

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

2 JUNE 2021

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, H.Jenkins, A.Jarrett, C.Griffiths, S.Rees, H.Jones, C.Furlow-Harris, M.Shaw, P.Walker, W.John, R.Headon, C.Davies and J.Woodman-Ralph

Invitees:

Councillors S.K.Hunt (Scrutiny Chairperson)
S.Reynolds (Vice Chairperson)
S.Rahaman
S.Freeguard

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

3. **CEFN COED MUSEUM UPDATE**

Decision:

That the following be noted:

1. The current position in respect of the Valleys Regional Park grant bid for Cefn Coed.
2. That the museum will need to remain closed until the Health and Safety issues have been satisfactorily resolved.
3. That a group of internal and external stakeholders be established under the Chairmanship of the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning to set out a clear way forward for the future of the site.
4. That the views of the 3 Local Members and the relevant Cabinet Member be sought at key intervals and reports be brought back to the Scrutiny Committees at regular intervals with updates.

4. **WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

5. **2020/21 REVENUE OUTTURN AND RESERVES POSITION STATEMENT 2020/2021**

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. The outturn financial position for 2020/2021 as detailed in the circulated report be noted;

2. That approval be granted for the additional transfers to and from reserves as detailed in Appendices 3 and 4, resulting in the final specific reserves balances as detailed in Appendix 5, and the General Reserves as detailed in Appendix 6 to the circulated report.
3. That a report setting out available funds and proposals for Covid Recovery investment be commissioned.

Reason for Decisions:

To finalise the Council's General Fund Revenue Outturn and Reserves position for the 2020/21 financial year.

Implementation of Decisions:

With the agreement of the relevant Scrutiny Chairperson the decisions will be implemented immediately (and therefore not subject to the call-in procedure).

6. **2020/21 CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT**

Decision:

That the 2020/2021 Capital Programme outturn position be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To finalise the capital outturn position for 2020/2021.

Implementation of Decision:

With the agreement of the relevant Scrutiny Chairperson the decision will be implemented immediately (and therefore not subject to the call-in procedure).

7. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matters contained in Minute No 8 and 11 below, the Chairperson agreed these could be raised at today's meeting as urgent items pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to the time element.

8. **RENEWAL OF MICROSOFT SOFTWARE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT**

Decision:

That approval be granted to issue a Direct Award for the renewal of the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement under the NPS Framework to SoftCat Public Limited Company.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to meet its license obligations and deliver the infrastructure to allow it to conduct its business.

Implementation of Decision:

With the agreement of the relevant Scrutiny Chairperson the decision will be implemented immediately (and therefore not subject to the three day call-in period).

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. **CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CONTRACT (CPMS) (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment, Rule 7 of the Contract Procedure Rules be excluded and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Human and Organisational Development to enter into a two year contract with CAM Management Solutions Limited on the terms as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

1. The system underpins the Council's performance management and risk management arrangements.
2. To ensure business continuity, uphold the momentum of good progress already made and to further develop our performance and risk management arrangements (including implementing the action plan following the review of CPMS by Audit Wales). It would be in the best interest of the Council to continue with the current software system arrangements that are in place.

Implementation of Decision:

With the agreement of the relevant Scrutiny Chairperson the decision will be implemented immediately (and therefore not subject to the three day call-in period).

11. **YOUTH CUSTODY SERVICE (YCS) CONTRACT WITH NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL, THROUGH HILLSIDE SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME (EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 14)**

Members received a verbal update that the Welsh Government had asked for additional time to consider the position, so the date of notice to be given on the current contract was extended to the 15th June 2021 as detailed below.

Decisions:

1. That without any reassurances from the Youth Custody Service or Welsh Government, notice be given on the current Youth Custody Service contract as of the 15th June 2021. This will enable further

negotiations with the Youth Custody Service and Welsh Government prior to the contract expiry date of the end of October 2021.

2. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Social Services, Health and Housing to continue negotiations.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure that Neath Port Talbot residents are not placed in a position where they may need to underwrite the costs of Hillside Secure Children's Home. This is especially important given that the Welsh Government have been clear that the Council cannot operate to make a profit from the resource.

Implementation of Decisions:

With the agreement of the relevant Scrutiny Chairperson the decision will be implemented immediately and therefore not subject to the 3 day call-in period.

CHAIRPERSON