

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council
25th May 2022

Report of the Chief Executive

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

All

Scheme of Delegation

Purpose of the Report:

To put in place decision making arrangements until Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is fully constituted.

Background:

This report addresses the matter of decision making for the period from the 25th May 2022 until the date of the next meeting of Full Council.

Given the result of the Local Government Election on 5th May 2022, the Council needs to have a system in place to enable decisions to be made about essential business up until the date of the next meeting of Full Council and until a reconstitution of Council takes place.

This report is intended to cover that gap by extending delegated power to the Chief Executive subject to consultation with Members.

The delegation is intended to be used sparingly for important matters that cannot be left until reconstitution has taken place.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts associated with this report

Integrated Impact Assessment:

There is no requirement for an integrated impact assessment for this report.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

There are no valley community impacts associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts:

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report

Legal Impacts:

Ensuring continuity of decision making will allow for compliance with the Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Risk Management Impacts:

Failure to ensure continuity of decision making could render the Council exposed to challenge.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that

(1) any matters which normally require determination by Cabinet or Cabinet Boards, Cabinet members, any Committee or Sub Committee of the Council, and which in the view of the Chief Executive, necessitates a decision to be taken during the period from the 25th May 2022 until the date of the next meeting of Full Council, then the Chief Executive 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 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 timescales; nor will it include decisions on any planning matters deemed to be “controversial” in the view of the Head of Planning and Public Protection.

(d) in exercising the above delegated powers, the Chief Executive will be required to consult with the Leaders of each political group.

(2) the Mayor or Deputy Mayor be authorised to be present at the opening of tenders during the period from the 25th May 2022 to the date of the next meeting of Full Council.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To ensure continuity of decision making until the re-constitution of the authority.

Implementation of Decision:

This decision is proposed for implementation immediately.

Appendices:

None

List of Background Papers:

None

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