31 OCTOBER, 2018

CABINET

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: R.G.Jones (Chair), A.J.Taylor, C.Clement-Williams,

D.W.Davies, A.R.Lockyer, P.D.Richards and A.Wingrave

Invitees: Councillor A.N. Woolcock (Chairperson of the Scrutiny

Committee)

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, K.Jones, C.Griffiths, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, G.Nutt, H.Jones, C.Furlow, N.Headon and C.Davies

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Agreed that Councillor R.G. Jones be appointed as Chairperson.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting:

Councillor R.G.Jones Re: Report of Corporate Directors'

Group on the Draft Budget for Consultation 2019/20 as he a

Governor at Ysgol Cwm Brombil and Coed Hirwaun Primary School and has a daughter working at a school

in Neath Port Talbot.

Councillor A.J.Taylor Re: Report of Corporate Directors Group

on the Draft Budget for Consultation 2019/20 as he is a Governor at Eastern Primary School and his sister-in-law works as a Teacher in

Baglan Primary School.

Cllr. C.Clement-Williams Re: Report of Corporate Directors'

Group on the Draft Budget for Consultation 2019/20 as she has a family member working at Hillside

Secure Unit.

Councillor A.R. Lockyer Re: Report of Corporate Directors'

Group on the Draft Budget for Consultation 2019/20 as he is a Governor at YGG Castell-nedd and

Gnoll Primary School, has

grandchildren in the school system and his son works at Dwr-y-Felin

Comprehensive School.

Councillor P.D.Richards Re: Report of Corporate Directors'

Group on the Draft Budget for

Consultation 2019/20 as he is a Vice

Chair of Governors at Baglan Primary School and Blaenbaglan Primary School, and his grandson attends Blaenbaglan Primary

School.

Councillor D.W. Davies Re: Report of Corporate Directors'

Group on the Draft Budget for Consultation 2019/20 as he is a Governor at Ynysfach Primary

School and Llangatwg

Comprehensive School, and his sister-in-law is employed in the

Education Department.

Councillor A. Wingrave Re: Report of Corporate Directors'

Group on the Draft Budget for Consultation 2019/20 as she has grandchildren attending Coedffranc

Primary and Dwr-y-Felin Comprehensive School

3. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

Noted by Committee.

4. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19

Decisions:

- That the budget monitoring information be noted and management arrangements put in place to minimise overspends and the adverse impacts on reserves;
- 2. That the additional grants received, be noted;
- 3. That the proposed reserve movements and budget virements, be approved and commended to Council as appropriate.

Reason for Decisions:

To update the Council's budget for additional grants received, budget virements and reserve movements in line with the Council's Constitution.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

5. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19

Decisions:

- That the proposed 2018/2019 Capital Programme Budget, totalling £47.721m, be commended to Council for approval;
- 2. That the position in relation to expenditure as at 30 September, 2018, be noted.

Reason for Decisions:

To update the Capital Programme for 2018/19 and inform Members of the current year spend to date.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

6. DRAFT BUDGET FOR CONSULTATION 2019/20

Cabinet noted that the Director of Finance and Corporate Services would prepare a response to be submitted to the Welsh Government in relation to the Provisional Settlement, taking account of comments raised by Scrutiny Members at the Scrutiny Committee held earlier in the day.

Decision:

That the draft savings and additional income proposals, as set out at Appendix 1 of the circulated report, be approved for consultation purposes and the Chief Executive be authorised to carry out the said consultation.

Reason for Decision:

To commence the draft budget consultation for 2019/20.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2018/19

That the report be noted.

8. THIRD SECTOR GRANTS SCHEME

Decisions:

- 1. That the revised Third Sector Grant Scheme, as set out Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be approved.
- That Members support the principle of allocating a higher proportion of the funds available to support the sustainability of strategic partners, the detail to be determined by Members once applications had been received and analysed;
- 3. That the Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) be asked to respond to the consequential impact, arising from the recommendation set out at Paragraph 29 of the circulated report for those organisations that may be adversely affected by prioritising investment in Strategic Partners.
- 4. That the CVS be asked to provide assistance to other third sector organisations to seek out other fundraising opportunities which can include seeking assistance from Council Officers;
- 5. That the Council provides an opportunity to third sector organisation to advertise volunteering opportunities through its vacancy bulletin and through its Voluntary Redundancy Scheme;
- 6. That Officers explore the business case for adopting a Volunteering Policy for the Council's workforce;
- 7. That the other issues raised in this report, as set out in Paragraph 18 (h) be formally raised in the Voluntary Sector Liaison Forum, with a view to the issues being incorporated into the existing work programme of the Forum as proposed in this report.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the Third Sector Scheme is aligned with the Council's Corporate Plan 2018-2022.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

9. MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - PELENNA

Decision:

That approval be granted under the Members' Community Fund, to provide financial support of £3,090 for renewal of a defective heating boiler, Tonmawr RFC, Dan-y-Coed, Pelenna.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the Application for funding received under the Members' Community Fund. The Members' Community Fund will continue to receive bids until the due deadline date of 31 March, 2020.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRPERSON