

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

10 DECEMBER 2020

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, N.Pearce, C.Griffiths, D.Griffiths, C.Morris, S.Brennan, C.Furlow-Harris, P.Jackson, C.Jones, R.Headon, C.Davies, C.Plowman and T.Davies

Invitee: Councillor M.Harvey (Scrutiny Chair)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following members made declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

Councillor D.Jones - Re: Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants 2020-21, as she is a trustee on the boards of Age Connects NPT, BAME and NPTCVS. She considered the declaration as prejudicial and left the meeting for the item.

Councillor M.Harvey - Re: Decisions Taken by Urgency Action During the Covid 19 Emergency, as he is the Mayor of Coedffranc Town Council, mentioned on page 234 of the report pack.

Councillor M.Harvey - Re: Traffic Order – Park Drive/Park Crescent, Skewen, as he requested the implementation of this Traffic Order. He considered the declaration as prejudicial and left the meeting for the item.

3. **STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN**

Members noted that the actions contained within the Strategic Equality Plan 2020-2024 would be reviewed, when the Council moves into a recovery phase from the Covid 19 pandemic.

Decisions:

1. That the document be commended to Council for approval, prior to publication as an addendum to the Strategic Equality Plan 2020, published in September 2020.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Equalities be given delegated authority to make such changes as may be needed to the actions, prior to publication, provided that such changes do not materially alter the content of the document to be considered by Council.

Reason for Decisions:

To meet the statutory requirements set out in the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

This item has not been subject to external consultation, although a period of public consultation was undertaken as part of the development of the Strategic Equality Plan between the 16 January and 20 February 2020. In addition, local equality groups, as represented on the Council's Equality and Community Cohesion Group have been involved in the development of these actions.

4. **COMMENTS, COMPLIMENTS AND COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT 2019 2020**

That the monitoring report be noted.

5. **THIRD SECTOR GRANT FUNDING REPORT - AWARD OF GRANTS 2021/22**

(At this point in the meeting, Councillor D.Jones reaffirmed her interest in this item and left for the discussion and voting thereon.)

Decisions:

1. That the 2021/22 Budget of £540,500 for Third Sector Grants, as detailed in the circulated report, be confirmed.
2. That the award of Grants to the Third Sector organisations, as set out in Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved.
3. That grants not be awarded for the applications set out in Appendix 2 of the circulated report.
4. That the amount of grant payable to each Strategic Partner, as set out in Appendix 3 to the circulated report, be confirmed.

Reasons for Decisions:

To approve grants to third sector organisations in line with the Council's Scheme.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

6. **DECISIONS TAKEN BY URGENCY ACTION DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

(Councillor D.Jones re-joins the meeting.)

Decision:

That the report be noted.

7. **SUBSTANCE MISUSE COUNSELLING SERVICE - WESTERN BAY AREA PLANNING BOARD**

Decisions:

1. That the exclusion of the requirement for competition under the Contract Procurement Rules relating to the invitation of tenders (Rule 11 of the Contract Procedure Rules) in respect of an extension to the provision of specialist, trauma informed, counselling service, by Platform, to individuals with substance misuse issues, be agreed.
2. That authority be granted to the Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Digital Officer to enter into an agreement with Platform for the continued provision of this Specialist Counselling Service.

Reason For Decisions:

To ensure the necessary arrangements can continue to be put in place for the provision of specialist, trauma informed, Counselling, for Individuals with substance misuse issues, in the Swansea Bay region.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

8. **SYRIAN RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME SUPPORT SERVICE**

Decisions:

1. That the Contracts Procedure Rules relating to the invitation of tenders (Rule 11 of the Contract Procedure Rules) 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, be agreed.
2. That the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer be authorised to enter into an agreement with British Red Cross for the continued provision of this 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.

9. **NPT AIR QUALITY PROGRESS REPORT 2020**

Decisions:

1. That the findings of the 2020 Air Quality Progress Report, as presented in Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be noted.
2. That approval be given to publish the report on the Council website and to send a copy to Welsh Government for information.

Reason for Decisions:

To fulfil the requirements of the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), the Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 2007 and relevant Policy and Technical Guidance documents.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

10. **PLANNING POLICY WALES EDITION 10 – CONSIDERATION OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL STATEMENT, 2ND REVIEW 2020**

Decisions:

1. That the Regional Technical Statement 2nd Review be endorsed as providing an appropriate strategic framework to ensure an adequate supply of aggregates is achieved.
2. That the Statement of Sub-Regional Collaboration presented in Appendix 2 to the circulated report, be agreed as an appropriate

means of managing the supply of aggregates in the Swansea City Sub-Region.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure compliance with Planning Policy Wales and Minerals Technical Advice Note 1: Aggregates and that an appropriate strategic framework is in place to enable a continued and adequate supply of aggregates.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

11. **LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS**

That the Approved list is amended as follows:

Firms to be **added** to List of Approved Contractors:-

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Category</u>
ASW	15 16 17 18 19 20 22 27 28 29 30 35 37 38 41 42 45 84
Conemaster	1 9 47
Scourfield Gas Services	37 38 39 40 45 46
QTech facilities Management Ltd	45 46

Firm to be **added to additional category** on List of Approved Contractors:-

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Category</u>
Thortech	80 81 92

Reason for Decisions:

To keep the List of Approved Contractors up to date and as far as possible, ensure a competitive procurement process, and for the purpose of supplying a List of Approved Contractors for invitation to tender within the relevant category.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

12. **TRAFFIC ORDER - PARK DRIVE, PARK CRESCENT, SKEWEN. NEATH**

(At this point in the meeting, Councillor M.Harvey reaffirms his interest in this item and leaves for the discussion and voting thereon.)

Decision:

That the objections be overruled to the Park Drive and Park Crescent, Skewen, Neath, Prohibition of Motor Vehicles except for Access Order 2020 (as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report), the scheme be implemented on site as advertised, and the objectors to be informed of the decision 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.

13. **TRAFFIC ORDER - LLETTY DAFYDD - CLOS YR YSGOL, CLYNE**

(Councillor M.Harvey re-joins the meeting.)

Decision:

That approval be granted to advertise the B4434 Lletty Dafydd – Clos Yr Ysgol, Clyne - Proposed Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading at any time Traffic Regulation Order (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:

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:

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

14. **TRAFFIC ORDER - PARC NEWYDD, CWRT Y CAWR, BRITON FERRY**

Decision:

That approval be granted to advertise the proposed Parc Newydd – Cwrt Y Cawr, Briton Ferry - Proposed Prohibition of Waiting, Loading or Unloading at any time Traffic Regulation Order (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:

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:

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

15. **TRAFFIC ORDER - SEVEN SISTERS**

Decision:

That approval be granted to advertise the Individual Disabled Parking Place Traffic Regulation Order at No. 6 Bryndulais Row, Seven Sisters. SA10 9EB order (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:

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:

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

16. **TRAFFIC ORDER - BRYNCOCH, NEATH**

Decision:

That the objection be overruled to the Llewellyn Avenue, Bryncoch, Neath, Prohibition of Waiting at any Time Order 2020 (as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report), the scheme be implemented on site as advertised, and the objector to be informed of the decision 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.

17. **TRAFFIC ORDER - CYNCOED ROAD - BERTHA ROAD, MARGAM**

Decision:

That the objection be overruled to the Cyncoed Road and Bertha Road, Margam, Prohibition of Waiting, Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 5.00pm, Order 2020 (as detailed at Appendix A to the circulated report), the scheme be implemented on site as advertised, and the objector be informed of the decision 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.

18. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matters contained in Minute Nos 19, 24 and 25 below, the Chairperson agreed these could be raised at today's meeting as urgent items pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to the time element.

19. **GRANT SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY ADDITIONAL TRADING RESTRICTIONS FROM 4TH DECEMBER 2020.**

Decision:

That the grant funding detailed within the urgent, circulated report be accepted, and the payments of grants to eligible businesses for 2020/21, as set out in the urgent, circulated report, and in line with the final guidance received from the Welsh Government, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to make payments to eligible businesses in line with the Welsh Government Scheme.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is for immediate implementation. The Chairperson of the scrutiny committee had agreed to this course of action. There would therefore be no call in of this decision.

20. **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.

21. **PASSENGER TRANSPORT SUBSIDISED NETWORK**

Officers agreed that Carmarthenshire Council be included in the consultation.

Decision:

That the private report be noted.

22. **WORKS AT CROWN WORKS, NEATH**

Decision:

That Rule 11 of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules be excluded and that the Head of Property and Regeneration be given approval appoint the company detailed within the private, circulated report, to undertake works to the Crown Buildings and an agreement be entered into with the same company to facilitate this.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the essential roofing repairs to be undertaken at Crown Buildings.

Implementation of Decision:

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

23. **BURROWS YARD**

Decisions:

1. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property and Regeneration to agree new terms with the company detailed in the private, circulated report, for the disposal of land at Burrows Yard as shown hatched and cross-hatched black on the plan, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the private circulated report;
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property and Regeneration to instruct the company detailed in the private, circulated report, to remediate and construct a new commercial unit on the Council's retained land as shown edged black on the plan, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the private circulated report;
3. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property and Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services to negotiate, finalise and enter into the transaction documentation

necessary to implement the disposal of land and the construction of a new commercial, as detailed in the private circulated report;

4. That Rule 2 of the Contract Procedure Rules be excluded for the construction of a new commercial unit on the land edge black on the plan as detailed at Appendix 1 of the private, circulated report, and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property and Regeneration to enter into an agreement, as detailed therein.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the transfer of development land to a third party and the construction of commercial unit on the Council's land at the Burrows Yard site.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

24. **STREET LIGHTING ENERGY SAVING PROJECT (PHASE 2)**

Members noted that scheme of works would be circulated when available.

Decision:

That Rule 11 of the Contract Procedure Rules be excluded, and approval be granted to accept the sum of funding, from the provider detailed within the private, circulated report, which is on offer for a second phase of the previously approved project, and that the work is awarded as a variation order to the company detailed within the private, circulated report, to facilitate same.

Reason for Decision:

To take advantage of available funding to reduce energy usage and maintenance costs.

Implementation of Decision:

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

25. **REPAYMENT OF DISABLED FACILITY GRANT MONIES**

The Chair highlighted that the Ward Affected section of the report should read 'Margam' and not 'Neath Abbey, Neath'.

Decision:

That the full amount of grant monies be waived, as detailed in the private, circulated report, for the reasons given within the same.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the Authority exercises 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 three day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON