

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

25 JUNE 2020

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

S.Phillips, A.Evans, A.Jarrett, H.Jenkins, N.Pearce, K.Jones, C.Griffiths, D.Griffiths, H.Jones, C.Morris, M.Roberts, C.Jones, C.Furlow-Harris, S.Blewett, A.Manchipp, C.Davies and T.Davies

Invitee: Councillor M.Harvey (Scrutiny Committee Chair)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **MATERIALS RECOVERY AND ENERGY CENTRE, CRYMLYN BURROWS**

With the agreement of the Chair, this item was moved from private to public session (apart from appendices B and C which remained exempt under Paragraphs 13, 14 and 15).

Decisions:

1. That further to the completed consultations, the previous in principle decision to convert the Materials Recovery and Energy

Centre (MREC) to a transfer station with enhanced recycling capability, be confirmed;

2. That a revised structure in respect of staff to implement a transfer station, with enhanced recycling capability, be presented to Personnel Committee for decision, and that appropriate notices of change and/or redundancy be provided as deemed appropriate by the Personnel Committee (with any new roles being subject to Local Government Terms and Conditions);
3. That the capital requirements and approval of the allocation of £5.55M including contingency in the council's capital programme, be noted;
4. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Streetcare to vary the environmental permit in line with the service change;
5. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Streetcare and the Head of Legal Services to undertake a procurement exercise for an up to five year residual waste treatment contract, and to enter into any arrangements as may be appropriate to facilitate this procurement exercise and award a contract to the highest scoring tenderer;
6. That the Head of Streetcare investigate the feasibility and benefit of relocating the Council's refuse and recycling collection fleets to the Transfer Station, and reports the findings to Members accordingly for further decision.

Reason for Decisions:

To determine the future of the MREC further to changes previously agreed in principle and subject to consultation. The direction of travel for residual waste will continue on a downward trend whilst reuse and recycling etc. will continue to increase. Existing service arrangements will therefore become increasingly misaligned with the developing waste management context should changes not be made.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to consultation with staff.

3. **BUDGET UPDATE AND MONITORING 2020-21**

It was hoped that further funding would be made available from Welsh Government throughout the year, as a result of the increased costs sustained during the Covid 19 pandemic. Members noted that further additional costs would continue to be incurred as the country moves out of lockdown.

Decisions:

1. That the proposed reserve movements and budget virements, as detailed within the circulated report, be approved.
2. That the operational and financial issues, set out in the circulated report, be noted.
3. That the Council continue to work with Welsh Government and in line with legislation, regulations and directions, to deliver services during these challenging times.
4. That the additional grants received be noted.
5. That the Council continue to seek additional funding from Welsh Government to cover COVID19 consequences of increased expenditure, loss of income, increased cost of Council Tax Support and council tax collection shortfalls that adversely impact on Council funding and activity.

Reason for Decisions:

To update the Council's Budget for 2020/21 and inform Members of the financial risks arising from Covid19.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

4. **HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS FOR STRONGER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY**

Following additional comments from the Health Board, an extra recommendation was added by officers during the meeting, and agreed by Members (decision 2 below):

Decisions:

1. That the 'Healthy Relationships for Stronger Communities Strategy' - the council and health board joint response to the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015, be approved.
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection to agree any final minor changes to the Strategy before its publication.

Reason for Decisions:

To provide the formal approval to the strategy and ensure compliance by the Council with the duties under section 5 (1) of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

5. **PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - ABERAVON BEACH**

Decisions:

1. That the Council undertakes a public consultation exercise on a proposal to extend the existing Public Space Protection Orders at Aberavon Beach.
2. That on completion of the consultation, a further report detailing a summary of responses and recommendations, be presented for decision.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure that the Public Space Protection Orders currently operating seasonally at Aberavon Beach are subject to timely review so they can be extended if required.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

This item will be subject to external consultation.

6. **MEMBER'S COMMUNITY FUND - EVALUATION AND PROTOCOL FOR RE LAUNCH**

Decision:

That the refreshed criteria of the Member's Community Fund, as detailed within the circulated report, be agreed.

Reason for Decision:

To facilitate the governance and delivery of the Member's Fund in its second term.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **NEATH PORT TALBOT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) 2011-2026**

Decisions:

That the following recommendations be commended to Council for approval:

1. That the responses and recommendations to the representations received as set out in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be agreed.
2. That the final Review Report as set out within Appendix 2 to the circulated report be agreed.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure compliance with Section 69 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015; and the Development Plans Manual (Edition 3) 2020, and to ensure that the adoption and publication procedures as set out in the report are implemented.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented following approval at Council.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

8. **TRAFFIC ORDERS - BRITON FERRY**

Decision:

That the objections to the Ormond street, Ynysymaerdy Road and Old Road, Briton Ferry, Neath (Prohibition of waiting, loading or unloading at any time) (Limited waiting) and (Resident permit holders) Order 2020 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) be over ruled, and the traffic regulation order be implemented as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety and to provide a residents only parking scheme as per the Council's current residents' parking policy.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

9. **TRAFFIC ORDERS - PORT TALBOT**

Decision:

That approval be granted to advertise Evelyn Terrace and Manor Street, Port Talbot, Prohibition of Waiting 8am to 6pm, Order 2020 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and if no objections are received, the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item will be subject to external consultation.

10. **TRAFFIC ORDERS - CYNCOED ROAD AND BERTHA ROAD, MARGAM**

Decision:

That approval be granted to advertise the Cyncoed Road and Bertha Road, Margam, Prohibition of Waiting, Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 5.00pm, Order 2020 (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and should no objections be received, the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

To prevent indiscriminate parking in the interest of highway safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item will be subject to external consultation.

11. **TRAFFIC ORDERS - ROAD ADJACENT TO BEECHWOOD ROAD, MARGAM**

Decision:

That the objection to the road adjacent to 63 and 65 Beechwood Road, Margam, Port Talbot (Experimental Prohibition of Driving) Order 2019 be overruled and the Experimental Order be made permanent as advertised, and the objector be informed accordingly.

Reason for Decision:

To prohibit access to vehicular traffic in order to protect school children in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

12. **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 items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 13, 14 and 15 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. **MATERIALS RECOVERY AND ENERGY CENTRE, CRYMLYN BURROWS (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPHS 13, 14 AND 15)**

With the agreement of the Chair, this item was moved from private to public session (apart from Appendices B and C which remained exempt under Paragraphs 13, 14 and 15). See Minute No. 2 above.

14. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

That Rule 2 of the Contract Procedure Rules be excluded, and that delegated authority be granted for the Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Digital Officer to enter into a two year contract with the supplier detailed in the private, circulated report and on the terms also set out in the private report.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure business continuity, to uphold the momentum of good progress already made and to further develop the Council's performance and risk management arrangements.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRPERSON