

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

17 APRIL 2019

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: A.J.Taylor (Chairperson), C.Clement-Williams,
A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards and A.Wingrave

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, A.Evans, A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, S.Brennan, C.Griffiths,
C.Furlow, Miss.C.Sim, C.Davies, A.Fowler and T.Davies

Invitee:

Councillor: L.C.Jones

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor A.J.Taylor be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting:-

Councillor A.J.Taylor

Re: Min No. 5 – Report of the Chief Executive – Swansea Bay City Deal – as he is a Board Member of Port Talbot Waterfront Enterprise Zone Board.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Decision:

That the Minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet, held on 27 March, 2019, be approved.

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

Noted by Committee.

5. **SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL**

Decisions:

1. That the reports of the UK/ Welsh Government and the Joint Committee internal reviews plus the analysis of the issues set out in Section B to the circulated report, be accepted;
2. that officers pursue a revised/remodelled business case as set out in Section C to the circulated report, and that business case be submitted to Cabinet and the Joint Committee for approval as soon as possible;
3. that the Leader of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members for Finance and Regeneration & Sustainable Development and the Leaders of the Opposition groups¹, to determine the Council's future participation in the City Deal and, if determined appropriate, to serve a notice of withdrawal from the Joint Working Agreement (as identified in paragraphs 35-39 of the circulated report);
4. that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Leader of Council, to agree changes to the Joint Working Agreement as they relate to governance and ancillary matters only with the objective of making early progress on project delivery (**Note:** *for the avoidance of doubt, this proposal would not apply to any material change to the Council's legal and*

¹ This is accepted as unusual; but it is recommended on the basis of the significance of the City Deal for the County Borough and the Council as a whole.

financial obligations under the extant Joint Working Agreement, which is reserved for Member decision as required);

5. that the circulated report be referred to Council for further discussion as seen fit.

Reason for Decisions:

To invite Members to provide direction on the conduct of further discussions on the City Deal and determine whether the Council should continue to participate in the absence of short to medium term progress.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

6. **CORPORATE PLAN 2019-2022**

Decisions:

1. That the word 'safe' be added to well-being objective three:- *“The whole of Neath Port Talbot county borough will be a vibrant, healthy and **safe** place to live, work and enjoy recreational time”*;
2. That the updated Corporate Plan for the period 2019-2022 be approved;
3. That the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer be authorised to add the additional performance data to the report, when available;
4. That the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer be given delegated authority in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive to make any further changes that are necessary prior to final publication, and which do not materially change the content of the Plan;
5. That the Corporate Plan 2019-2022 be commended to Council for formal adoption at its meeting on the 24 April 2019.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the revisions made to the Corporate Plan are approved, meeting legal duties set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 as they relate to council corporate planning activities.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

7. POVERTY PROJECT - LOW INCOME FAMILIES TRACKER

Decision:

That the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer be authorised to commission Policy in Practice to develop the Low Income Families Tracker (as detailed within the circulated report).

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the Council is able to better identify and understand the vulnerabilities of residents in low income households and to help focus services and support where they are needed.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

Members noted a verbal amendment to the circulated report. NC1 (Blaengwrach, Glynneath West Central Ward) should read 'Vale of Neath Leisure Centre' instead of 'Pensioners Hall, Glynneath'.

Decisions:

1. That the Returning Officer's conclusion that there be no changes to any of the Polling Districts and Polling Places within the County Borough, be agreed;

2. That the changes the Returning Officer intends to make to locations of Polling Stations, as detailed within the circulated report, be noted.

Reason for Decisions:

To provide for the effective management of the electoral process within the County Borough and to discharge the various legal duties referenced in the report which are placed on the Council and the Returning Officer.

Implementations of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

9. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - ABERAVON**

Decision:

That the supply and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at The Bulldogs Boxing and Community Activities, Fenbrook Close, Port Talbot, as detailed in the circulated report, be approved, and that Councillor Stephan ApDafydd's allocation of £1,490 under the Members Community Fund, be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the application for funding that has been received under the Members Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

10. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - BRYNCOCH NORTH AND BRYNCOCH SOUTH**

Decision:

That the purchase of essential items of capital equipment for the 5th Neath Bryncoch Scout Group, Woodview Terrace, Bryncoch, be approved, and that £1,035.90 of Councillor Wyndham Fryer Griffith's allocation, £1,035.90 of Councillor Jo Hale's allocation and £1,035.90 of Councillor Chris William's allocation under the Members Community Fund, be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the application for funding that has been 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 - SANDFIELDS WEST**

Decision:

That the provision of a bespoke advocacy or 'Good Neighbour Scheme' at the Ysbryd y Mor Care Home, Sandfields West, be approved, and that Councillor Suzanne Paddison's allocation of £2,271.15 and Councillor Oliver Davies' allocation of £2,271.15, under the Members Community Fund, be awarded.

Reason for Decision:

To approve the application for funding that has been received under the Members Community Fund.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRPERSON