

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

17 NOVEMBER 2021

CABINET

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: E.V.Latham, P.A. Rees (Chairpersons for part of the meeting), L.Jones, A.R.Lockyer, A.Wingrave, C.Clement-Williams, D.Jones and M.Harvey

Officers in Attendance:

K. Jones, N.Pearce, A.Thomas, A.Jarrett, H.Jones, J.Hodges, C.Furlow-Harris, L.Beynon, R.Headon, C.Plowman and T.Davies

Invitees:

Councillor S. Freeguard (Scrutiny Vice Chairperson)

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting and a roll call taken.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the start of the meeting:

Councillor E.V.Latham	Re: Urgent Item Members Community Fund. The application at Appendix E was a proposal submitted by Councillors E.V.Latham, M.Crowley and S.Pursey for the complete refurbishment and conversion of the area currently as tennis courts at Vivian Park, Sandfields. He felt that the interest was prejudicial and left the meeting thereon.
Councillor L.Jones	Re: Urgent Item Members Community Fund. The application at Appendix J was a proposal submitted by Councillor L.Jones to acquire demountable 'Portacabin' type changing facilities for Tonna RFC and AFC Seniors and Juniors. She felt that the interest was prejudicial and left the meeting thereon.

4. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

No Announcements were made.

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

That the Forward Work Programme for 2021/2022 be noted.

6. **CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2022/23**

Decisions:

That approval be granted for the net Council Tax Base for 2022/2023 be 48,393.68 for the whole of the County Borough; and for each Town and Community Council area the amount be as follows:

Town and Community Council	Council Tax Base
Blaengwrach	375.46
Blaenhonddan	4,407.30
Briton Ferry	1,885.44
Clyne and Melincourt	262.09

Town and Community Council	Council Tax Base
Coedffranc	3,649.67
Crynant	682.56
Dyffryn Clydach	1,325.83
Glynneath	1,378.55
Neath	6,580.96
Onllwyn	381.61
Pelenna	399.06
Resolven	735.43
Seven Sisters	633.67
Tonna	967.74
Cilybebyll	2,000.13
Cwmllynfell	386.88
Gwauncaegurwen	1,346.70
Pontardawe	2,532.95
Ystalyfera	1,607.20

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to determine the Council Tax Base for 2022/2023.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions are for immediate implementation.

7. **2021/2022 RISK REGISTER MONITORING**

Decision:

That the risks as set out in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be noted.

8. **QUARTER 1 (1ST APRIL 2021 - 30TH JUNE 2021) CABINET KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **WELSH LANGUAGE PROMOTION STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021**

Decision:

That the progress made against the actions in the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy for the period April 2020 – March 2021 be noted.

10. **LOCAL BIODIVERSITY DUTY PLAN 2021**

Decisions:

That having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment. The following be commended to Council for approval.

1. The Biodiversity Duty Plan (2020 – 2023) as presented in Appendix 1 to the circulated report.
2. The implementation of the publication procedures as detailed in the circulated report.
3. The Head of Planning and Public Protection be granted delegated authority to make the necessary arrangements for the Council to become a signatory to the Edinburgh Declaration on Global Biodiversity.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to comply with the requirements of the Environment (Wales) act 2016 and to recognise the key role of the Council in taking forward local level actions for nature, thereby supporting the principles as set out in the Edinburgh Declaration.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

The Plan has been the subject of internal consultation and its final form reflects the outcome of that process. There was no requirement for external consultation.

11. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute No 11 below, the Chairperson agreed this could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to time element.

12. **MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND**

Councillors E.V.Latham and L.Jones reaffirmed their interests at this point and left the meeting thereon. Cllr Peter Rees was appointed Chairperson for the rest of the meeting.

Decisions:

That having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment.

The following applications to the Members Community Fund be approved:

- (a) Councillor Rhidian Mizen for a memorial to commemorate the musician and composer Afan Thomas as detailed in Appendix A of the circulated report.
- (b) Councillors Robert Wood, Suzanne Paddison and Oliver Davies for supply and installation of five additional benches at the Aberavon Aqua Splash as detailed in Appendix B of the circulated report.
- (c) Councillors Wyndham Griffiths, Chris Williams and Jo Hale for upgraded floodlighting at Bryncoch Sports Club, as detailed in Appendix C of the circulated report.

- (d) Councillor Anthony Richards for the provision of eight raised planters for Pontardawe Town Centre, as detailed in Appendix D of the circulated report.
- (e) Councillors Edward Latham, Mathew Crowley and Sean Pursey for the complete refurbishment and conversion of the area currently laid out as four tennis courts within Vivian Park, as detailed in Appendix E of the circulated report.
- (f) Councillor Arwyn Woolcock for Supply and Installation of a Defibrillator at Brynamman RFC, as detailed in Appendix F of the circulated report.
- (g) Councillor Jane Jones to assist the internal and external weather proofing and redecoration of the Gwynfi Miners Community Hall, as detailed in Appendix G of the circulated report.
- (h) Councillor Jeremy Hurley to acquire essential grounds maintenance equipment for Tonmawr RFC in Pelenna, as detailed in Appendix H of the circulated report.
- (i) Councillor Jeremy Hurley to acquire essential training equipment for Tonmawr RFC Mini and Junior section as detailed in Appendix I of the circulated report.
- (j) Councillor Leanne Jones to acquire demountable 'Portacabin' type changing facilities for Tonna RFC and AFC Seniors and Juniors, as detailed in Appendix J of the circulated report
- (k) Councillor Arwyn Woolcock for Supply and Installation of a Defibrillator at Tairgwaith Workingmen's Club and Institute, as detailed in Appendix K of the circulated report.
- (l) Councillor Rob Jones for improvements to the play area located at Ffordd Derwen, Coed Hirwaun, Margam, as detailed in Appendix L of the circulated report.
- (m) Councillor Arwyn Woolcock to purchase essential items of café and catering equipment for Amman Valley Trotting Club, as detailed in Appendix M of the circulated report.
- (n) Councillors John Warman and Adam McGrath to establish a Forest School Club for vulnerable children at Crynallt Primary school, as detailed in Appendix N of the circulated report.

- (o) Councillor Helen Ceri Clarke for purchase of a defibrillator for BP Llandarcy Bowls Club, as detailed in Appendix O of the circulated report.
- (p) Councillor Stephanie Lynch for supply and installation of new playground apparatus at Bishop's Mead play area, as detailed in Appendix P of the circulated report.
- (q) Councillor John Warman to acquire essential training equipment for Cimla AFC Mini and Junior football teams, and new kit for a new Under 11's team, as detailed in Appendix Q of the circulated report.
- (r) Councillor Stephen Hunt to supply and install two new ground trampolines to the existing play provision at Ynysdawley Playing Fields, Nant y Cafn, in Seven Sisters, as detailed in Appendix R of the circulated report.
- (s) Councillors Anthony Taylor and Rachel Taylor to augment and improve provision at Goytre Close play area, as detailed in Appendix S of the circulated report.
- (t) Councillor Anthony Richards for further development of a 'family-friendly' area in the courtyard of Pontardawe Heritage and Visitor Centre, as detailed in Appendix T of the circulated report.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable applications to the Members Community Fund to be considered and approved.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

CHAIRPERSON