

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

24 JULY 2024

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt (Chairperson), S.A.Knoyle, N.Jenkins, J.Hurley, S.Harris, J.Hale, A.Llewelyn, W.F.Griffiths, S.Jones and C.Phillips

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, N.Pearce, N.Daniel, A.Thomas, H.Jones, C.Griffiths, C.Furlow-Harris, N.Jones, T.Davies, C.Howard, A.James, D.Griffiths, L.McAndrew, R.Turner and C.Morris, N.Jones and T.Davies

Invitees: Councillors P.Rogers, S.Thomas, S.Purseley and T.Bowen

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 OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet, held on the 10 July 2024, be agreed as an accurate record.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

6. **CORPORATE PLAN 2024-2027 - WORKING TOWARDS A MORE PROSPEROUS, FAIRER AND GREENER NPT**

This item was considered at the Community, Finance and Strategic Leadership Scrutiny Committee on the 18 July 2024.

A verbal update was given detailing the request made by the scrutiny committee to amend the word offer to offering in the context of the “delivering strong tourism, leisure and culture offering”. Officers confirmed that the document would be updated before it is considered at Council.

The scrutiny committee was supportive of the report subject to the amendment as above.

Decisions:

1. That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment (attached at Appendix 2 to the circulated report), the Corporate Plan for the period 2024/2027 be approved, and it be noted that Plan priorities are subject to ongoing review, given the level of uncertainty in terms of available revenue and capital resources provided by Government.
2. That the Director of Strategy and Corporate Services be given delegated authority in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive to make any further changes that are necessary, prior to final publication and which do not materially change the content of the Plan.
3. That this Plan be commended to Council for formal adoption at its meeting on the 26th July 2024.

Reason for Decisions:

To meet legal duties set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 as they relate to council corporate planning activities.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions were for immediate implementation, with the support of the Scrutiny Committee Chair.

7. **STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN 2024/2028**

This item was considered at the Community, Finance and Strategic Leadership Scrutiny Committee on the 18 July 2024.

A verbal update was received on the request made by the Scrutiny Committee to indicate on the action plan what department and cabinet member owned each action. In addition, if the action was linked to or taken from other strategies or plans. Officers confirmed that the document would be updated to reflect this observation prior to the Draft Strategic Equality Plan being considered by Council in September.

The scrutiny committee was supportive of the report subject to the amendment as above.

Decisions:

1. That the revised Strategic Equality Plan 2024-2028 (as attached at Appendix 1 to the circulated report) be commended to Council for approval.
2. That the Head of People and Organisational Development be granted delegated authority to make such changes as may be needed to the Strategic Equality Plan prior to publication, provided that such changes do not materially alter the content of the document 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.

8. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 23/24**

This item was considered at the Community, Finance and Strategic Leadership Scrutiny Committee on the 18 July 2024.

The scrutiny committee was supportive of the report with no observations or comments.

Decision:

That the Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024 (attached at Appendix 1 to the circulated report) be approved.

Reason for Decision:

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 and the duty contained under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 to keep its performance under review.

Implementation of Decision:

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

9. **NEATH PORT TALBOT DIGITAL, DATA AND TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY REVIEW 2024**

That the monitoring report be noted.

10. **DELEGATION OF COUNCIL FUNCTIONS UNDER SECTION 16A OF THE (RTRA) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ACT 1984 TO WELSH GOVERNMENT FOR ROAD CYCLE RACES IN WALES**

Decisions:

1. That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, the delegation of Council Functions under section 16A of the (RTRA) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to Welsh Government for Road Cycle Races in Wales, be approved.
2. That the Head of Engineering and Transport, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, be given delegated authority to complete any agreements and associated documents for the transfer of these functions to facilitate Road Cycle Races in Wales.

Reason for Decisions:

To allow Welsh Government to assume responsibility for the drafting and publication of Traffic Orders to facilitate Road Cycle Races in Wales and to serve same on NPTCBC and requisite Councils.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

11. **TRADING STANDARDS LEGISLATION UPDATE**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, the delegation arrangements in respect of the Trading Standards, Food Hygiene and Health Protection Service, which are set out in the Authority's Constitution updated on 15th May 2024 [Part 3 – Officer of the Council Delegation Arrangements: {c} Trading Standards, Food Hygiene and Health Protection – Schedule 1] be amended to:

- (a) Add the legislation described above delegated to the Director of Environment and Regeneration, the Head of Planning and Public Protection and the Trading Standards, Food and Health Protection Manager.

- (b) Delegate to those officers in (a) above the authority to authorise individual competent and qualified officers to act under that legislation.
- (c) Delegate to those officers in (a) above the authority to institute legal proceedings under the provisions contained in the legislation in conjunction with the Head of Legal Services (including the signing of any cautions in accordance with Home Office Guidelines) and, where an alleged offender is being held in custody in relation to an offence, to institute proceedings by way of charge.
- (d) That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to seek amendment of the Constitution by the Council in due course, in order to reflect the above changes to the authority's delegation arrangements.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the legislation to be implemented quickly and efficiently.

12. **TRAFFIC ORDER/S - ABBEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEATH**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, approval be granted to advertise the Traffic Regulation Orders in association with the Abbey Primary School (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report), and should no objections be received, the proposal be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking and improve manoeuvrability issues 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.

13. **TRAFFIC ORDER/S - LONDON ROAD, NEATH**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment, the objections be overruled in full to the (London road, Neath)(Revocation) and (Disabled residents parking places) order 2024 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the scheme be implemented as advertised at the earliest convenience.

Reason for Decision:

The applicant met all the criteria to apply for an Individual Disabled Parking Place.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

14. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

CHAIRPERSON