



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 2.00 pm on

WEDNESDAY 4 September 2019

in the

COUNCIL CHAMBER - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE

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

--- A G E N D A ---

PART A

1. *Mayor's Announcements.*
2. *Declarations of Interest*
3. *To receive and, if thought fit, confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting of Council: (Pages 5 - 10)*

PART B

4. *Change of date of the Annual Meeting (Pages 11 - 14)
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer enclosed.*
5. *Corporate Parenting Annual Report (Pages 15 - 30)
Report of the Chairperson enclosed.*
6. *Statement by the Leader of Council on the Home to School Transport Consultation*
7. *Statement by the Deputy Leader of Council on the Climate Emergency*

PART C

8. *To receive the following-and any questions raised by Members, or any matters to be raised by Cabinet Members:- (Pages 31 - 60)*

Record of Executive Decisions of the Cabinet and Cabinet Boards.

PART D

9. *Notice of Motion under Section 10 of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) the Council's Constitution, proposed by Cllr.D.Jones and seconded by Cllr.A.Llewelyn as follows:*

Mr Mayor,

It is my job today to seek the full commitment of the Council to equality of opportunity for everyone who lives in, works in or visits our county borough as we begin work to update our Strategic Equality Plan.

It is important for me to start by saying that this county borough has much to be proud of, much to celebrate.

*Research recently undertaken to inform our place brand for the county borough marked the friendliness of local people out as one of our unique strengths. And the commitment of the Council to equalities is also being recognised in a number of ways:
We have recently been given the silver award by Chwarae Teg for*

the work we have been doing, together with our trade union partners to advance gender pay equality.

Later this month at Staff Council, we will formally launch our commitment to strengthening the way we support employees with poor mental health by signing up to the Time2Change programme. In recognition of the difficulties people experiencing poor mental health in our communities can face in their daily work, we are working with MIND and with UNISON to provide training for our workforce to make sure everyone is confident to deal with people experiencing poor mental health and to make reasonable adjustments so that everyone has equal access to Council services. We are also strengthening the support we provide to our local BME Community Association to celebrate and promote diversity and, on September 23rd, we will hold a poverty symposium here at the Princess Royal Theatre to take stock of financial hardship being experienced across the county borough and to agree what more can be done to relieve that financial hardship.

These are just some examples of practical things we are doing to deliver our equality duties. I am sure that you will have your own examples of where the work of the Council is making strides to tackle inequality in all its guises.

But whilst I have begun by focusing on the positives Mr Mayor, I am equally sure that Council will join me in condemning the recent racist incidents we have seen in our county borough. The first involved discrimination against taxi drivers of Pakistani heritage; more recently reports of a swastika being displayed on a Neath address; and we have also seen far right wing graffiti in communities. There is absolutely no place for such behaviour or the ideas that sit behind it.

I call on all councillors and our wider communities to work together to make Neath Port Talbot a place where everyone is able to get along with each other and where discrimination in any form is not tolerated.

Mr Mayor, the review of the Council's Strategic Equality Plan provides an excellent opportunity for us to make a renewed commitment to eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation; advancing equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; fostering

good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

The motion before Council is for all members to fully engage in the process of renewing and strengthening our Strategic Equality Plan and to encourage people from all backgrounds to engage in the process so together we can build a Neath Port Talbot where everyone has equal chance to enjoy a good life.

10. *To receive any questions from Members, with Notice, under Rule 9.2 of the Council's Procedure Rules.*
11. *Urgent Items*
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, 29 August 2019

COUNCIL

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

17 July 2019

The Mayor: Councillor S.Jones

The Deputy Mayor: Councillor J.Warman

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

Officers in Attendance: S.Phillips, A.Evans, C.Furlow, C.Griffiths, A.Jarrett, H.Jenkins, K.Jones, A.Manchipp, G.Nutt and S.Phillips

Translation: Present

1. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor was pleased to announce that Derek Vaughan MEP and former Leader of Neath Port Talbot Council had been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for political and public service.

In addition the Mayor welcomed Councillor Jeremy Hurley to his first meeting of Council following his recent election. The

Leader of the Independent Group also welcomed Councillor Hurley and Councillor Lewis.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the following meetings of Council be confirmed as an accurate record:

24 April, 17 May and 22 May 2019.

3. **ENGAGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OF THE COUNCIL**

Council received the above report and noted, verbally, that the Democratic Services Committee had discussed the report, which was subject to approval by Council. The Democratic Services Committee supported the recommendations contained in today's report.

A number of points were raised by Members around the scope of the review including which buildings would be considered and providing Welsh translation. It was noted that these issues would be considered by the Democratic Services Committee as part of the scoping of the review.

RESOLVED: That the Democratic Services Committee be tasked with preparing advice for Council, by 31 March 2020, in respect of the following:

1. Options available to the Council to webcast some or all of the Council's meetings and the cost-benefits of each of the options considered;
2. Options available to the Council to increase public participation in the Council's democratic processes, including but not limited to ways in which digital technologies may assist the Council in this regard;

3. Proposals as to how the public can be involved in testing support for any of the options recommended;
4. Proposals as to how the set up and recurring costs associated with any options presented might be funded; and
5. An analysis of the risks and impacts of progressing/not progressing options considered.

4. **CREATION OF A JOINT APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL APPOINTMENT**

Council supported the establishment of a Joint Appointments Committee to deal with the appointment of a Programme Director, which was in line with the outcomes of the Independent Reviews undertaken on the Swansea Bay City Deal.

Members, however, proposed that, in addition to Councillor Mike Harvey being appointed as a non-executive member, provision be made for a substitute to be nominated by the Leader of Council.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That a Special Joint Appointment Committee be established to deal with the appointment of a Programme Director for the Swansea Bay City Deal Programme with the City and County of Swansea, Carmarthenshire County Council and Pembrokeshire County Council.
 2. That the Council appoints the Leader of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (or his nominated Executive Member) to Joint Special Appointments Committee that is to be established by Carmarthenshire County Council for the purposes of appointing a Programme Director for the Swansea Bay City Deal programme.
 3. That Councillor Mike Harvey (or a nominated non-executive member, as

appointed by the Leader of Council) be appointed as the non-executive member to the Joint Special Appointments Committee that is to be established by Carmarthenshire County Council for the purposes of appointing a Programme Director for the Swansea Bay City Deal programme.

5. **CHANGES TO POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED: That the following be approved:

1. The proportional allocation of seats to each relevant committee as contained in Annex A to the circulated report;
2. The changes to the membership of committees as contained in Annex B to the circulated report;
3. The changes to the Outside Body representation also contained in Annex B. to the circulated report.

6. **EXECUTIVE DECISIONS OF CABINET AND CABINET BOARDS 2019/20**

RESOLVED: That the following be noted:

Cabinet	17 April 2019
Cabinet	8 May 2019
Cabinet	22 May 2019
Cabinet	29 May 2019
Cabinet	19 June 2019
Education, Skills and Culture	11 April 2019
Education, Skills and Culture	6 June 2019
Streetscene and Engineering	24 May 2019
Social Care Health and Wellbeing	4 April 2019
Social Care Health and Wellbeing	2 May 2019
Regeneration and Sustainable Development	12 April 2019
Regeneration and Sustainable Development	7 May 2019

7. **URGENT ITEMS**

The Leader of Council made a brief statement in relation to the issues surrounding the closure of Godre'r Graig Primary School. A preliminary survey on the quarry above the school had indicated that there was a medium risk to the school. As a result the Leader of Council had taken the decision to immediately close the building and letters had been issued to all parents to the effect. Staff had also been briefed in relation to the risk.

The Leader confirmed that the pupils would not be attending the school in September and that a further survey had been commissioned, which would take six to nine months. It was noted that the initial survey related to the school only but that this would be extended to include the nearby houses.

He confirmed that contrary to the views of some of the public, this was not a 'back door' way of closing the school and that the welfare and safety of the children were paramount. Officers were looking at alternative accommodation for both pupils and staff in time for the autumn term. A meeting of the school governors had been held on 16 July and thereafter a public meeting was called.

The Authority's website now had a dedicated page on which the draft report and copies of the letters issued had been published. This would be kept up to date going forward.

In relation to the surrounding residential area, the Leader confirmed that communication would be maintained and once any further news had become available a further public meeting would be called.

CHAIRPERSON

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT**

COUNCIL

4 September, 2019

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CHIEF
DIGITAL OFFICER**

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

CHANGE OF DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 2020

Purpose of the Report

To agree a change of date for the Annual Meeting for 2020.

Executive Summary

Following the meeting of Council on 22 May 2019, where the Committee Cycle for 2019/20 was agreed, it has become necessary to change the date of the Annual Meeting in 2020. It is therefore proposed that the Annual Meeting of Council move from Friday 15 May, 2020 to Thursday 14 May, 2020.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts.

Integrated Impact Assessment

There are no Equality Impacts.

Workforce Impacts

There are no Workforce Impacts.

Legal Impacts

There are none.

Risk Management

There are none.

Consultation

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

Recommendation:

That Council approves the above proposal and that the Annual Meeting of Council be held on 14 May 2020.

Reason for Proposed Decision:

To update the Council's Committee Cycle.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is for immediate implementation.

List of Background Papers

The Constitution.

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Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL / CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT

Council

4 September 2019

Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All Wards

Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report 2017/18 and 2018/19

Purpose of the Report:

The terms of reference for the Neath Port Talbot Corporate Parenting Panel provides for an Annual Report to be produced by the Panel and to be presented to Council. The Annual Report is included at Appendix 1.

Executive Summary:

The Annual Report outlines the work of the Corporate Parenting Panel from 2017 to 2019 and highlights the progress made. It also identifies the future work of the Panel and the actions it aims to take forward.

The work programme has focussed on the following key areas:-

- Improving Educational Attainment
- School Exclusions
- Children who go missing from home or care
- Risky Behaviour Panel
- National Fostering Framework
- Children and Young People's Survey – Summer 2018
- Accommodation and Care Leavers
- National Fostering Framework
- Health Needs of Looked After Children
- Out of County Placements

The Panel also met with the Looked After Children Youth Council and contributed to the information booklet that the Youth Council was developing for children who were brought into care. The booklet was written from a children's perspective.

Accommodation and Care Leavers have continued to be a priority for the Panel and they will continue to monitor this especially in line with the intention of the Welsh Government to extend the leaving care age to 25 regardless of whether young people were in further education or not.

The Panel continues to monitor the educational attainment of Looked After Children and the negative effect that deprivation has on children's performance.

Another key area for the Panel was Fostering. The Panel was pleased with the development of the National Fostering Framework which ensured a consistent approach to foster carers' payments. The Panel will continue to monitor the outcomes of recruitment campaigns to ensure that the numbers of foster carers increases especially for children with challenging behaviours.

The Panel plans to develop and monitor existing work areas as well as examining the support that care leavers receive when seeking employment.

Background:

Looked After Children are one of the most vulnerable groups in our society and improving the lives of these children is a national priority. Providing care and support for them is the role of staff employed by the Council, partner agencies and elected members.

The role of the Corporate Parenting Panel is to champion the rights of these children and young people to ensure their needs are being met and that they have the best chances in life

Financial Impacts:

No Implications

Integrated Impact Assessment:

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for information purposes.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No Implications

Workforce Impacts:

No Impacts

Legal Impacts:

No Impacts

Risk Management Impacts:

The role of the Corporate Parenting Panel is to champion the rights of Looked After Children.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations:

Matter for Information. No decision required.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

Matter for Information. No decision required.

Implementation of Decision:

Matter for Information. No decision required.

Appendices:

Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report 2017/18 and 2018/19

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Corporate Parenting Panel

Annual Report

2017/18 and 2018/19

Chair's Foreword

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel for 2017/18 and 2018/19. The Panel was set up in July 2013 to ensure that the Council was undertaking its duties as corporate parents and to ensure that children the Council look after have the same opportunities as others in the County Borough. All members of Neath Port Talbot Council are corporate parents and as part of that role was to ensure that looked after children receive a standard of care that we would deem good enough for our own children.

Elected members on the Panel have once again shown commitment and enthusiasm, which has resulted in the Panel continuing to make progress.

The work programme for 2017/18, 18/19 has focussed on the following areas:

- Educational Attainment
- School Exclusions
- Out of County Placements
- Young People and Families experiences of the Care System
- Aspects of health for children in care
- Participation and Engagement work with Looked After Children

The Panel will continue to work with officers to ensure that looked after children achieve the best outcome possible and that they reach their full potential.

Cllr. Alan Lockyer

Cabinet Member for Children's Social Services

1. Introduction

The Corporate Parenting Panel was established during the 2013/14 civic year. The terms of reference for the Panel provides for an annual report to be produced and presented to full Council. The focus of the Panel was:

- To ensure looked after children and young people are seen as a priority by the whole of the Council and its partners.
- Scrutinise the policies, opportunities and procedures in place across the Council to support looked after children and young people in achieving their potential and make recommendations, where appropriate to the Cabinet, for improvement.
- Gather the views of, and act as advocate for looked after children and young people and care leavers.
- To monitor and evaluate the responsiveness of partners in supporting children and young people looked after to achieve their potential.
- To hold officers and partners to account.

The main aims of this report are to highlight the work that has been undertaken by the Corporate Parenting Panel during 2017/18 and 2018/19.

The Panel is chaired by the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Services and has thirteen elected members, including the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture. A foster carer representative also attends the Panel and arrangements are being made for the Engagement and Participation Officer based within Social Services, Health and Housing to attend the panel to represent the views of the Looked After Children Youth Council. Support is provided to the Panel by the Democratic Services Team, the Head of Children's Services, the Head of Participation and other Council officers as and when required.

The Panel helps to deliver one of the Council's Corporate Plan objectives:-

- To improve the well-being of children and young people by providing these families struggling to provide good parenting for their children with tailored support;
- To ensure that children and young people in need of protection, care and support will be protected and safeguarded and more of those children will be able to grow up in a stable family setting;
- To enable all children and young people to be helped to have a say in matters that affect them and for them to be safe and feel safe.

2. The Work of the Corporate Parenting Panel during 2017/2018

Purpose of Panel

Looked after children are one of the most vulnerable groups in our society. Improving the lives of these children is a national priority. Care and support is provided by staff employed by the Council, partner agencies, foster carers and elected members. The Council's elected members all have a role as 'corporate parents' and this means that they are responsible for ensuring that looked after children receive a standard of care that they would deem good enough for their own children. The role of the Corporate Parenting Panel is to champion the rights of those children and young people to ensure their needs are being met, they are safe and have the best chances in life. The Panel monitors services that impact on looked after children and hold partners and officers to account.

The Work Programme

The Work Programme included:

Improving Educational Attainment for Looked After Children

The Panel wanted to look at the educational attainment of looked after children. Reports were received identifying the links between performance levels and areas of deprivation and the negative impact this was having on childrens' performance which had identified a decrease in performance nationally. In addition, the Panel explored how the numbers of looked after children with additional learning needs contributed to Neath Port Talbot being below the Welsh average, particularly in Maths.

Next Steps

The Panel asked that the performance of a cohort of looked after children be tracked and monitored and that the Panel continue to receive reports on the outcomes of those children to ensure their educational needs are being met.

Looked After Children and School Exclusions

The Panel requested information on looked after children who had been excluded from schools within Neath Port Talbot.

The Panel was pleased that the number of exclusions has continued to reduce. Fewer pupils are being excluded compared to three years ago but the Panel was concerned that the number of days children were excluded had not decreased due to the additional complex behaviour being displayed by children. Discussions took place on how schools were adapting to those specific needs. In addition, the Panel looked at the reason for school exclusions and the process that is in place after a child is excluded from school. Members were reassured that work is undertaken to find the catalyst for inappropriate behaviour and to

ensure support mechanisms are put in place to prevent further exclusions from school.

The Panel looked at the process for ensuring children who had been excluded from school continued to receive education at home by receiving text books. Members were concerned at the delay in issuing text books to children and asked for a commitment that this be monitored. Members would also raise in school governor meetings.

Next Steps

To monitor the numbers of children that are being excluded from school and to understand the reasons for exclusions.

Children who go missing from home or care

The Panel received information on the Neath Port Talbot review of compliance with the Guidance for Local Authorities for Children who go missing from Care in 2016/17 in collaboration with South Wales Police.

As a result of the review, a database had been developed and became operational on the 1 December 2016. The database identifies the number of contacts made to Children's Social Services of children who are reported missing from care. Each period of when a child goes missing is monitored and the timeframes for each period is added to the database with the details of the return interviews that takes place with the young person/child.

Members were pleased that the review had been successful and that there was a multi-agency approach to work with children/young people

Risky Behaviour Panel

Members were pleased with the establishment of the Risky Behaviour Panel. The Panel was made up of partner agencies and considers referrals at an early stage, working pro-actively to prevent behaviour escalating to require further intensive services.

Next Steps

To continue monitoring.

National Fostering Framework

The Panel received information on the National Fostering Framework which updated Members on remuneration to foster carers and how work was taking place to develop a consistent approach to foster carers payments. In addition, a foster carer recruitment campaign was taking place jointly with the City and County of Swansea to increase the number of foster carers, especially for children with challenging behaviours.

The Panel was pleased with the feedback given by the Foster Carers' Association on the support that carers receive from Childrens' Social Services and the positive relationship that exists between carers and social workers.

Next Steps

To continue to monitor the recruitment campaign to ensure there is a continued rise in the numbers of foster carers.

Children and Young People's Survey – Summer 2018

The Panel was reassured at the positive outcome from the survey of children/young people in foster care and asked that further surveys be undertaken with looked after children subject to child protection measures and other children in need and for the results to be used when developing future services.

Next Steps

To continue to receive the outcomes of future surveys.

Accommodation and Care Leavers

The Panel received reports in relation to the accommodation and support services provided for children and young people to ensure it was suitable and appropriate, with an emphasis on young people leaving care. Members also wanted to ensure that the number of vulnerable young people having to access and reside in temporary accommodation including bed and breakfast accommodation was reducing. As a result a new service specification was developed and a tender exercise took place in March 2018 to ensure that the service meets the needs and demands required.

The Panel were concerned at the intention of Welsh Government to extend the leaving care age to 25 regardless of whether young people were in further education or not and the additional pressure it would put on the Council.

Next Steps

To continue to monitor the number of young people being placed in bed and breakfast accommodation.

To monitor the impact of extending the leaving care age to 25.

Looked After Children – Health

The Panel considered information in relation to the health of looked after children and in particular received reports from the Looked After Children Health Team. The Team undertakes the statutory health assessments with young people/children in the care system to ensure that their health needs are met.

Members considered information in regard to whether looked after children were accessing dentists and G.P.'s to satisfy themselves that their health needs were being met in a timely manner. 98.9% of looked after children had been registered with a G.P. within 10 days of being accommodated but that nearly half of the children accommodated were not registered with a dentist by the second review with their social worker. The Panel was reassured that this issue had been identified with foster carers in the placement

meeting which is held within seven days of the placement and that they must ensure that children in their care are seen by a dentist.

Information was received that the Health Team undertake initial assessments on all looked after children including children placed out of county. Members were pleased that the Health Team and Children's Social Services access the same I.T. system so that all information can be recorded and accessed easily.

Members were re-assured that the role of the Team is pivotal in the early identification of health needs and facilitating prompt support and assistance. The Team looks at the care of the child holistically, working in partnership with other agencies.

Next Steps

To continue monitoring the health needs of looked after children to ensure their health needs are addressed.

Out of County Placements

The Panel looked at the reasons why looked after children/young people were placed out of the Neath Port Talbot area. The Panel were pleased with the introduction of internal therapists which had reduced the need for specialist out of county placements by preventing escalating behaviour in children and young people and assisted looked after children to stay in home areas.

Members were informed that a Placement Panel reviews every child/young person placed out of county. Social workers regularly visit and monitor the wellbeing of the child/young person. In addition, if a child has complex needs these children are reviewed by the Complex Needs Panel.

Information was received on children who were returned to home areas from out of county placements. Members were reassured that the wellbeing of the child was paramount when deciding whether to move children back to home areas.

Next Steps

To continue monitoring the number of out of county placements.

Looked After Children Youth Council

The Panel met with the Looked After Children Youth Council which contributed to the information booklet that the Youth Council was developing for children who were brought into care, from the looked after child's perspective. Discussions took place with the Youth Council on how children and young people feel when brought into care and asked what the Council could do to improve that experience.

As a result of the Looked After Children Youth Council project and the input from Members. Foster Carers had to complete a profile on their home, family and interests which would enable the child/young person to gain an understanding of the family they were going to be staying with. The profile would be updated on an annual basis during the foster carers review.

Next Steps

The Engagement and Participation Officer was invited to attend the Corporate Parenting Panel to ensure there is a link between the Panel and children and young people in care. The Panel would continue to attend the Looked After Children Youth Council meetings on an annual basis.

Elected Members as Corporate Parents

The Corporate Parenting Panel developed mechanisms to ensure all elected members were aware of the work of the Panel and their role and responsibilities as corporate parents. To assist with this a Member Seminar was arranged for the 21 March 2019.

The aims of the Seminar were:

- To understand the role of Corporate Parenting.
- To be aware of the Council's duties and responsibilities to children who are in their care and young people who are care leavers.
- To understand the role of scrutiny and the corporate parenting panel.
- To hear young people's experiences of being looked after by the local authority.

Members who attended the Seminar gave an overall rating of 9.1 out of 10.

Conclusions

The Corporate Parenting Panel will continue to monitor services that have a direct impact on the lives of children and young people in care. The Panel will bring further information to Members on the progress of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Contact Information

The Corporate Parenting Panel is supported by Democratic Services Team located in the Chief Executive's Department.

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EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

10 JULY 2019

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: A.J.Taylor (Chairperson), D.Jones, E.V.Latham,
P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards and A.Wingrave

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, A.Evans, H.Jenkins, G.Nutt, K.Jones, C.Griffiths, H.Jones,
A.Thomas, A.Hinder, V.Dale, N.Jones and T.Davies

Invitee: Councillor M.Harvey

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Decision:

That the Minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet held on 19 June, 2019, be approved.

3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20**

Noted by the Committee.

4. **REMOVAL OF COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNTS FOR EMPTY PROPERTIES AND SECOND HOMES**

Decision:

That current discounts be removed and full council tax charge be applied from 1 April 2020 for Class A and B (second homes) and for Class C (long term empty) properties.

Reason for Decision:

To review the council tax discounts for second homes and empty properties in line with the Welsh Government consideration to change the Local Government Funding formula and to assist the Council to fund its Budget from 1 April 2020.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **CORPORATE PLAN KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - 1 APRIL 2018 - 31 MARCH 2019**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

6. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - ABERAVON**

Decision:

That the supply and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at St Paul's Centre, Gerald Street, Port Talbot, be approved and that Councillor S.ApDafydd's allocation of £1490 under the Members' Community Fund be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the application for funding that has been received under the Members' Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - COEDFFRANC CENTRAL**

Decision:

That the supply and installation of a bus shelter at Parc Wern, Caewathan, Skewen, Neath, be approved and that Councillor A.Aubrey's allocation of £6250 under the Members' Community Fund be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the application for funding that has been received under the Members' Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That the start-up costs for a monthly market at the Transport Hub, Port Talbot, be awarded and that Councillor D.Keogh's, Councillor S.Rahaman's and Councillor S.Freeguard's allocations of £2,962.66 (£8,888 in total) under the Member's Community Fund be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the application for funding that has been received under the Members' Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

9. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - RHOS**

Decision:

That the BMX Pump Track in Rhos Park be restored, and that Councillor A.L.Thomas' allocation of £9990, under the Members' Community Fund, be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the application for funding that has been received under the Members' Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

10. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE**

Decision:

That the following increases to the maximum permitted fare for which a hackney carriage may charge, be approved:-

1. Tariff 1 -
£2.60 for the 1st 7/10th mile
£0.22p per 1/10th mile thereafter
Applies at all times other than when Tariff 2 or Tariff 3 applies;
2. Tariff 2 -
£3.20 for the 1st 6/10th mile
£0.25p per 1/10th mile thereafter
Applies between 23:00 and 07:00 on any day, between 18:00 and 23:59 on Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve, on Boxing Day (where Boxing Day falls on a Saturday), on Sundays and Bank Holidays;
3. Tariff 3 -
Tariff 3 to remain at 100% surcharge on Tariff 1 - New Years' Day and Xmas Day only;

4. Extra Charges -
No changes to soiling (max £100) or additional cost for passengers exceeding 4 (50p per passenger).

Reason for Decision:

The maximum permitted hackney carriage fare was last increased on 1 May 2011. Taking into consideration inflation and the increase in hackney carriage operating costs since 2011, an increase to the maximum permitted hackney carriage fare is considered appropriate.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

A consultation exercise has taken place with the hackney carriage proprietors.

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 of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. **SYRIAN VULNERABLE FAMILIES - CASEWORK SUPPORT SERVICE**

Decisions:

1. That the Contracts Procedure Rules relating to the invitation to tender (Rule 2 of the Contract Procedure Rules) be suspended, in respect of a further extension to the provision of support by the British Red Cross to families settled in Neath Port Talbot under the Syrian Resettlement Programme;
2. That authority be granted for the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer to enter into an agreement with British Red

Cross for the continued provision of the continued casework support service.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the necessary arrangements can continue to be put in place for households relocated to the Neath Port Talbot area under the Syrian Resettlement Programme.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

CHAIRPERSON

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

4 JULY 2019

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: P.A.Rees (Chairperson) and E.V.Latham

Officers in Attendance

A.Thomas, S.Curran and J.Woodman-Ralph

Invitees:

Councillors: S.Reynolds (Scrutiny Chairperson)
R.Mizen (Scrutiny Vice Chairperson)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2019 be approved.

3. **STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

Decision:

That a request be forwarded to Welsh Government for the inclusion in Band B of the Strategic School Improvement programme a new built special school.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to progress the development and submission of an additional scheme in the Council's Band B Strategic Outline Programme.

Implementation of Decision:

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

4. **CYMER AFAN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL - STAND-ALONE SPORTS HALL**

Decisions:

1. That the standalone Sports Hall building situated within the grounds of Cymer Afan Primary School be declared surplus to the ongoing operational requirements of the Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning Service.
2. That the Head of Property and Regeneration commence negotiations with a local fitness group on a potential lease (subject to a separate report being taken to the Regeneration and Sustainable Development Cabinet Board).

Reasons for Decisions:

To enable the Council to declare the stand-alone Sports Hall building situated within the grounds of Cymer Afan Primary School as being surplus to the ongoing operational requirements of the Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning Service thus enabling the Head of Property and Regeneration to commence negotiations with a local fitness group on a potential lease (subject to a separate report being taken to the Regeneration and Sustainable Development Cabinet Board).

Implementation of Decisions:

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

5. **PROPOSED RELOCATION OF SKEWEN LIBRARY**

Decisions:

1. That approval be granted to enter into negotiations with Coedffranc Town Council for the Authority to take an initial 5 year internal repairing lease of part of Carnegie Hall for use as a public library for the Skewen area on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Head of Property and Regeneration.
2. That on the basis that the lease was concluded and the library relocated, authorisation be granted for the existing library at New Road, Skewen to be declared surplus to the operational requirements of the Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning Directorate and transferred to the Head of Property and Regeneration for disposal or lease.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to continue to deliver a sustainable, statutory library service at Skewen.

Implementation of Decisions

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

6. **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT DATA 2018 - 19 - FULL YEAR PERFORMANCE (1 APRIL 2018 - 31 MARCH 2019)**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

7. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20**

That the Forward Work Programme for 2019/20 be noted, subject to the following verbal amendment.

Clarification was received that the report scheduled for the 12 September 2019 should read "*School Attendance Report to include information on*

how Welfare Officers work with persistent absenteeism” and not as stated in the circulated report.

CHAIRPERSON

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING CABINET BOARD

5 JULY, 2019

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

D.Griffiths, N.Pearce, M.Roberts, S.Curran and T.Davies

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Decision:

That the Minutes of the 24 May, 2019, be approved.

3. **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2018/2019 - FULL YEAR 2018-19**
(1 APRIL 2018 - 31 MARCH 2019)

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

4. **SUMMARY OF WELSH GOVERNMENT GRANT APPROVALS RECEIVED FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT 2019/2020**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

5. **TRAFFIC ORDER: HIGH STREET, CHAIN ROAD, CHURCH CRESCENT AND EMPIRE AVENUE, BLAENGWRACH**

Decision:

That the Legal Orders for the proposed No Waiting, Loading or Unloading at Any Time Traffic Regulation Orders at the B4242 at High Street, Chain Road, Church Crescent and Empire Avenue, Blaengwrach, as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report, be advertised, and should no objections be received, the Orders be implemented.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item will be subject to external consultation when the scheme is advertised.

6. **TRAFFIC ORDER: TY DRAW PLACE AND GLAN AFAN, PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That the Proposed Revocation, Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time, Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading at Any Time, Limited Waiting 2 Hours No Return 4 Hours, Resident Permit Holders Only, Prohibition of Entry and Prohibition of Waiting Mon to Sat – 8am to 6pm at Ty Draw Place and Glan Afan, Port Talbot, be implemented as previously advertised and the objector informed accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

To allow the safe passage of vehicular traffic along Ty Draw Place into the new development at Glan Afan and to prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest road 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.

7. **TRAFFIC ORDER: STATION ROAD, PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That the Proposed Revocation of Orders comprising Limited Waiting except Resident Permit Holders, No Stopping except Taxis, Disabled Driver Parking Place to be substituted by new Limited Waiting except Residents Permit Holders and No Stopping except Taxis, Full-Time Taxi Rank and Disabled Drivers Parking Places Orders respectively in Station Road, Port Talbot, be implemented as previously advertised and the objector informed accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

To implement a full-time Taxi Rank for four vehicles at the lower end of Station Road, Port Talbot and a part-time evening Rank between Ty Draw Place and Grove Place 6.00pm to 8.00am in order to assist the public with public transport provision.

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: 23 VERNON STREET, BRITON FERRY, NEATH, SA11 2PE**

Decision:

That the Legal Orders for the implementation of an Individual Disabled Parking Place (IDPP) bay at 23 Vernon Street, Briton Ferry, Neath, SA11 2PE be advertised, and should there be no objectors, the IDPP implemented.

Reason for Decision:

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

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item will be subject to external consultation when the scheme is advertised.

CHAIRPERSON

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING CABINET BOARD

10 JUNE 2019

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, J.Hodges, N. Jones and J.Woodman-Ralph

Scrutiny Invitees:

Councillors: L.Purcell (Chairperson)
C.Galsworthy (Vice Chairperson)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THE 2 MAY 2019**

That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 4 April 2019, be approved.

3. **REVISED ADULT SERVICES RESPITE ALLOCATION POLICY**

Decision:

That approval be granted to undertake a 90 day public consultation on the Adult Services Respite Allocation Policy as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report.

Reason for Decision

To take into account the social care resources available when undertaking an assessment or reassessment of individuals' needs, to ensure a sustainable range of good quality adult social care services are available to meet the needs of the most vulnerable citizens of Neath Port Talbot, and contribute towards the budgetary savings identified in the Council's Forward Financial Plan.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

The policy is subject to public consultation.

4. **VACANT PROPERTY AT GELLIGRON HOUSE, GELLIGRON DAY CENTRE AND GELLIGRON REHAB UNIT**

Decisions:

1. That Gelligron House, Gelligron Day Centre and Gelligron Rehab Unit at Gelligron Road, Pontardawe, SA8 4LU be declared surplus to the operational requirements of the Social Services, Health and Housing Directorate.
2. That the responsibility be transferred to the Head of Property and Regeneration.

Reason for Decisions:

To declare Gelligron House, Gelligron Day Centre and Gelligron Rehabilitation Unit at Gelligron Road, Pontardawe, SA8 4LU as being surplus to the operational requirements of the Social Services, Health and Housing Directorate and transfer responsibility to the Head of Property and Regeneration.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

5. **WEST GLAMORGAN REGIONAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ADULTS**

Decision:

That approval be granted for the West Glamorgan Regional Strategic Framework for Mental Health Services for Adults: Our Strategic Framework for Mental Health Services for Adults.

Reason for Decision:

The Strategic Framework will help to ensure that the Council is best placed to work with its West Glamorgan partners to deliver the optimum model of service, as developed with service users, carers and professionals. The optimum model will support the Council in further improving experiences for people requiring mental health services, their carers and families and to ensure that we have a forward thinking psycho-social model of support.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

Significant consultation and engagement has taken place in the development of the Strategic Framework. The approach to consultation and engagement was co-designed and co-produced with the elected service user and carer representatives from the ABMU HB Together for Mental Health Local Partnership Board, using the "In Your Shoes" methodology.

The main findings from the engagement and consultation process is located at Appendix 4 to the circulated report.

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 item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Paragraph 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

7. **FOLLOW UP HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

25 JULY 2019

SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, J.Hodges, K.Warren, N. Jones and J.Woodman-Ralph

Scrutiny Invitees:

Councillors: L.Purcell (Chairperson)
C.Galsworthy (Vice Chairperson)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 June 2019, be approved.

3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 19/20**

That the forward work programme for 19/20 be noted.

4. **CARE INSPECTORATE WALES LOCAL AUTHORITY
PERFORMANCE REVIEW ANNUAL LETTER**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

5. **CARE INSPECTORATE WALES AND HEALTH INSPECTORATE
WALES INSPECTION OF OLDER ADULTS NEATH PORT TALBOT
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

6. **WEST GLAMORGAN SAFEGUARDING BOARDS JOINT ANNUAL
BUSINESS PLAN 2019/20**

Decision:

That the West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards Joint Annual Business Plan 2019-20 be approved as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to comply with the regulations within the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 that Safeguarding Boards are required to produce and publish an annual business plan by 31 March each year.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **SECTION 33 AGREEMENT FOR CARE HOMES IN THE WEST GLAMORGAN REGION**

Decisions:

1. That the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing be granted delegated authority to agree the final terms of the Section 33 agreement for care homes in the West Glamorgan region.
2. That the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing enter into the Section 33 agreement with the West Glamorgan partners of City and County of Swansea and Swansea Bay University Health Board.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to enter into a Section 33 agreement with Western Bay partners which would be the most appropriate way for the Council to discharge its obligations under Part 9 of the Act.

The Council's obligations under Part 9 of the Act came into force on 6 April 2018. Although the timescales for implementation was extended. Local Authorities were informed that Welsh Government may consider intervention if the pooled fund requirements were not delivered by the end of April 2019. Delegating authority to the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing to approve the final terms of the Section 33 agreement will avoid the need for further delay in establishing the Section 33 agreement.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

8. **SOCIAL HOUSING GRANT (SHG) HOUSING FINANCE GRANT (HFG) & RECYCLED CAPITAL GRANT (RCG) PROGRAMME 2018-21**

Decision:

The report be noted.

9. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT SERVICES - FULL YEAR (2018 - 19) PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Decision:

The report be noted.

10. **INTER-AGENCY (COLLABORATIVE) AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF A REGIONAL ADVOCACY SERVICE TO BE DELIVERED IN THE WEST GLAMORGAN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Decisions:

1. That the Head of Children and Young People Services be granted delegated authority to enter into an Inter-Agency Agreement with the City and County of Swansea to facilitate the procurement of a West Glamorgan Children's Advocacy Service and for the City and County of Swansea to continue to be the lead partner on this arrangement.
2. That the City and County of Swansea lead the procurement process on behalf of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and for the City and County of Swansea to continue to host the contract for a regional West Glamorgan Children's Advocacy Service, which would be used by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to discharge its statutory duty to deliver the Welsh Government directive on the national approach to advocacy for children and young people.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

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

12. **THE MANAGER'S REPORT ON HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 13)**

Members were supportive of the request made by the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held prior to this Cabinet Board.

Decision:

That the item be deferred to the next meeting in September 2019 due to the number of items on the agenda for today's meeting.

13. **THE REGULATED SERVICE (SERVICE PROVIDERS AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2017 (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 13)**

Members were supportive of the request made by the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held prior to this Cabinet Board.

Decision:

That the item be deferred to the next meeting in September 2019 due to the number of items on the agenda for today's meeting.

14. **HOUSING RENEWAL AND ADAPTATION SERVICE REPAYMENT OF DISABLED FACILITY GRANT MONIES (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

That the full amount of grant monies be waived for the reasons contained within the private circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to exercise its discretion under the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996. Disabled Facilities Grant (Conditions relating to approval or payment of Grant) General Consent 2008.

Implementation of Decision:

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

15. **HOUSING RENEWAL AND ADAPTATION SERVICE, REPAYMENT/WAIVER OF GROUP REPAIR GRANT MONIES (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

That the grant monies as detailed in the private circulated report be waived for the reasons stated in the report.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Authority to exercise its discretion under The Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy and Policy published in July 2003, pursuant to the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) England & Wales order 2002.

Implementation of Decision:

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

16. **HOUSING RENEWAL AND ADAPTATION SERVICE (HRAS) -
SERVICE REPORT (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

CHAIRPERSON

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EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

12 JULY, 2019

REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: L.Jones (Chair) and A.Wingrave

Officers in Attendance:

N.Pearce, S.Brennan, C.Morris and N.Headon

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor L.Jones be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Decision:

That the Minutes of the 7 June, 2019, be approved.

3. **QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Decision:

That the above monitoring report be noted.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20**

Decision:

That the Forward Work Programme for 2019/20 be noted.

5. **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 items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

6. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matters contained in Minute Nos. 7 and 8 below, the Chairperson agreed that these could be raised at today's meeting as urgent items pursuant to Statutory Instrument No. 2290 (as amended).

Reason for Urgency:

Due to the time element.

7. **CYMMER SPORTS HALL, CYMMER, PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That the grant of the lease and Service Level Agreement in relation to Cymmer Sports Hall, Cymmer, as detailed in the terms set out in the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The lease and Service Level Agreement will allow the premises to be used as a Sports Hall for the benefit of the local community.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **LEASE OF HARBOUR COURT, PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That the grant of lease in relation to Harbour Court, Port Talbot, as detailed in the terms set out in the private circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The proposal will enable this refurbished and extended building to be leased to the Company providing an annual income to the Authority.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRPERSON

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