

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

30 JUNE 2021

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, A.Jarrett, A.D.Thomas, H.Jenkins, N.Pearce, D.Griffiths, H.Jones, M.Shaw, C.Furlow-Harris, P. Hinder, C.Plowman, J.Woodman-Ralph and J. Lewis (Carmarthenshire) for Minute Number 3 only.

Invitees:

Councillors: S.Rahaman, Scrutiny Chairperson
S. Freeguard, Vice Chairperson

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillor S. Rahaman	Re: Agenda Item 5, Swansea Bay City Deal Skills and Talent Programme . As he is a member of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Scrutiny Committee.
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Councillor S.
Freeguard

Re: Agenda Item 5, Swansea Bay City Deal Skills and Talent Programme. As she is a member of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Scrutiny Committee.

3. **SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL SKILLS AND TALENT PROGRAMME**

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the first stage integrated impact assessment,

1. approval be granted for the Swansea Bay City Deal and Talent business case and its formal submission to the Portfolio Management Office in accordance with the City Deal Implementation Plan to secure City Deal funding approval;
2. that the Director of Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member be granted delegated authority to approve any amendments to the business case that may be required to obtain approval at local and national level.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the formal submission of the Skills and Talent business case to the Portfolio Management Office in accordance with the City Deal project approval process.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

4. **PONTARDAWE ARTS CENTRE CINEMA PROJECT**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the first stage integrated impact assessment, approval be granted to allocate an additional £600K for the development of the 70 seater cinema, ancillary accommodation and internal refurbished ground floor proposals at Pontardawe Arts Centre as detailed in the circulated report:

Reason for Decision:

To enable the current offer at Pontardawe Arts Centre to be enhanced increasing income resulting in a reduced subsidy.

Implementation of Decision:

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

5. **AUDIT WALES REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CPMS)**

Members received a verbal update highlighting that the implementation of the decision was omitted from the report. The report should have stated that the decision was subject to the 3 day call in period.

Decision:

That approval be granted to undertake the work in relation to the opportunities for improvement as detailed in the action plan contained in Appendix 1 to the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure the Council has in place arrangements to strengthen its business planning, performance management and risk management arrangements.

Implementation of Decision:

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

6. **INVESTMENTS FROM RESERVES 2021/2022**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the first stage integrated impact assessment, the investments as detailed in the circulated report be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To provide additional capacity and support to businesses, service users and communities as we recover from the impacts of Covid.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **RECOVER, RESET, RENEW**

Decisions:

1. That the Council's response to Covid 19 to date be noted.
2. That the work currently underway to support the ongoing Covid 19 response and the early work being undertaken to pave the way for longer term recovery be noted.
3. That the framework outlined in the circulated report to guide work to recover, reset and renew the Council's services and functions and longer term priorities be approved.
4. That the engagement plan be approved.
5. That engagement takes place with the Local Government Association, testing the approach to recovery planning with an external, independent peer panel.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure there is a structured approach to the ongoing Covid-19 response and the early work to plot a pathway to recovery and that the approach provides for input from a wide range of stakeholders.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **COVID 19 ENFORCEMENT TEAM**

Noting:

That the following be noted:

- The continued work of the Covid 19 Enforcement team, and
- The extension of staff contracts (in line with agreed Personnel Committee delegation) until 31st March 2022 and for the Authority to seek to recover costs incurred from the Welsh Government Local Authority Hardship Fund.

9. **SWANSEA BAY UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD AND NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL JOINT WORKING PAPER ON THE UPPER AFAN VALLEY**

Decisions:

1. That a co-ordinated approach be taken between Swansea Bay University Health Board and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to jointly deliver the potential relocation of the health facility and highway improvements.
2. That a joint meeting be arranged with Welsh Government officials to explore the potential for this approach and investment.
3. That the engagement activities for both health and highways be progressed and aligned.

Reason for Decisions:

To support a co-ordinated approach between Swansea Bay University Health Board and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

10. **AN ANIT-RACIST WALES: THE RACE EQUALITY ACTION PLAN FOR WALES - CONSULTATION DRAFT RESPONSE**

Decision:

That the response to the Welsh Government's consultation on 'An Anti-Racist Wales: The Race Equality Action Plan for Wales' be approved and submitted to the Welsh Government on behalf of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

Reason for Decision:

To support the statutory requirements set out in the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011.

Implementation of Decision:

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

11. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND**

Decisions:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That approval be granted to relaunch the Members Community Fund within the confines of a condensed timeframe.

Reason for Decisions:

To facilitate the governance and delivery of the Members Fund in its second term.

Implementation of Decisions:

With the agreement of the Scrutiny Chairperson at the meeting. The decision will be for immediate implementation and not subject to the three day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON