

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer - K.Jones

10 December 2020

Section B: Matter for Information

Ward Affected: All

Decisions Taken By Urgency Action During The Covid-19 Emergency

Purpose of the Report:

To report back to Cabinet the decisions taken by Urgency Action provision during the Covid-19 emergency.

Background:

On the 16th March 2020, the Council was required to lockdown services within an exceptionally short period of time by the UK Government due to the Covid-19 pandemic. During the lockdown period it was not possible to hold meetings remotely and make legally binding decisions. The Council was therefore forced to rely on the Urgency Action provisions to take decisions during the emergency response period. To be as transparent and inclusive as possible we mirrored the paper process with scrutiny chairs participating in all decisions and took the decision to publish all decisions via the Modern.gov system.

This report therefore has been prepared to formally report the urgency actions to the Cabinet as required under the Constitution.

Now that we have been able to stand up a number of meetings, the number of decisions taken under the urgency action provisions will reduce.

Members are asked to note that the normal practice of reporting the urgency actions routinely to the next meeting of the Cabinet will now be resumed.

Financial Impacts

There is no financial impact associated with this report

Integrated Impact Assessment:

Not Required.

Valleys Communities Impacts

There are no impacts associated with this report

Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

Ensuring adherence to the Council's constitutional requirements.

Risk Management Impacts

No impact.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

1. That Members note the schedule of Urgency Actions taken during the Covid-19 emergency period (March-November 2020) as attached at Appendix 1.
2. That Members note that the normal practice of reporting Urgency Actions routinely to the next meeting of the Cabinet will now be resumed.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To ensure the Council adheres to the rules set out in the Constitution.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

Appendix 1- Schedule of Urgency Actions

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