

Cabinet Scrutiny Committee

(Via Microsoft Teams)

Members Present:

4 November 2020

Chairperson: Councillor M.Harvey

Vice Chairperson: Councillor S.Rahaman

Councillors: S.E.Freeguard, N.T.Hunt, S.K.Hunt, D.Keogh, A.Llewelyn, S.Miller, R.Mizen, J.D.Morgan, S.Paddison, L.M.Purcell, S.M.Penry, S.H.Reynolds and A.N.Woolcock

Officers In Attendance S.Phillips, A.Evans, A.Jarrett, H.Jenkins, C.Griffiths, P. Jackson, J.Woodman-Ralph, C.Davies and C.Plowman

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors C.Clement-Williams, D.Jones, L.Jones, R.G.Jones, E.V.Latham, A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees and P.D.Richards

1. Declarations of Interests

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

Councillor S. Reynolds Re: Agenda item 5 Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) Kickstart - Gateway Representative as she is a trustee to Canolfan Maerdy

Councillor N.Hunt Re: Agenda item 4 Christmas Car Parking as his employment is within Port Talbot Town Centre.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2020 were approved.

3. **Pre-decision Scrutiny**

The committee scrutinised the following cabinet items:

Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) Kickstart – Gateway Representative

Members commended the scheme and discussed the scope and flexibility of the eligibility of the scheme. It was queried whether young people who were not on universal credit but have a small wage would be entitled to this scheme. Officers explained that the criteria was very strict, however if the member had any particular individuals that required support officers could advise them further.

Following scrutiny, the committee was supportive of the proposals to be considered by cabinet.

4. **Urgent Items**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No. 5 below, the Chairman agreed that they could be raised as urgent items pursuant to Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290 (as amended).

Reason for Urgency

Due to the time element.

5. **Continuation of Covid19- Bus Industry Support.**

Members were updated on the Covid19-Bus Industry Support agreements with Passenger Transport Operators.

Discussions took place around advertisement on service buses as this is currently not promoted by Neath Port Talbot Council.

Officers amended the recommendation at the meeting, as follows:

1. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Regeneration and the Head of Engineering and Transport and those officers so designated by them to implement the Welsh Government guidance on the

administration of the Bus Emergency Scheme (BES) while this mechanism continues to support the bus industry.

2. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Regeneration and Head of Engineering and Transport to enter into Covid-19 Indemnity Agreements with Passenger Transport Operators in accordance with the guidance provided by Welsh Ministers, the Welsh Government Covid19-Bus Industry Support April 2020 and any subsequent guidance that may be issued by the Welsh Government.

Following scrutiny, Members supported the amended recommendations to cabinet.

6. **Access to Meetings**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

7. **Pre-Decision Scrutiny of Private Item/s**

Committee scrutinised the following private Cabinet item:

Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station Remodelling – Appointment of Consultants

Members were updated on the private report on the appointment of consultants to support the Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station Remodelling.

Following scrutiny, the Committee was supportive of the proposal to be considered by the Cabinet Board

Compulsory Purchase Order

Members were updated on private report relating to the process of undertaking a Compulsory Purchase Order (“CPO”) relating to properties in the vicinity of the proposed Neath Transport Hub.

Following scrutiny, the Committee was supportive of the proposal to be considered by the Cabinet Board

CHAIRPERSON