

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

28 JULY 2021

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, A.Jarrett, A.D.Thomas, H.Jenkins, C.Griffiths, D.Griffiths, S.Brennan, M.Shaw, C.L.Davies and J.Woodman-Ralph

Invitees:

Councillors: S.Rahaman (Scrutiny Chairperson)
S. Freeguard (Scrutiny 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.

Cllr. C.Clement-Williams	Urgent Item – Proposal to Provide Free Town Centre Car Parking for the Month of August 2021. She has a Member Car Park Permit. But has dispensation to speak and vote.
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Cllr. M. Harvey	<p>Urgent Item – Proposal to Provide Free Town Centre Car Parking for the Month of August 2021. He has a Member Car Park Permit. But has dispensation to speak and vote.</p> <p>Agenda Item 7 – Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2021/22. He is employed by South Wales Police. But did not feel his interest was prejudicial.</p>
Cllr. A.R.Lockyer	<p>Urgent Item – Extension of Third Sector Grants Application Arrangements to 2022/23. He is a board member of the Young Men’s Christian Association and Trustee of Alms Houses.</p> <p>Urgent Item – Proposal to Provide Free Town Centre Car Parking for the Month of August 2021. He has a Member Car Park Permit. But has dispensation to speak and vote.</p>
Cllr.P.D.Richards Cllr.P.D.Richards	<p>Urgent Item – Proposal to Provide Free Town Centre Car Parking for the Month of August 2021. He has a Member Car Park Permit. But has dispensation to speak and vote.</p> <p>Urgent Item – Extension of Third Sector Grants Application Arrangements to 2022/2023. As he is a Board Member of Care and Repair West Glamorgan. But has dispensation to speak but not vote.</p>

Cllr. A. Wingrave	Urgent Item – Proposal to Provide Free Town Centre Care Parking for the Month of August 2021. He has a Member Car Park Permit. But has dispensation to speak and vote.
Cllr. S. Rahaman	<p>Urgent Item – Extension of Third Sector Grant Application Arrangements 2022/2023. Has he is the Secretary/Trustee of Neath Port Talbot Black Minority Ethnic Group of which is a beneficiary of the grant. But did not feel his interest was prejudicial.</p> <p>Urgent Item – Proposal to Provide Free Town Centre Car Parking for the month of August 2021. As his family have a business in one of the Town Centres. But did feel that his interest was prejudicial and withdrew from the meeting at the start of the item.</p>
Cllr. S. Freeguard	Urgent Item - Extension of Third Sector Grants Application Arrangements for 2022/2023. As she is a trustee at Age Connect.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

That the minutes of the meetings of the 12th May, 2nd June and the 16th June be approved.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22**

That the Forward Work Programme be noted.

5. **BUDGET MONITORING AND UPDATE REPORT 2021/22**

Decision:

That the budget virement and reserve movement as detailed in the circulated report be approved and commended to Council.

Reason for Decision:

To comply with the Council's constitution in relation to budget virements and reserve requests and to update the Council's Budget projections for 2021/2022.

Implementation of Decision:

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

6. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT 2021/22**

Officers highlighted that the reason for decision and implementation of decision was omitted from the circulated report. As a result a verbal update was given to Members as detailed below.

Decisions:

1. That the updated proposed 2021/2022 budget totalling £83.464m be approved and commended to Council.
2. That the position in relation to expenditure as at 30th June 2021 be noted.

Reason for Decisions:

To comply with the Council's constitution in relation to budget virement, re-profiling between financial years and to update the Council's Budget projections for 2021/2022.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

7. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2020/21**

Decision:

That the 2020/21 treasury management function performance as detailed in the circulated report including the actual 2020/21 prudential and treasury indicators be noted.

8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING REPORT 2021/22**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matters contained in Minute No 10, 11 and 13 below, the Chairperson agreed these could be raised at today's meeting as urgent items pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to the time element.

10. **EXTENSION OF THIRD SECTOR GRANTS APPLICATION ARRANGEMENTS TO 2022/2023**

Decisions:

1. That the following criteria for inviting bids for funds governed by the Third Sector Grants Scheme in 2022 – 23 be approved:
 - a. Applications be invited for 12 months funding or less and should be specifically focused on activities that will help to further develop community capacity/collaboration and building from the community action that has supported the response to the Covid 19 pandemic.

- b. That those organisations in receipt of multi-year grant agreements be asked to set out in clear terms how they intend to support the further developments of community capacity building.
2. That a more fundamental review of the Scheme be undertaken in early 2022 –2023.

Reason for Decisions:

1. To ensure funding decisions made for the 2022-23 financial year in relation to grants awarded under the Third Sector Grants Scheme are aligned with the Council's overall priorities and reflect the specific circumstances of the Covid 19 emergency response situation.
2. To ensure that there is an opportunity in early 2022-23 to revise the Scheme to reflect the situation at that time, ensuring that the Scheme remains relevant in supporting the Council's priorities.

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 procedure).

11. PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FREE TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021

Councillor S. Rahaman reaffirmed his interest at this point and withdrew from the meeting for this item only.

Decision:

That free car parking within town centre car parks throughout Neath Port Talbot for the month of August 2021 be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To demonstrate the Councils commitment to support our town centres.

Implementation of Decision:

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

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

13. GROUND LEASE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS AT NEATH ABBEY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE NEATH - PROPOSED PURCHASE OF FREEHOLD REVERSIONARY INTEREST (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)

Decision:

Having given due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. Delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property and Regeneration to submit a formal bid on the basis of information contained within the private circulated report and if successful legally complete the purchase of the freehold of the land in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Reason for Decision:

The purchase of the freehold of the land will not only secure an ongoing rental investment income but also safeguard future ownership of its operational premises and opportunities for future development and regeneration of the land.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRPERSON