DELEGATED POWER 2017**

**Decision:**

That the private report be noted.

14. **FORMER AFAN LIDO PROCUREMENT**

**Decision:**

That subject to the successful tenderer referenced in the private report passing the assessment set out in the tender exercise for the sale and development of the former Afan Lido site, delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property and Regeneration to award the tender to the

successful tenderer and enter into a development agreement with the successful tenderer and any other documentation required as part of the development agreement.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the sale of a surplus property and attain a capital receipt, and to ensure the Authority complies with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contracts Procedure Rules.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

The Local Ward Members have been consulted on this item.

15. **PRIVATE URGENCY ACTION - 1385**

**Decision:**

That the following private urgency action taken by the Head of Property and Regeneration in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Officer Urgency Action No 1385 re: Proposed Acquisition of the property formerly known as Neath County Court, Forster Road, Neath, SA11 3BN.

**CHAIRPERSON**

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**  
**CABINET BOARD - 20 OCTOBER, 2017**  
**STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING CABINET BOARD**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: E.V.Latham (Chairperson) and A.Wingrave

**Officer in Attendance:**

T.Davies

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor E.V.Latham be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING CABINET BOARD HELD 8 SEPTEMBER, 2017**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **TRAFFIC ORDER - CHURCH LANE, GWAEN CAE GURWEN**

**Decision:**

That the objection to the No Waiting at Anytime Order at Church Lane, Gwaun Cae Gurwen (as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report) be over ruled, and the extent of the order be adjusted within the allowable parameters of less than 5 metres when the works are implemented, and the objector be informed accordingly.

**Reason for Decision:**

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

4. **TRAFFIC ORDER - COMPANY STREET AND CORY STREET, RESOLVEN**

**Decision:**

That the proposed scheme (One Way Order and No Entry Order at Company Street and Cory Street, Resolven) be cancelled and removed from the Capital Works Programme.

**Reason for Decision:**

The Police would not approve of the proposed order unless there was significant public support, which unfortunately there was not.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

5. **TRAFFIC ORDER - HEOL COMPTON AND VILLIERS ROAD, SKEWEN**

**Decision:**

That the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (No Waiting at Anytime Order at Heol Compton and Villiers Road, Skewen) be advertised and should no objections be received the proposal be implemented.

**Reason for Decision:**

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

A consultation exercise will be carried out when the scheme is advertised.

6. **TRAFFIC ORDER - MONASTERY ROAD, NEATH ABBEY**

**Decision:**

That the objection to the No Waiting at Anytime Order and No Loading at Anytime Order at Monastery Road, Neath Abbey, Neath (as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report) be over ruled and the objector be informed accordingly.

**Reason for Decision:**

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety and to maintain traffic and pedestrian flow.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

7. **TRAFFIC ORDER - PENYARD ROAD, NEATH ABBEY**

**Decision:**

That the objections be over ruled and the scheme (No Waiting at Anytime Order at Penyard Road, Neath Abbey, as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report) be implemented as advertised and the objector informed accordingly.

**Reason for Decision:**

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

8. **TRAFFIC ORDER - STRATTON WAY, NEATH ABBEY**

**Decision:**

That the objections be over ruled and the scheme (No Waiting at Anytime Order at Stratton Way, Neath Abbey, Neath, as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report) be implemented as advertised and the objector informed accordingly.

**Reason for Decision:**

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

9. **TRAFFIC ORDER - THE PINES, CILFREW**

**Decision:**

That the objections be upheld and a revised scheme be advertised and should no objections be received, the revised scheme be implemented.



**Reason for Decision:**

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

10. **TRAFFIC ORDER - WATER STREET AND CORPORATION ROAD, PORT TALBOT**

**Decision:**

That the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (Prohibition of Waiting at Anytime Order; Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading at Anytime Order; and Speed Cushions at Water Street and Corporation Road, Aberavon, Port Talbot, as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report) be advertised, and if no objections are received the proposals be implemented.

**Reason for Decision:**

To prevent indiscriminate parking and reduce traffic speed in the interest of highway safety.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

A consultation exercise will be carried out when the scheme is advertised.

## 11. **REVIEW OF VEHICLE CROSSOVER APPLICATIONS**

### **Decisions:**

1. That the Council charge an application fee of £130 in respect of vehicle crossover applications and should the application be refused then £60 (which is included to cover the cost of construction monitoring) will be refunded;
2. that applicants engage either a 'Streetworks Qualified' private contractor working under a Licence Agreement, or alternatively, the applicant could engage the Council's Direct Labour Organisation to undertake the work in the case where a quotation for the work has been requested and provided;
3. that the current fee for constructing a vehicle crossover as part of a footway resurfacing scheme be revised, to a standard fee of £480 (for a total of up to 6 kerbs comprising 2 dropper kerbs and 4 straight drop kerbs). Additional kerbs over the standard 6 kerbs would be charged at £100 each. Where residents do not wish to pay for the crossing to be formalised then the Council will remove any obstructions such as ramps installed in the road channel line;
4. that the Council continue to take enforcement action in response to public complaints relating to illegal vehicle crossovers on a case by case basis.

### **Reason for Decisions:**

To set out the Council's Policy in respect of the administration of applications for vehicle crossovers.

### **Implementation of Decisions:**

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

**CHAIRPERSON**

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

**CABINET BOARD - 26 OCTOBER 2017**

**SPECIAL STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING CABINET BOARD**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: E.V.Latham (Chairperson) and A.Wingrave

**Officer in Attendance:**

N.Headon

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor E.V.Latham be appointed as Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **TRAFFIC ORDER - BRIDGE STREET, NEATH**

**Decision:**

That the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (Limited Waiting Bay at Bridge Street, Neath) be advertised and should no objections be received the proposals be implemented.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable a disabled dropped crossing to be provided in the interest of public safety.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is an urgent one for immediate implementation, following the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair and is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure.

**Consultation:**

This will be carried out when the scheme is advertised.

3. **TRAFFIC ORDER - 80 PENYWERN ROAD, YSTALYFERA**

**Decision:**

That the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (Individual Disabled Parking Place, 80 Penywern Road, Ystalyfera, SA9 2AT) be advertised and should no objections be received the proposal be implemented.

**Reason for Decision:**

To allow the successful applicant to maintain their independence and quality of life.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is an urgent one for immediate implementation, following the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair and is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure.

**Consultation:**

This will be carried out when the scheme is advertised.

4. **TRAFFIC ORDER - EXCHANGE ROAD MELYN, NEATH**

**Decision:**

That the objections be over ruled and the scheme (No Waiting at Anytime Order at Exchange Road, Neath as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report) be implemented as advertised and the objector informed accordingly.

**Reason for Decision:**

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety, to maintain traffic and pedestrian flow.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is an urgent one for immediate implementation, following the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair and is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure.

**Consultation:**

This item has been subject to external consultation.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**  
**CABINET BOARD - 5 OCTOBER 2017**  
**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING CABINET BOARD**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: A.R.Lockyer (Chairperson) and P.A.Rees

**Officers in Attendance:**

N. Jarman, J.Hodges, A.Andrews and J.Woodman-Ralph

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor A.R.Lockyer be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 7 SEPTEMBER, 2017**

Noted by the Committee

3. **HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME PLACEMENT FEES 2017-18**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

4. **COMMUNITY RESOURCE TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 17/18**

Noted by Committee

6. **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 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT, HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 13)**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

8. **MANAGER'S REPORT, HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME: WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE INSPECTION REPORT OF JUNE 2017 AND OCTOBER 2017 (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 13)**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

**CHAIRPERSON**



**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**  
**CABINET BOARD - 2 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**Cabinet Board Members:**

Councillors: P.D.Richards (Chairperson) and A.R.Lockyer

**Officers in Attendance:**

A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, J.Hodges, I.Oliver and Mrs.J.Woodman-Ralph.

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Cllr.P.D.Richards be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING CABINET BOARD HELD ON THE 5 OCTOBER 2017**

Noted by Committee.

3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 17/18**

Noted by Committee.

4. **VACANT LAND AT DAN Y BRYN CARE HOME, PONTARDAWE**

**Decision:**

That the identified land as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report at Dan Y Bryn Care Home, Pontardawe be approved as surplus to requirements to enable to Council to pursue a capital receipt.

**Reason for Decision:**

To declare vacant land surplus to requirements and to enable the Council to pursue a capital receipt.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

5. **WESTERN BAY COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR CARE HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE 2016 - 2025**

Members were supportive of the request made by the Social, Care, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held prior to the meeting for elements of the Implementation Plan to be brought back retrospectively to enable continued monitoring and information purposes.

**Decision:**

That having given due regard to the Equality Impact Assessment the Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People 2016 - 2025 and the local Implementation Plan for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be approved subject to elements of the Implementation Plan being brought back retrospectively to Members for their continued information and ongoing monitoring, as requested by the previous Scrutiny Committee.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Local Authority to have a shared commitment with the Western Bay Health and Social Care Partnership to ensure that there is a sustainable range of high quality care home placements to meet the needs of older people within the local authorities of Neath Port Talbot, Bridgend and Swansea.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**Consultation:**

The item has been subject to external consultation.

6. **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR WESTERN BAY PROGRAMME INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Decisions:**

1. That the principles of the Partnership Agreement for Western Bay Programme Infrastructure, whereby the City and County of Swansea is the host authority, with the three statutory partners of Bridgend County Borough Council, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and AMBU Health Board be approved;
2. That the Chief Social Services Officer be authorised to approve and arrange for the execution of the final version of the Partnership Agreement in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Section 151 Officer;
3. That the Chief Social Services Officer be authorised in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Section 151 Officer to make any future minor changes to the executed Partnership Agreement.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To enable the Local Authority to formalise the partnership funding arrangements in relation to the Western Bay Programme infrastructure and to establish a pooled fund arrangements hosted by the City and County of Swansea.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

7. **EXTENSION OF SECTION 33 NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (WALES) ACT 2006 - AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT SERVICE**

**Decisions:**

1. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Social Work Services to agree the extension of the current Section 33 National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 Agreement in relation to the Community Equipment Service until the 31 March 2018;

2. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Social Work Services to agree the additional contribution to the Pooled Fund in line with the amounts contained within the circulated report to enable the continued provision of community equipment to adults who have been assessed as requiring them.

**Reason for the Decisions:**

To enable the Local Authority to pool resources with the Health Board and City and County of Swansea to deliver an equipment service.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

**CHAIRPERSON**