

## **Cabinet Scrutiny Committee**

**(Via Microsoft Teams)**

**Members Present:**

**12 January 2022**

**Chairperson:** Councillor S.Rahaman

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor S.E.Freeguard

**Councillors:** N.T.Hunt, D.Keogh, C.James, S.A.Knoyle, S.Miller, R.Mizen, S.Paddison, S.H.Reynolds, R.L.Taylor, A.N.Woolcock and W.F.Griffiths

**Officers In Attendance** K.Jones, A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, C.Griffiths, M.Roberts, C.Owen, C.Furlow-Harris, S.Davies, N.Blackmore, J.Woodman-Ralph and C.Davies

**Cabinet Invitees:** Councillors D.Jones, L.Jones, A.R.Lockyer, P.A.Rees and P.D.Richards

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1. **Welcome and Roll Call**

Cllr S. Rahaman welcomed all to the meeting and a roll call was completed.

2. **Chairs Announcements**

No announcements were made.

3. **Declarations of Interests**

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

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.

Councillor D. Jones

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#### 4. **Pre-decision Scrutiny**

The Committee scrutinised the following Cabinet Board items:

##### Neath Port Talbot Cyber Security Strategy

Members were provided with an overview of the Neath Port Talbot Council's Cyber Security Strategy, as detailed within the circulated report.

Discussions took place around the security of emails and the prevention of malicious emails. It was noted that there are protocols in place within IT services to help protect services from any malicious emails.

Following Scrutiny, the Committee was supportive of the proposals to be considered by the Cabinet Board

##### Audit Wales - Audit of Neath Port Talbot Council's assessment of 2020-21 performance

Members commended officers on the feedback from Audit Wales in relation to Neath Port Talbot Council Meeting their Legal obligations.

Following scrutiny, the report was noted.

##### Third Sector Grant Funding – Additional application for funding

Members received information in relation to an application that was received for a third sector grant funding after the official closing date.

Members queried the reasoning of the late application and asked for reassurance that a precedence wouldn't be set for future late

applications. Officers, confirmed that it was an administrative issue and that it wouldn't set any precedence issues going forward.

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5. **Forward Work Programme 2021/22**

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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