

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

10 JULY 2019

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: A.J.Taylor (Chairperson), D.Jones, E.V.Latham,
P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards and A.Wingrave

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, A.Evans, H.Jenkins, G.Nutt, K.Jones, C.Griffiths, H.Jones,
A.Thomas, A.Hinder, V.Dale, N.Jones and T.Davies

Invitee: Councillor M.Harvey

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Decision:

That the Minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet held on 19 June, 2019, be approved.

3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20**

Noted by the Committee.

4. **REMOVAL OF COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNTS FOR EMPTY PROPERTIES AND SECOND HOMES**

Decision:

That current discounts be removed and full council tax charge be applied from 1 April 2020 for Class A and B (second homes) and for Class C (long term empty) properties.

Reason for Decision:

To review the council tax discounts for second homes and empty properties in line with the Welsh Government consideration to change the Local Government Funding formula and to assist the Council to fund its Budget from 1 April 2020.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **CORPORATE PLAN KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - 1 APRIL 2018 - 31 MARCH 2019**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

6. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - ABERAVON**

Decision:

That the supply and installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at St Paul's Centre, Gerald Street, Port Talbot, be approved and that Councillor S.ApDafydd's allocation of £1490 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.

7. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - COEDFFRANC CENTRAL**

Decision:

That the supply and installation of a bus shelter at Parc Wern, Caewathan, Skewen, Neath, be approved and that Councillor A.Aubrey's allocation of £6250 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.

8. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That the start-up costs for a monthly market at the Transport Hub, Port Talbot, be awarded and that Councillor D.Keogh's, Councillor S.Rahaman's and Councillor S.Freeguard's allocations of £2,962.66 (£8,888 in total) under the Member's 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.

9. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND - RHOS**

Decision:

That the BMX Pump Track in Rhos Park be restored, and that Councillor A.L.Thomas' allocation of £9990, 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. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE**

Decision:

That the following increases to the maximum permitted fare for which a hackney carriage may charge, be approved:-

1. Tariff 1 -
£2.60 for the 1st 7/10th mile
£0.22p per 1/10th mile thereafter
Applies at all times other than when Tariff 2 or Tariff 3 applies;
2. Tariff 2 -
£3.20 for the 1st 6/10th mile
£0.25p per 1/10th mile thereafter
Applies between 23:00 and 07:00 on any day, between 18:00 and 23:59 on Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve, on Boxing Day (where Boxing Day falls on a Saturday), on Sundays and Bank Holidays;
3. Tariff 3 -
Tariff 3 to remain at 100% surcharge on Tariff 1 - New Years' Day and Xmas Day only;

4. Extra Charges -
No changes to soiling (max £100) or additional cost for passengers exceeding 4 (50p per passenger).

Reason for Decision:

The maximum permitted hackney carriage fare was last increased on 1 May 2011. Taking into consideration inflation and the increase in hackney carriage operating costs since 2011, an increase to the maximum permitted hackney carriage fare is considered appropriate.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

A consultation exercise has taken place with the hackney carriage proprietors.

11. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Regulation 4(3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No 2290, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. **SYRIAN VULNERABLE FAMILIES - CASEWORK SUPPORT SERVICE**

Decisions:

1. That the Contracts Procedure Rules relating to the invitation to tender (Rule 2 of the Contract Procedure Rules) be suspended, in respect of a further extension to the provision of support by the British Red Cross to families settled in Neath Port Talbot under the Syrian Resettlement Programme;
2. That authority be granted for the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer to enter into an agreement with British Red

Cross for the continued provision of the continued casework support service.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the necessary arrangements can continue to be put in place for households relocated to the Neath Port Talbot area under the Syrian Resettlement Programme.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

CHAIRPERSON