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Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL

JOINT EDUCATION SKILLS AND CULTURE AND CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

16th November 2021

Report of the Head of Democratic Services Stacy Curran

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All

The establishment of a task and finish group- Future of Leisure Services.

Purpose of the Report

To seek approval from members to establish a Task and Finish Group to supplement the information contained in the private report of the 4th November 2021 concerning the 'Future of Leisure Services'.

Background

In its meeting of the 4th November 2021, the Joint Education Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committee met to consider a private report on the future delivery of leisure services.

The recommendation of the Joint Education Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committees was that item be deferred from consideration and that an additional meeting of the Joint Cabinet and Education Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee is convened within the next two weeks [from the 4th November 2021]. The aim of this meeting being to **clarify and** formulate the additional information that will be required to supplement the existing report and the committee at that time can decide how best to organise itself to achieve this.

Members of the joint scrutiny committee also requested, given the high level of public interest in the topic, that consideration be given to putting as much information in the public domain as was possible, acknowledging that certain aspects would necessarily have to be considered privately when the decision is considered in January 2022.

In order to enable the Joint Education Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committees to conduct their pre-scrutiny role effectively and enable them to make recommendations to the Cabinet on the Future Delivery of Leisure Services in January 2022 it is proposed that a Task and Finish Group be established in order:

- To identify and formulate the additional information that will be required by the committee to supplement the existing report on Future Delivery of Leisure Services
- To identify and formulate a supplementary appendix to be considered alongside the original report on Future Delivery of Leisure Services in the Joint Meeting of the Education Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committees to be held in January 2022
- To discuss and agree how the Joint Meeting of the Education Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committees should be organised in January 2022 to consider private and public elements of the proposals on Future Delivery of Leisure Services.

The proposed terms of reference for the Task and Finish Group are attached at Appendix 1 for Members approval and members are asked to approve these terms of reference.

It is proposed that all members of the Joint Education Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committee be invited to attend the Task and Finish Group but attendance is optional. However, it remains open to members to designate the work of this task and finish group to the Council's Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Sub Committee should they wish.

Financial Impacts

There are no direct financial impacts from the proposals contained within this report specifically, although there are significant impacts from the 'Future of Leisure Services' proposals which will be being considered.

Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this is in relation to an administrative process only.

Valleys Communities Impacts

No direct impacts.

Workforce Impacts

There are no direct workforce impacts from the proposals contained within this report specifically, although there are significant impacts from the 'Future of Leisure Services' proposals which will be being considered.

Legal Impacts

Pre-scrutiny is embedded in the Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. The role being to ensure that, through consultation/dialogue with the Cabinet on policy, budget or other forthcoming issues, information can be provided to ensure the "executive" and "scrutiny" work constructively and inclusively together in the best interests of the Council and its communities. The pre-decision scrutiny of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee/Board proposals may involve ensuring that policy and procedure has been complied with; assessing the likely impact or risk of a course of action; or questioning the values behind a recommendation or options to be pursued. The pre-scrutiny should be on selective issues, both operational and financial.

The provision of such arrangements allows the Council to discharge its functions conferred by Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000

Risk Management Impacts

Ensure effective discharge of pre-scrutiny can ensure that information can be provided to ensure the "executive" and "scrutiny" work constructively and inclusively together in the best interests of the Council and its communities

Consultation

There has been no requirement to externally consult on the specific matters contained within this report.

Recommendations

It is recommended that having due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment, that:

- (a) Members approve the establishment of a Task and Finish Group of the Joint Education Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committees.
- (b) Members approve the Terms of Reference of the Task and Finish Group as attached at Appendix 1.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To enable the Joint Education Skills and Culture and Cabinet Scrutiny Committees to conduct their pre-scrutiny role effectively and enable them to make recommendations to the Cabinet on the Future Delivery of Leisure Services in January 2022.

Implementation of Decision

This report is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference.

List of Background Papers

Private Report of the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning entitled Future of Leisure Services dated 4th November 2021 - *Not for publication pursuant to Regulation 5(2) & (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2290 and Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. Pursuant also to Paragraph 21 of the Schedule, and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption is considered to outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.*

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