

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

4 NOVEMBER 2020

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, A.Jarrett, N. Pearce, S.Brennan, D. Griffiths, P.Jackson, M.Roberts, C.Griffiths, C.Plowman and J.Woodman-Ralph.

Invitee:

Cllr. M.Harvey (Scrutiny Chairperson)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the 21 October Cabinet meetings, be approved.

4. **CHRISTMAS CAR PARKING**

Decision:

That approval be granted for Free Christmas parking in Neath, Port Talbot and Pontardawe Pay and Display car parks from Saturday, 12th December 2020 to Friday, 1st January 2021 inclusive (excluding The Gnoll, Afan Forest Country Park and Aberavon Seafront car parks.)

Reason for Decision:

To support our town centre economy it is acknowledged that providing free Christmas car parking would further support their recovery.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS (DWP) KICKSTART - GATEWAY REPRESENTATIVE**

Decision:

That the Kickstart application be submitted to the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). This would enable Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to act as Gateway Representative, to support local businesses and young unemployed people.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Kickstart scheme to have a positive impact on the number of 16 – 24 year olds claiming Universal Credit in the County Borough and provide local businesses with the opportunity to create new posts to support their business through this period of uncertainty.

Implementation of Decision:

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

6. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No. 7 below, the Chairperson agreed this could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Section 100B (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to time element.

7. **TRAFFIC ORDERS - HERBERT STREET, PONTARDAWE.**

Decision:

That approval be granted to advertise the revocation of existing Traffic Orders, (the proposed implementation of Disabled Badge Holders only Monday to Saturday 10am to 6pm, Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm One hour No Return within 2 hours permit holders exempt and Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm One hour No Return within 2 hours traffic regulation orders) at Herbert Street, Pontardawe (as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report) and should no objections be received, the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

The proposed traffic regulations orders will maintain parking provision for Disabled Badge Holders and provide some parking assistance for the residents of Herbert Street, Pontardawe.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is for immediate implementation.

Consultation:

A consultation exercise will be undertaken when the scheme is advertised.

8. **CONTINUATION OF COVID 19 - BUS INDUSTRY SUPPORT**

Members were supportive of the amendment to the recommendations given by Officers as detailed below.

Decisions:

1. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Regeneration and the Head of Engineering and Transport and those officers so designated by them to implement the Welsh Government guidance on the administration of the Bus Emergency Scheme (BES) while this mechanism continues to support the bus industry.
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Regeneration and Head of Engineering and Transport to enter into Covid-19 Indemnity Agreements with Passenger Transport Operators in accordance with the guidance provided by Welsh Ministers, the Welsh Government Covid19-Bus Industry Support April 2020 and any subsequent guidance that may be issued by the Welsh Government.

Reason for Decisions:

The proposal will help maintain transport services in the short term and ensure that there are services at the end of the Covid 19 public health crisis.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision will be for immediate implementation.

9. **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 of the Local Government Act 1972.

10. **CRYMLYN BURROWS TRANSFER STATION REMODELLING - APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANT (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

That approval be granted for the direct award of the contract for Consultant Advisors for the Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station Remodelling to SLR Consulting Ltd for the 2 year duration of the project for services as set out in the circulated private report, and that Officers complete the necessary agreement and associated documents for the public sector ESPO Framework to facilitate same.

Reason for Decision:

To facilitate the progression of the remodelling works previously agreed by Members and minimising project risk.

Implementation of Decision:

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

11. **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER**

Decision:

Approval be granted for the Head of Property and Regeneration to be given delegated authority to commence the work necessary to prepare for Compulsory Purchase Order powers to be utilised by the Council in respect of the proposed Neath Transport Hub for the properties shown edged red on Plan 2. A report be brought back to Members for approval to see the Compulsory Purchase Order at the appropriate time.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to recommence negotiations and acquisitions.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

Consultation has taken place with the Welsh Government.

CHAIRPERSON