

**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD**

**CABINET**

**13 JANUARY 2021**

**Cabinet Members:**

Councillors: R.G.Jones, (Chairperson), 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:**

K.Jones, N.Pearce, H. Jenkins, A.Evans, A.Jarrett, C.Griffiths, H.Jones, C.L.Davies and J. Woodman-Ralph

**Invitee:**

Cllr. M.Harvey (Scrutiny Chairperson)

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following officer made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

Karen Jones,  
Chief Executive,  
Neath Port Talbot,  
County Borough Council

Re: Returning Office and Acting  
Returning Officer Indemnity Report  
as she is the Returning Officer at  
Elections for Neath Port Talbot  
County Borough Council who would  
receive the Indemnity as detailed in  
the circulated report and left the  
meeting at the start of the item.

3. **REVENUE BUDGET UPDATE AND MONITORING REPORT 2020/21**

**Decisions:**

1. That the reserve movements and budget virements as detailed in the circulated report be approved.
2. That the operational and financial issues as detailed in the circulated report be noted.
3. That the Council to 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 COVID 19 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 enable the Council to monitor and update the Budget projections for 2020/21 and inform Members of the financial risks arising from COVID 19.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

4. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT 2020/21**

**Decisions:**

1. That the Capital Programme be approved.
2. That the updated Capital Programme be commended to Council:

- To approve the proposed 2020/21 budget totalling £70.682m;
- Note the position in relation to expenditure as at 31 December 2020.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To update the Council's Capital Programme for 2020/21.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

5. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2020/21**

It was highlighted that the maturity date for the Lloyds Bank investments was the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021. As this was omitted from the circulated report.

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

6. **DRAFT BUDGET FOR CONSULTATION 2021/22**

Cabinet asked that their appreciation be cascaded to all staff for all the hard work they had undertaken in preparing the budget as detailed in the circulated report. Thanks were also given to H.Jenkins, Director of Finance and Cllr. C.Clement-Williams. Cabinet Member for Finance.

**Decision:**

That the Chief Executive be authorised to consult the public on the draft budget, savings, service changes, additional income and council tax proposals as detailed in the circulated report.

**Reason for Decision:**

To enable the Council to commence the consultation on the 2021/22 draft budget.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is for immediate implementation.

**Consultation:**

Consultation will commence today with the public and all stakeholders on the draft budget proposals for savings/income generation.

The consultation will commence immediately following today's meeting until the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 prior to the final decisions being made in March 2021.

7. **RETURNING OFFICER AND ACTING RETURNING OFFICER INDEMNITY**

K.Jones, Chief Executive, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council re-affirmed her interest at this point and left the meeting for this item only.

**Decision:**

That an appropriate indemnity under The Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) (Wales) Order 2006 be provided to Mrs. Karen Jones in relation to her carrying out her duties as Returning Officer and/or Acting Returning Officer for Elections and Referrals taking place within the County Borough.

**Reason for Decision:**

To ensure that the appropriate indemnities are in place for officers who accepting personal responsibility for such matters.

**Implementation of Decision:**

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

8. **URGENT ITEMS**

No Urgent Items received.

9. **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 Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

10. **DELIVERY OF DISABLED FACILITY GRANTS FOR BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

**Decisions:**

1. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Adult Services to provide a Disabled Facilities Grant Support Programme to Bridgend County Borough Council in line with the arrangements set out in Appendix 1 to the circulated report.
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Adult Services in consultation with the Head of Legal Services to agree the terms of a collaboration agreement between Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Bridgend County Borough Council for the provision of a Disabled Facilities Grant Support Programme.

**Reason for Decisions:**

To enable the Council to enter into an agreement with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to deliver Disabled Facility Grants on behalf of BCBC.

**Implementation of Decisions:**

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

**CHAIRPERSON**