

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD

28 MAY, 2015

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: A.N.Woolcock (Chairperson) and P.A.Rees

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, Mrs.K.Jones, D.Rees, S.John, N.Evans and I.Davies and N.Evans

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor A.N. Woolcock be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD OF 9 APRIL, 2015**

Noted by the Committee.

3. **MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS APPLICATIONS**

Decisions:

1. That the following Miscellaneous Grant Applications be approved for the following groups in the sums as detailed in the circulated report:

Abercregan United
Cwmafan Welfare Association
Taibach Rugby Football Club
Gwynfi United FC
Cwmafan Boys and Girls Club
Cwmafan Football Club
Cwmafan Rugby Club

Cimla Cricket Club and Football Club (One half of what will be
Cimla Community Sports Association and Tonmawr AFC)
Croeserw Athletic Football Club
Afan Lido AFC
Pontardawe Community Sports and Recreation Association
Giants Grave Boys Club and Briton Ferry AFC
Community Ventures – Taibach Community Education Centre
Community Ventures – Baglan Community Centre

2. That the following Application for a Loan be approved in the sum as detailed in the circulated report following consideration of the comments made by the Scrutiny Committee:

Neath Port Talbot Credit Union

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to progress grant applications.

Implementation of the Decisions

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

4. **COMMUNITY COUNCILS MINOR PROJECTS SCHEME APPLICATION**

Decision:

The application from Blaenhonddan Community Council complies with the conditions of grant and I therefore recommend that support at 30% up to a maximum of £6,000 in accordance with the Minor Projects Grants Scheme be made on receipt of paid invoices together with a copy bank statement.

Reason for Decision:

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

Implementation of Decision

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

5. **BUSINESS PLANS FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, LEGAL SERVICES AND ICT AND CORPORATE PROCUREMENT SERVICES 2015/16**

Members asked for clarification on the abbreviations contained within the Business Plans and asked for these to be included in the final documents. The Cabinet Board also asked for feedback to be provided to the Scrutiny Committee that it was disappointed that no questions had been asked on the Business Plans.

Decision:

That the Business Plans for Financial Services, Legal Services and ICT and Procurement Services 2015/16, as detailed within the circulated report, be endorsed.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the Finance and Corporate Services Business Plans for the financial year 2015/2016.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

6. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2015/16**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

7. **BUSINESS RATES - SECTION 44A DISCRETIONARY RELIEF**

Decision:

That the adoption of the Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy Section 44A, as attached at Appendix 1 of the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To formalise applications received from business ratepayers for partial relief for NNDR.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **BUSINESS RATES RELIEF SCHEME - WALES RETAIL RELIEF SCHEME 2015-2016**

Decision:

That Neath Port Talbot Council adopts the new scheme as outlined for 2015-16 and provide the relevant rate relief where qualifying criteria are met.

Reason for Decision:

To allow business rates relief in line with Welsh Government Scheme.

Implementation of Decision:

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

9. **COUNCIL TAX DISCRETIONARY RELIEF POLICY**

Decision:

That the adoption of the Council Tax Discretionary Relief Policy as attached at Appendix 1 of the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To comply with the outcome of the Valuation Tribunal.

Implementation of Decision:

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

10. **CHARGING PROPOSALS FOR COURT DEPUTY SERVICE**

Decisions:

1. That the outcome of the consultation exercise, as detailed in the circulated report be noted.
2. That the proposals re Court Deputy Savings as set out at Appendix 2 of the circulated report be approved and implemented.

Reason for Decisions:

To implement the service charges for 2105/2016.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions are urgent and for immediate implementation, the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action and therefore there would be no call in of these decisions.

11. **REVISED STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN**

Decision:

That authorisation be granted to initiate formal public consultation on the Draft Strategic Equality Plan 2015-2019 commencing on 5th June and ending on 21st August 2015 as contained in Appendix 1 of the circulated report, subject to the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services clarifying with the Head of Participation Objective 7 and amending the relevant item in Appendix 1.

Reasons for Decision:

1. To allow the Council to discharge its duties in relation to the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties)(Wales) Regulations 2011 to develop Equality Objectives and produce a Strategic Equality Plan containing the objectives and other information as laid out in the Regulations 2010.
2. To enable interested parties to comment upon the Equality Objectives and Strategic Equality Plan prior to Cabinet Board finalising the plan

and then recommending the approval of final proposals by full Council.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

12. **COMMUNITY BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Decisions:

1. That the final proposals arising from the Community Boundary Review as contained with circulated report be noted and approved;
2. That the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services be authorised to submit the final proposals to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales, as detailed in Appendices A-D of the circulated report.

Reason for Decisions

To comply with the statutory responsibilities set out in section 55 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Implementation of Decisions

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

13. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

Decision:

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.

14. **HOUSING BENEFIT WRITE OFF**

Decision:

That the write off of the amount, as detailed within the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The account is irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

15. **COUNCIL TAX WRITE OFF**

Decision:

That the write off of the amounts, as detailed within the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The accounts are irrecoverable.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

CHAIRPERSON