

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

4 OCTOBER 2017

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: R.G.Jones, A.J.Taylor, D.W.Davies, E.V.Latham,
A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees and A.Wingrave

Officers in Attendance:

H.Jenkins, A.Evans, G.Nutt, A.Thomas, R.Gordon, I.Davies, A.Manlipp and
Miss.C.Davies

Invited Members: Councillors A.Llewelyn and S.Paddison

1. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting in relation to the Strategic School Improvement Programme: Proposed Projects for the Council's 21st Century Schools Capital Funding Programme - Band B (2019-2024) :-

Councillor R.G.Jones	As his daughter works in the education system, but has no interest in the proposals on the agenda
Councillor A.J.Taylor	As he has children of school age who are not in the schools mentioned in the report
Councillor P.A.Rees	As he is a Govenor at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School and confirmed his dispensation to both speak and vote thereon

Councillor A.R.Lockyer

As he is a Governor at Gnoll Primary School and Castell Nedd Primary School and confirmed his dispensation to both speak and vote thereon

2. **THE CITY DEAL**

Decisions:

1. That the Council's position be that the Joint Working Agreement (JWA) must be finalised (including a resolution of the issues identified in Section B of the circulated report) before this Authority considers consenting to the establishment of a formal Joint Committee;
2. That a further report be submitted to Cabinet should a revised JWA be produced for decision;
3. That Cabinet Members and Officers be authorised to continue to engage in informal discussions with a view to a decision on participation in the City Deal being taken by the end of the current financial year (in the context of the Council's 2018/19 Budget Round); and
4. That both the Policy and Resources/Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and the Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee be included in any further discussion.

Reason For Decisions:

To invite Members to provide direction on the conduct of further discussions on the City Deal.

Implementation of the Decisions:

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

3. **STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL FUNDING PROGRAMME BAND B (2019-2024)**

Decision:

That having given due regard to the impact assessments in relation to equality, risk, and Welsh language

1. The Band B programme of projects, as contained in the circulated report, and as submitted to the Welsh Government for grant funding consideration, be approved; and
2. Officers be authorised to explore with Welsh Government Officials the grant funding opportunities available within the Band B programme and secure the most beneficial option for the Council.

Reasons For Decision:

1. This decision is necessary to access Welsh Government 21st Century School and Education Band B Programme grant funding for capital projects.
2. Subject to the outcome of the grant funding application, implementation of the programme of projects will enable the Council to promote high educational standards and the fulfilment of every child's potential. It will also enable the Council to meet its duty to secure efficient education in its area.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This report seeks Member approval for a submission to the Welsh Government for funding under its 21st Century Schools and Education capital grant funding programme, Band B. As the programme is developed, each project within this Council's Band B programme of projects will be subject to consultation with the respective school communities. Where a project involves the closure of a school formal consultation will be undertaken in line with legislative requirements.

CHAIRPERSON

