

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

10 SEPTEMBER 2014

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: A.H.Thomas (Leader), P.A.Rees, M.L.James, Mrs.S.Miller,
P.D.Richards, J.Rogers and A.J.Taylor

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, G.Nutt, Mrs.K.Jones, D.Rees and Mrs.A.Manchipp

1. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting in respect of the undermentioned item:-

Councillor A.H.Thomas

The Report of the Head of Engineering and Transport re Consultation on the Removal of Council Subsidised Bus Services as he is a Board Member of DANSA.

2. **BUDGET SAVINGS PROPOSALS 2015/16 - CORPORATE SERVICES**

Decision:

That the consultation, with relevant stakeholders, on the proposals contained in the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To progress the budget proposals contained in the circulated report.

Implementation of Decision:

This decision is for immediate implementation. The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action and therefore there would be no call in of this decision.

Consultation:

Extensive consultation will be undertaken.

3. **PAINTINGS AND ARTEFACTS**

Decisions:

- 1 That the following four works of art, as identified in the circulated report, be designated for disposal via the specialist sale house of Southeby's at its earliest available sale, subject to a suitable reserve price :-

Ludwig Von Hofer Statue,
The Roman Emperor Statue,
Benjamin West American Picture and
Pair of Pictures attributable to the studio of Allan Ramsay.

2. That the remaining 60 works be retained by the Council and a proposal be developed to allow greater viewing potential for the remaining pictures.

Reason for Decisions:

To realise capital receipts for the Authority.

Implementation of Decision:

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

4. **CIVIC CATERING**

Decision:

That Officers investigate all potential options to remove the operating deficit from the Authority's Civic Catering Service, subject to all necessary consultation.

Reason for Decision:

To meet the commitments set out in the Council's Forward Financial Plan.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **FINANCIAL SAVINGS WITHIN THE GNOLL COUNTRY PARK**

Decision:

That the proposals, as set out in the circulated report, to achieve a saving of £142,000 in the running costs associated with the Gnoll Country Park, be taken forward.

Reason for Decision:

To allow the Park to continue running with minor impact to services, with the Visitors' Centre remaining open and continuing to provide café and toilet facilities.

Implementation of Decision:

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

6. **PARTIAL LARGE SCALE LIGHTING RENEWAL PROJECT**

Decision:

That given the revenue finance available to fund the completion of the project and the long term benefits including achieving the Forward Financial Plan

public lighting energy savings, which justify the capital expenditure, the final phase of the Lighting Renewal Project be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To confirm the Revenue funding commitment, that will enable the final phase of the Large Scale Public Lighting infrastructure to progress and give the ability to conduct the tender award process.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **TWYN-YR-HYDD, MARGAM PARK**

Decision:

That, for the reasons contained in the circulated report, Twyn-Yr-Hydd be market tested for sale, on a long lease basis, on the open market.

Reason for Decision:

To ascertain potential interest in this property.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **CONSULTATION ON THE REMOVAL OF COUNCIL SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES**

(Councillor A.H.Thomas reaffirmed his interest in this item and withdrew during the discussion and voting thereon).

Decision:

That the proposed options One to Three for the termination of subsidised bus services within the local Authority area, be approved, for consultation purposes, to enable the Council to deliver the savings target for transport during the next financial year, as contained in the circulated report, with the consultation period running from 11th September to 24th October 2014.

Reason for Decision:

In order for a consultation process to be undertaken, with Members, Stakeholders and the general public via the Objective Consultation Tool, in order to better inform the decision to be taken in relation to the termination of subsidised bus services within the Local Authority area.

Implementation of Decision:

This decision is for immediate implementation. The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action and therefore there would be no call in of this decision.

Consultation:

There has been extensive consultation on these proposals as contained in the circulated report, and further consultation will be undertaken.

CHAIRMAN