

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

**CABINET**

**30 JULY 2020**

**Cabinet Members:**

Councillors: R.G.Jones (Chairperson), C.Clement-Williams, D.Jones, E.V.Latham, A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees, A.Wingrave and L.Jones

**Officers in Attendance:**

A.Evans, A.Jarrett, H.Jenkins, K.Jones, C.Griffiths, D.Griffiths, C.Furlow-Harris, J.Griffiths, A.James, R.Headon, S.Blewett, C.Davies, C.Plowman and T.Davies

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor R.G.Jones be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **OVERVIEW OF THE REGIONAL RESPONSE TO COVID FOCUSED ON CARE HOMES**

Cabinet Members praised the work of all Council staff in relation to the Covid 19 crisis.

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

### 3. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019-2020**

#### **Decisions:**

1. That the work undertaken by the Corporate Governance Group to develop the draft Addendum, be noted.
2. That the draft Addendum attached at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, containing the revised improvement work table for 2020/2021, be agreed.
3. That the replacement of the improvement work table for 2020/2021 contained in the Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 (approved by Cabinet on 21 May 2020) with the improvement actions set out in the Addendum herewith, be approved.

#### **Reasons for Decisions:**

1. To ensure the Annual Governance Statement meets the requirements of Regulation 5(2) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 in relation to an annual review of the effectiveness of the Council's systems of internal control and the preparation and approval of an Annual Governance Statement.
2. To meet the request made by Cabinet on 21 May 2020 to review the improvement work outlined for action during 2020/2021.
3. To ensure consideration of the matters set out in the CIPFA Better Governance Forum briefing paper.

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

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

### 4. **WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020**

#### **Decision:**

That the report be noted.

5. **NPT SAFE AND WELL – HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**Decisions:**

1. That the way in which the Council provided humanitarian assistance during the response phase of the Covid-19 crisis, in line with UK and Welsh governments' guidance, be noted.
2. That the steps being taken to transition people still receiving a service to more suitable and sustainable arrangements in respect of food and medication collection by the end of July and in anticipation that the shielding scheme will be paused on 16 August 2020, be noted.
3. That the lessons learned from the work to the Member Panel established by Council to inform recovery planning, seeking views as to the way these lessons learned can be used to inform stabilisation and recovery planning, be noted.

**Reasons for Decisions:**

1. To formally note and endorse the transition planning being undertaken to exit residents requiring humanitarian assistance from the Council in line with the timetables announced by the Welsh Government – ie that the national food delivery service will be paused on 16 August 2020, community pharmacy deliveries services are to be reviewed at the end of September 2020.
2. To ensure there is formal reflection on the lessons learned from the emergency response mobilised and that the lessons learned are used to inform stabilisation, longer term recovery planning and the wider work of the Council.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

6. **RECOVERY STRATEGY**

**Decision:**

That the draft Covid-19: Moving Forward Stabilisation – The Period between Response and Recovery Strategy, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Council to undertake a consistent and co-ordinated approach as we move towards recovery.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

7. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2019-20**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING Q1 2020-21**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

9. **SECTION 38 POLICY ADOPTION OF NEW HIGHWAYS**

**Decision:**

That the Policy for Section 38 Highway Adoption Agreements as set out in Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be adopted for implementation.

**Reason for Decision:**

To ensure that the Highway Authority has in place a clear policy and criteria in assessing and evaluating any formal requests to adopt any

highways in the locality of Neath Port Talbot and to safeguard the Council from unwarranted financial strain.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

**CHAIRPERSON**