

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

7 AUGUST 2024

CABINET

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, N.Pearce, N.Daniel, A.Thomas, H.Jones, C.Griffiths, C.Howard, C.Saunders, C.Morris, C.Jones, S.Brennan, C.Davies, T.Davies and N.Jones

Scrutiny/ Shadow Cabinet Invitees:

Councillors P.Rogers, S.Purseley, S.Thomas, C.Galsworthy and S.Paddison

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the start of the meeting. He felt this interest to be prejudicial, so left the meeting for the relevant item. Cllr Llewelyn chaired the meeting for this item only.

Councillor S.Hunt – Minute No.14 - Proposed Licensing Agreement.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25**

The Forward Work Programme 2024/25 was noted.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

6. **THE CROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment, it is recommended that Members:

Agree to declare the premises surplus to the ongoing strategic and operational requirements of the Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning Directorate and to transfer ongoing responsibility for the future management of the premises, to the Head of Property and Regeneration until such time as a decision is made on the future of the premises.

Reasons for the Proposed Decision:

To formally declare the site surplus to the needs of the Education Directorate and facilitate discussions on the longer-term use.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

7. **EVENTS AND FESTIVALS REVIEW**

Officers highlighted this report went to scrutiny and they suggested wording to be added to the cabinet report on page 107, under table 1 - Community, charity and non-profit events (CCNP), the additional wording should read:

Organisers within this category should note that where an event consists of more than 33% of third-party operators commercially trading, the event will be classed as a 'Community Event with Commercial Activity' and will incur the appropriate fees set out in Table 4.

Decision:

Having due regard to the accompanying Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form it is recommended that Cabinet provides endorsement

of the following recommendations to progress through the decision-making process:

1. Provide approval to create and fund a dedicated Events Team (including a Film Office function) within the Council to assist in realising the aims of the Culture Strategy and Destination Management Plan which align with Wellbeing Objective 3 of the Corporate Plan.
2. Provide approval to adopt the Events Policy and proposed charging structure.
3. Provide approval to utilise £94,973 from reserves on an invest to save basis to cover the anticipated deficits in years 1 and 2.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To ensure that the Council is able to deliver a comprehensive events service for internal and external events, generate additional revenue through events and filming productions and meet the aims Culture Strategy and Destination Management Plan which align with Wellbeing Objective 3 of the Corporate Plan.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF LA GOVERNOR**

Decision:

That, in line with approved policy, the LA governor representative listed within the appendix is appointed for a further term of office.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To enable the Authority to contribute to effective school governance through representation on school governing bodies.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

9. **WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

10. **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT ANNUAL REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

11. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matters contained in Minute No 13, 14 and 15 below, the Chairperson agreed these could be raised at today's meeting as urgent items pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to the time element

12. **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.

13. **PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR LEASE**

Decision:

That having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment, it is recommended that Members approve the granting of the agreement for lease and lease on the terms set out in the private circulated report.

Reason for Proposed Decision(s)

The grant of the agreement for lease and lease will allow this prominently located vacant premises to be let and operated by a local company and provide an annual income for the Council.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

14. **PROPOSED LICENCE AGREEMENT**

Councillor S. Hunt reaffirmed his interest at this point and withdrew from the meeting for this item only.

Decision:

That option D be approved.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To assist in ensuring the continuation of the Neath September Funfair.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call-in period.

15. **TATA STEEL TRANSITION**

Decision:

That having due regard to the integrated impact assessment screening assessment

(a) Subject to the completion of an appropriate Memorandum of Understanding/ Grant Agreement, delegated authority is granted to the Chief Executive for Neath Port Talbot Council to undertake the role of Accountable Body and for the drawdown of UK Government funds to mitigate the impacts of the Tata Steel transition as detailed in the short form delivery plans.

(b) That delegated authority is granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and relevant cabinet member to agree and

enter into a Memorandum of Understanding/Grant Agreement and any other associated documents with UK Government to draw down the funds referenced in paragraph (a) above.

(c) That delegated authority is granted to the Chief Executive to deliver the specific interventions, including commissioning external organisations, overseeing the schemes, providing direct support, paying grants, and distributing funding to other organisations as may be applicable.

(d) That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to enter into grant agreements and any other associated documents with recipients of the funds identified in paragraph (a) above as may be applicable for their service areas on terms and conditions to be agreed in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To allow and enable UKG funding to be utilised by the Council to mitigate the impacts of the Tata Steel transition, where it is appropriate.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call in period.

16. **DEMOLITION OF PROPERTIES AT PANTEG, AND ASSOCIATED AGREEMENT WITH LANDOWNERS. (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14)**

Decision:

That having considered the report and having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, it is recommended for the Phase 2 properties,

a) That members note the financial reported compensation payments and delegated authority be granted to the Head of Planning and Public Protection to agree and pay the reasonable costs claimed as part of the demolition agreement.

b) That members note the Statutory Enforcement actions that may be required to secure compliance with the Demolition Orders.

c) That members note the funding gap of demolition costs and delegated authority be granted to the Head of Planning and Public Protection to pay the demolition contractor's invoice, and where possible and applicable, recover the insurance contributions as part of the demolition agreement and where appropriate register outstanding costs as a local land charge debt against the property and land.

d) That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property and Regeneration, to enter into an agreement with the owners to purchase the land for £1 plus a payment of up to £500 legal costs.

e) That members note that upon the transfer of land to the Council's ownership, any debts registered as a local land charge in relation to the uninsured demolition costs will be written-off.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To progress and complete the demolition of the properties at 88, 86, 85, 84, 83, 82 and 81 Cyfyng Road and to purchase the land in order for the Council take control of the site to ensure that no further sale or unauthorised development takes place which could undermine the stability of the slope and put the highway infrastructure at risk.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three-day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON