

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

27 MARCH 2019

CABINET

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: D.Jones, E.V.Latham (Chairperson), P.A.Rees and
A.N.Woolcock

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, G.Nutt, A.Jarrett, K.Jones, S.John, C.Griffiths,
D.Giles, C.Davies and T.Davies

Invitee:

Councillor: L.C.Jones (Scrutiny Chair)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor E.V.Latham be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillor D.Jones

Re: Min No. 5 – Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning - Education through Regional Working (ERW) – as she is a Governor at Cilfrew Primary and Llangatwg Community Schools.

Councillor E.V.Latham

Re: Min No. 5 – Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning - Education through Regional Working (ERW) – as he is a Governor at Tywyn Primary School and Ysgol Bae Baglan.

Councillor P.A.Rees

Re: Min No. 5 – Joint Report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning - Education through Regional Working (ERW) – as he is a Member of the ERW Board, and a Governor at Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School and Crynallt Primary School.

Councillor A.N.Woolcock

Re: Min No. 6 - Report of the Head of Transformation - Members' Community Fund – Lower Brynaman, as it refers to his Community Fund. As his interest was prejudicial he withdrew from the room during discussion and voting thereon.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Decision:

That the Minutes of the previous meetings of Cabinet, held on 13 February and 6 March, 2019, be approved.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19**

Noted by Committee.

5. **EDUCATION THROUGH REGIONAL WORKING (ERW)**

Following recommendations from the earlier Joint Education, Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committees, Cabinet Members requested the following additional decisions be made, as shown at decisions No. 2 and 3 below.

Decisions:

1. That the Leader of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council write to the Chair of the Education through Regional Working (ERW) Joint Committee in terms of the draft letter, as detailed at Appendix 2 to the circulated report,
2. That a report be brought to a joint meeting of the Education, Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committees if/when any significant change/s occur on the factors that have led to decision No. 1 above,
3. That prior to the expiry of the notice period, a full report be brought to a joint meeting of the Education, Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committees addressing all issues as a consequence of the Council exiting the Education through Regional Working (ERW) consortium.

Reason for Decisions:

To address the deficiencies in current arrangements surrounding the regional school improvement consortium.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions are for immediate implementation. The Chair of the Joint Scrutiny Committee had agreed to this course of action, there would therefore be no call in of these decisions.

6. **DIGITAL DELIVERY PROGRAMME - INITIAL PHASE**

Decision:

That the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Digital Delivery Programme developed to implement Smart and Connected, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be endorsed.

Reason for Decision:

To implement the Council's Digital Strategy – Smart and Connected.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

7. **COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTION - DISCOUNT FOR CARE LEAVERS**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

8. **MEMBERS' COMMUNITY FUND - ABERAVON**

Decision:

That the purchase of a mobile cricket cover for Port Talbot Town Cricket Club, Fenbrook Close, Port Talbot, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved and Councillor Stephan ApDafydd's allocation of £1,000.00 under the Members' Community Fund, be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the Application for funding received under the Members' Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

9. **MEMBERS' COMMUNITY FUND - LOWER BRYNAMAN**

(At this point Councillor A.N.Woolcock withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon.)

Decision:

That the provision of a fully accessible link path around the perimeter of the Tai'rgwaith Trotting Track, Ammanford, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved, and that Councillor Arwyn Woolcock's allocation of £2,790, under the Members' Community Fund, be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the Application for funding received under the Members' Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

After the decision was made, Councillor A.N.Woolcock re-joined the meeting.

10. **MEMBERS' COMMUNITY FUND - MARGAM**

Decision:

That the purchase and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the village of Coed Hirwaun (to be sited near the Premier Stores at Ffordd Derwen, Coed Hirwaun) as detailed in the circulated report, be approved, and that Councillor Rob Jones' allocation of £2,636.26, under the Members' Community Fund, be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the Application for funding received under the Members' Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

11. **MEMBERS' COMMUNITY FUND - PONTARDAWE**

Decision:

That the purchase of 3 metal 'Tommy' sculptures for the Royal British Legion, Pontardawe Branch (to be positioned in prominent places at Pontardawe Library, Pontardawe Leisure Centre and Pontardawe Heritage and Visitor Centre) be approved, and that Councillor Linet Purcell's allocation of £2,328.82, under the Members' Community Fund, be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the Application for funding received under the Members' Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

12. **URGENCY ACTION - NO 0373**

Decision:

That the following urgency action taken by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in consultation with the requisite Members, be noted:-

Officer Urgency Action No 0373 re: Provision of Teacher's Pension Funding to Schools.

CHAIRPERSON