

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

30 OCTOBER 2019

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: R.G.Jones (Chairperson), A.J.Taylor, C.Clement-Williams, D.Jones, E.V.Latham, A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards, A.Wingrave and L.Jones

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, H.Jenkins, G.Nutt, K.Jones, C.Griffiths, A.Thomas, H.Jones, K.Warren, C.Furlow-Harris, C.Davies and T.Davies

Invitee:

Councillor M.Harvey (Scrutiny Chair)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor R.G.Jones be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillor C.Clement-Williams

Re: Member's Community Fund - Baglan, as it refers to her Community Fund. As her interest was prejudicial she withdrew from the room during discussion and voting thereon.

- Councillor L.C.Jones - Re: Member's Community Fund, Pelenna (Tonmawr RFC) - as her son plays for Tonmawr RFC and her husband coaches one of the teams. As her interest was prejudicial she withdrew from the room during discussion and voting thereon.
- Councillor E.V.Latham - Re: Member's Community Fund – Sandfields East, as the two reports refer to his Community Fund. As his interest was prejudicial he withdrew from the room during discussion and voting thereon.
- Councillor P.D.Richards - Re: Member's Community Fund – Baglan, as it refers to a Member's Community Fund in his Ward. As his interest was prejudicial he withdrew from the room during discussion and voting thereon.
- Councillor A.Wingrave - Re: Member's Community Fund – Cadaxton, as it refers to her Community Fund. As her interest was prejudicial she withdrew from the room during discussion and voting thereon.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Decision:

That the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 25 September and 2 October 2019, be approved.

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

Noted by the Committee.

5. **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20**

Decisions:

1. 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 accordance with the Council's constitution.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after consultation with the scrutiny committee and then consideration and approval by Council.

6. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT 2019-20**

Decisions:

1. That the proposed 2019/20 capital programme budget, totalling £43.800m, be commended to Council for approval,
2. That the position in relation to expenditure as at 30 September 2019, be noted.

Reason for Decisions:

To update the Capital Programme for 2019/20 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.

7. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2019-20**

Cabinet Members noted that the interest rate had been very favourable when the £10 million maturity loan (as detailed in the circulated report) had been borrowed – it was the lowest long term rate the Council had ever borrowed at.

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

The Cabinet Member for Finance advised that the updated Treasury Management Practices would now reflect current working arrangements, following a number of staffing changes within the finance division.

Decision:

That the updated Treasury Management Practices Statements (TMPS) as set out in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be approved and commended to Council.

Reason for Decision:

To update Treasury Management governance arrangements.

Implementation of Decision:

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

9. **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN FOR 2019-20 - HALF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

10. **STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN 2015-2019: DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019 AND EXTENSION OF THE STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN 2015-2019 UNTIL APRIL 2020**

Decisions:

1. That the Strategic Equality Plan 2015-2019 Draft Annual Report 2018-2019, be approved, subject to the paragraph relating to the Suffragette Commemoration Event being amended to include reference to the involvement of Councillor L.M.Purcell and Jane Gebbie,
2. That the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer be given delegated authority to make such changes as may be needed to the Draft Annual Report prior to publication, provided that such changes do not materially alter the content of the document considered by Cabinet,
3. That an extension to April 2020 for the current Strategic Equality Plan, be approved.

Reason for Decisions:

To meet the statutory requirements set out in the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

11. **COMMENTS, COMPLIMENTS AND COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT**

Decision:

This report was deferred for consideration at the meeting today and will be resubmitted to the meeting of Cabinet on 20 November 2019.

12. **CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES**

Decisions:

1. That the Contract Procedure Rules detailed at Appendix 1 to the circulated report, be implemented on the 6 January 2020, or such other date as maybe determined appropriate by the Head of Legal Services,
2. That a report be taken to Council seeking to amend the Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to include the proposed Contract Procedure Rules at Appendix 1 to the report.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure that the Council's Contract Procedure Rules are brought up-to-date so as to reflect the legal and policy changes that have been implemented since the date that the current Contract Procedure Rules were approved and which impact on the Council's procurement activities and procedural aspects of the Council's procurement activities are updated at an operational level.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after consultation with the scrutiny committee and then consideration and approval by Council.

13. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - BAGLAN**

(At this point in the meeting, Councillors C.Clement-Williams and P.D.Richards reaffirmed their interests and withdrew from the meeting and the discussion and voting thereon)

Decision:

That a Community Allotment Initiative be developed at the Council owned Crawford Road Allotment site, Baglan, and that Councillors Carol Clement -Williams and Susanne Renkes each contribute £4,593, under the Members Community Fund.

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.

(Councillors C.Clement-Williams and P.D.Richards re-joined the meeting)

14. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - CADOXTON**

(At this point in the meeting, Councillor A.Wingrave reaffirmed her interest and withdrew from the meeting and the discussion and voting thereon)

Decision:

That the floodlighting at Llangatwg Community School Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) Main Road, Cadoxton, be upgraded, and Councillor Wingrave's allocation of £8,000, 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.

(Councillor A.Wingrave re-joined the meeting)

15. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - COEDFFRANC CENTRAL**

Decision:

That Art Therapy sessions and equipment to start a community choir for the 'Growing Together' voluntary group based at 'Ty Santes Fair', the new Community Centre for St Mary's Church in Skewen, be approved,

and that £4,524.27 of Councillor Angharad Aubrey'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.

16. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - CRYNANT**

Decision:

That the installation of a self-closing safety gate at Crynant Community Centre toddler play area, 24 Woodland Road, Crynant, Neath, be approved, and that £1,004.00 of Councillor Sian Harris' 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.

17. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - ONLLWYN**

Decision:

That a 'Community Ranger' be employed in the Onllwyn Ward, as detailed in the circulated report, and that Councillor Dean Cawsey's allocation of £10,000, 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.

18. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - PELENNA (TONMAWR RFC)**

(At this point in the meeting, Councillor L.C.Jones reaffirmed her interest and withdrew from the meeting and the discussion and voting thereon)

Decision:

That new training equipment be purchased for the Mini and Junior Section of Tonmawr Rugby Football Club, Dan-Y-Coed, Tonmawr, and that Councillor Jeremy Hurley's allocation of £800, 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.

(Councillor L.C.Jones re-joined the meeting)

19. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - PELENNA (PONTRHYDYFEN BOWLS CLUB)**

Decision:

That new grounds maintenance machinery be purchased for Pontrhydyfen Bowls Club, Queen Street, Pontrhydyfen, and that Councillor Jeremy Hurley's allocation of £682.50, 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.

20. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - RESOLVEN (MINERS WELFARE HALL)**

Decision:

That the Miners Welfare Hall, Neath Road, Resolven, be further developed, as detailed in the circulated report, and that Councillor Dean Lewis's allocation of £4,000, 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.

21. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - RESOLVEN (BRYN GOLWG PLAY AREA)**

Decision:

That play equipment be added to Bryn Golwg play area, Clyne, Neath, as detailed in the circulated report, and that Councillor Dean Lewis's allocation of £4,995, 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.

22. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - SANDFIELDS EAST (DEFIBRILLATORS)**

(At this point in the meeting, Councillor E.V.Latham reaffirmed his interests and withdrew from the meeting and the discussion and voting thereon)

Decision:

That 2 Automated External Defibrillators (AED's), be purchased and installed at Aberavon Green Stars RFC and Port Talbot Gas Welfare Club, and that Councillors Edward Latham and Matthew Crowley both contribute £1,300 each from their Member's Community Funds.

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.

23. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - SANDFIELDS EAST (VIVIAN PARK)**

Decision:

That facilities at the bowling green at Vivian Park, Vivian Park Drive, Port Talbot, be modernised and made safe, and that £1,605 of Councillor Edward Latham'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.

CHAIRPERSON