

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

1 FEBRUARY 2022

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, N.Pearce, A.Thomas, A.Jarrett, C.Griffiths, H.Jones, M.Shaw,
P.Walker, N.Blackmore, C.Davies and J.Woodman-Ralph

Invitees:

Councillors: S.Reynolds (Scrutiny Chairperson)
S. Rahaman (Vice Scrutiny Chairperson)

Observing Members:

Councillors: W.F.Griffiths, J.Hale, S.K.Hunt, S.A.Knoyle, A.Llewelyn,
S.Miller, R.Mizen, S.Paddison and A.N.Woolcock.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

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

2. **WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

Councillor E.V.Latham 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 declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

Councillor W.F.Griffiths	Re: Future Provision of Indoor Leisure Services as he is a member of Celtic Leisure but did not feel his interest was prejudicial.
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Councillor S.A.Knoyle	Re: Future Provision of Indoor Leisure Services as he is a member of Celtic Leisure but did not feel his interest was prejudicial.
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Councillor A.R.Woolcock	Re: Future Provision of Indoor Leisure Services as he is national chair of the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) but did not feel his interest was prejudicial.
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5. **FUTURE PROVISION OF INDOOR LEISURE SERVICES**

Members received a verbal briefing from the Section 151 Officer who stated that he has a statutory responsibility to advise Cabinet members in relation to the financial impacts of the various options being considered today.

As highlighted in the previous Scrutiny Committee in relation to the fact that options A and C could not be delivered within the current £1.5 million base budget available for running indoor leisure services.

It was also reiterated that there were only three ways that a gap in funding could be met as presently there was no identified funding strategy for any costs over and above £1.5 million. The three ways of closing a funding gap were outlined as being one of or a combination of:

- Identify permanent savings elsewhere in the Council's budget
- Generate additional income or reduce the current cost of running indoor leisure services
- Increase council tax

The Section 151 Officer advised Cabinet that he needed to ensure that Cabinet fully understood the financial consequences of the various options and to do that the meeting would have to move into private session.

Decisions:

That the work of the Task and Finish Group be noted.

That a decision be made because there is sufficient information on the options to support a decision on the future provision of indoor leisure services as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable a final, informed decision on the option the Cabinet wish to pursue for the future delivery of indoor leisure services.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

6. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

7. **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.

8. **FUTURE PROVISION OF INDOOR LEISURE SERVICES
APPENDICES 1 - 4 (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

The Section 151 Officer thanked Cabinet for moving into Private Session and stated the importance of setting out exactly the financial implications of the three options.

In addition, the Section 151 Officer understood that members would consider all the implications not just the financial impacts but that he needed to ensure that he had set out very clearly what the financial consequences would be to Cabinet.

Cabinet members were referred to Page 80 of Appendix 4 of the private circulated report where the relative costs of the options were set out.

Decision:

That Indoor Leisure Services be brought back to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to operate as detailed in the private circulated report at Appendix 4.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure suitable arrangements are in place to maintain the provision of indoor leisure services in the Neath Port Talbot locality.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRPERSON