

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

12 JANUARY 2022

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: L.Jones, (Chairperson) A.R.Lockyer, D.Jones, P.A.Rees
and P.D.Richards

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, C.Griffiths, C.Owens, M.Roberts, C.Furlow-
Harris, P.Hinder, N. Blackmore, 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 L.Jones be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

Cllr L.Jones welcomed all to the meeting and a roll call was completed.

3. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

No announcements were made.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillor D. Jones Re: Agenda Item 10, Third Sector Grant Funding, Additional application for Funding, as she is a board member of Age Connect. Cllr Jones felt her interest was prejudicial and left the meeting for that item only.

Councillor S. Freeguard Re: Agenda Item 10, Third Sector Grant Funding, Additional application for Funding, as she is a board member of Age Connect. Cllr Freeguard felt her interest was prejudicial and left the meeting for that item only.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH DECEMBER 2021**

That the minutes of the 15th December 2021 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

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

That the Forward Work Programme for 2021/22 be noted.

7. **DECISION MAKING DURING PRE-ELECTION PERIOD**

Decisions:

1. That any matters which normally require determination by Cabinet or Cabinet Boards, or any other Committee or Sub Committee of the Council, and which in the view of the Chief Executive, or a Corporate Director or a Head of Service necessitates a decision to be taken during the period 5th May to the 31st May 2022, then such Officer (s) in respect of matters within their service functions, shall

have delegated power to take a decision and to authorise any action on the matters in question, subject to the following:-

- (a) any decisions taken must comply with normal reporting format, including compliance statement and reason for decision, except that the implementation shall be with immediate effect without any call-in requirement;
 - (b) all decisions shall be reported back to Members;
 - (c) this delegation will not include any determination of planning applications which are normally determined by the Planning Committee, unless deemed urgent by the Head of Planning and Public Protection in the context of statutory timescale, nor will it include decisions on any planning matters deemed to be “controversial” in the view of the Head of Planning and Public Protection. Any planning applications dealt with under this delegation will be determined by the Head of Planning and Public Protection.
 - (d) in exercising the above delegated powers, Officers will be required to consult with three Members as follows:
 - (i) From 6th May to 17th May – the current Mayor or Deputy Mayor and two other Members from different Political Groups (including one from any Majority Group).
 - (ii) From 17th May to 31st May – the newly elected Leader or Deputy Leader (or in their absence the newly elected Mayor or Deputy Mayor) and two other Members from different Political Groups (including one from any Majority Group). Subject in both cases to these groups being constituted.
2. the Mayor or Deputy Mayor be authorised to be present at the opening of tenders during the period set out in recommendation 1(a) above and the Leader or Deputy Leader (or in their absence the Mayor or Deputy Mayor) during the period set out in 1. (d) (ii) above.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure continuity of decision making during the period between the election and the consultation of the authority.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision is for immediate implementation with the agreement of the previous Scrutiny Chairperson.

8. **CYBER SECURITY STRATEGY**

Decision:

That the Neath Port Talbot Council Cyber Security Strategy as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to have in place a strategy for protecting information systems, the data held within them and the services they provide from unauthorised access, harm or misuse.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period which ends at 9am, Sunday, 16th January 2022. No call ins were received.

9. **AUDIT WALES - AUDIT OF NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL'S ASSESSMENT OF 2020-2021 PERFORMANCE**

That the Audit Wales: Audit of Neath Port Talbot Council's assessment of 2020 – 2021 performance be noted.

10. **THIRD SECTOR GRANT FUNDING - ADDITIONAL APPLICATION FOR FUNDING.**

Decision:

That a grant of £10,000 from the third sector grants scheme be awarded to Age Connects Neath Port Talbot.

Reasons for Decision:

To approve a grant to a third sector organisation in line with the Council's Scheme.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period which ends at 9am, Sunday 16th January 2022. No call ins were received.

11. **PROJECT PROPOSALS MADE TO THE MEMBERS COMMUNITY FUND**

Decisions:

Having due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment the following applications be approved:

- (a) An Application by Councillor Sian Harris to provide three Gateway Welcome signs on the principle approach roads to Crynant, as set out in Appendix A.
- (b) An Application by Councillor Hugh James to supply and install a 20 metre zip wire/Cableway to James Field, as set out in Appendix B.
- (c) An Application by Councillor Rebeca Phillips to establish a Community Garden with Gellionnen Graig Chapel in Trebanos, as set out in Appendix C.
- (d) An Application by Councillor Angharad Aubrey to improve safe access by providing handrails to properties in Parc Glas, Skewen, as set out in Appendix D.

(e) An Application by Councillor Dean Lewis to supply and install outdoor gym equipment to the Community Council Park in Resolven, as set out in Appendix E.

(f) An Application by Councillor Del Morgan and Councillor Simon Knoyle to supply and install a 3 bay, 2 flat, 2 cradle, 1 basket swing to the VNLC play area in Glynneath West as set out in Appendix F.

Reason for Decisions:

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

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision will be implemented after the 3 day call in period which ends at 9am, Sunday 16th January 2022. No call ins were received.

12. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

CHAIRPERSON