

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

29 MAY 2024

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt, S.A.Knoyle, N.Jenkins, J.Hurley, S.Harris,
J.Hale and S.Jones

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, N.Pearce, A.Jarrett, N.Daniel, H.Jones, C.Griffiths, R.Crowhurst and
T.Davies

Scrutiny Chairperson: Councillor P.Rogers

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor S.K.Hunt be appointed as Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

4. **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF CABINET**

That the minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet, held on the 8 May 2024, be agreed as an accurate record.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF:**

That the minutes of the meetings below, be agreed as an accurate record:

- Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board - 19 April 2024
- Education, Skills and Wellbeing Cabinet Board - 25 April 2024
- Social Services, Housing and Community Safety Cabinet Board - 18 May 2024
- Cabinet (Policy and Resources) Sub Committee - 9 April 2024

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

7. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMITTEE WITH PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF CELTIC FREEPORTS**

Members were advised of an error within the circulated report – the implementation of decision within the report should have read ‘Following the three day call in period’ and was not, as stated, ‘For immediate implementation’.

Decisions:

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment:

1. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, be granted delegated authority to enter into the Joint Committee Agreement with Pembrokeshire County Council. This is subject only to Pembrokeshire County Council doing likewise, taking account of any minor amendments which may prove necessary and do not alter the substance of the document, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the circulated report.
2. The Leader, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Social Justice and the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and

Economic Growth, be appointed as the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council representatives to the Joint Committee.

3. That any Cabinet Member be authorised to sit as an alternative representative to the Joint Committee in the absence of the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Social Justice and the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economic Growth
4. Members note a future report to Full Council, agreeing the establishment of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Pembrokeshire County Council.

Reason for Decisions:

To agree the establishment of a Joint Committee with Pembrokeshire County Council in respect of the Non Domestic Rates and Seed Capital funding schemes that will be developed.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

The Freeport bid has been developed by the two local authorities, Associated British Ports and Milford Haven Port Authority, working in partnership. Wider consultation has also taken place with a wide range of public and private sector organisations including business networks within the Freeport proposed area.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF A SENIOR CORONER FOR SWANSEA AND NEATH PORT TALBOT**

Decisions:

That having had due regard to the integrated impact screening assessment, delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Social Justice –

- to agree the job description, contractual terms and appointment process for the post of Senior Coroner and to make arrangements to suitably advertise the post;

- to take all necessary steps to progress the appointment of a Senior Coroner;
- in consultation with the City and County of Swansea Council and the Chief Coroner's officer, to establish a panel in order to draw up a short-list, interview applicants and to appoint the successful applicant as the Senior Coroner for Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the appointment of a Senior Coroner for Swansea and Neath Port Talbot and to meet the legal requirements of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

9. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE ("TAXI") FARE INCREASE**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment, the increase to the hackney carriage fare, as set out at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved, however, should an objection be received following public advert, a report be brought back to Cabinet for a determination to be made.

Reason for Decision:

To determine a hackney carriage fare increase.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

A consultation exercise was carried out with all existing proprietors and drivers. The consultation exercise resulted in 42 responses which are summarised within the circulated report.

10. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No. 12 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 the time element.

11. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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.

12. **REPLACEMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES TRANSPORT VEHICLE**

Decisions:

1. That Rule 11.4.1 of the Contract Procedure Rules be suspended,
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Engineering and Transport, to enter into a contract for the purchase of two second hand wheelchair adapted 17-seat minibuses, for the purpose of transporting service users with complex needs, and disposal of the old vehicles, for the sum detailed within the private, circulated report.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council can secure the buses before they are sold to another organisation. The buses will provide better quality transport to the most vulnerable residents of Neath and Port Talbot who need to access day care services.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

13. **PROPOSED EASEMENT IN PERPETUITY - PONTARDAWE RETAIL PARK**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment, the terms and conditions for the grant of the Easement in Perpetuity to Lidl Great Britain Limited, as set out in the private, circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To facilitate Lidl Great Britain Limited being able to undertake the necessary works as detailed within the private, circulated report.

CHAIRPERSON