

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

12 MAY 2021

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: E.V.Latham (Chairperson) M.Harvey, D.Jones,
A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees, P.D.Richards, and L.Jones.

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, A.Jarrett, H. Jenkins, N.Pearce, A.D.Thomas, C.Griffiths, D.Griffiths,
P.Jackson, C.Furlow-Harris and J. Woodman-Ralph

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor E.V.Latham be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

Cllr. M. Harvey was welcomed to his first meeting of Cabinet as Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Engineering.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were received.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)**

That the minutes of the 8th and 16th March 2021 be approved.

5. **PROPOSED FUTURE FUNDING MODEL FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. The Bus Services Support Grant (BSSG) funding be realigned to reflect the operational changes to Community Transport in Neath Port Talbot County Borough;
2. That after assessment of applications for funding, the Head of Engineering and Transport be granted delegated authority in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to allocate the BSSG to successful applicants.
3. Should additional funding become available in a financial year, community transport organisations to be invited to apply for such monies.

Reason for Decisions:

As a result of Community Transport evolving, communities are setting up more car clubs to serve their local area's specific transport requirement. This could be operating a bus service or alternatively running residents to doctors, hospital appointments or in some cases with members of the scheme being able to hire vehicles on a self-drive basis, establishing a more sustainable local transport option and Shop Mobility services.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

6. **CORPORATE PLAN 2021/2023**

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. Approval be granted for the updated Corporate Plan for the period 2021-2023.

2. That the Head of Human and Organisational Development be authorised to add the additional performance data to the report when available.
3. That the Head of Human and Organisational Development be given delegated authority in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive to make any further changes that are necessary prior to final publication and which do not materially change the content of the Plan.
4. That the Corporate Plan for the period 2021-2023 be commended to Council on the 26th May 2021 for formal adoption.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the revisions made to the Corporate Plan are approved, meeting legal duties set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 as they relate to council corporate planning activities.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Decisions:

Members noted that there was no requirement for an Integrated Impact Assessment on this item.

1. That the progress made on the Corporate Governance improvement work undertaken during 2020-2021 be noted.
2. That the Annual Governance Statement 2020-2021 as attached in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be approved.
3. That the Corporate Governance Improvement work to be undertaken during 2021-2022 be approved.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the Annual Governance Statement meets the requirements of Regulation 5(2) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 in relation to an annual review of the effectiveness of the Council's systems of internal control and the preparation and approval of an Annual Governance Statement.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

8. **SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE**

Decisions:

Members were supportive of the concerns expressed by the previous scrutiny committee and asked that Cabinets concerns also be highlighted to Welsh Government as detailed in below.

1. That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader to agree an application for grant funding to be made to Welsh Government for funding to establish the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee and to accept any grant offer that maybe made by Welsh Government (whether made to this Council or to a participating authority in the Swansea Wales CJC).
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to enter into dialogue with authorities who will comprise the South West Wales CJC, to develop proposals for establishing the South West Wales CJC.
3. A report to be brought back to members for approval, once dialogue has been completed for members to approve the arrangements for the South West Wales CJC so far as they relate to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.
4. That representations be made to Welsh Government to express concerns on Corporate Joint Committees as discussed at the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet meeting of the 12th May 2021.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure compliance with the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and ensure the needs of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and reflected in the development of these Corporate Joint Committees.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

9. **DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF FOR CHARITIES AND NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATIONS**

Decision:

That the current scheme of discretionary rate relief for charities and non-profit organisations be extended to the 31st March 2024 as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to provide discretionary rates relief to ratepayers to the 31st March 2024.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON