

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

29 JUNE 2022

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt (Chairperson), N.Jenkins, D.M.Peters, S.Harris, J.Hale, A.Llewelyn and W.F.Griffiths

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, N.Pearce, A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, M.Shaw, C.Furlow-Harris, C.John, R.Crowhurst, S.Curran, H.Jones, C.Williams, K.Windsor-Brown and J.Woodman-Ralph

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor S.K.Hunt be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

All were welcomed to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following members and officers made declarations of interest at the start of the meeting:

Councillors: A.Llewelyn J.Hurley P.Rogers	Re: Agenda Item 9, Welsh Government Discretionary Cost of Living Scheme as they either live in or have interests in Band E properties. They all felt their interests were prejudicial and withdrew from the meeting for that item only.
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Officers: K.Jones, H. Jones, C.Williams.	Re: Agenda Item 9, Welsh Government Discretionary Cost of Living Scheme as they either live in or have interests in Band E properties. They all felt their interests were prejudicial and withdrew from the meeting for that item only
Councillor A.Llewelyn	Re: Agenda Item 7, Welsh Medium Starter School – Neath Abbey as he is school governor at Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera – Bro Dur but has dispensation to speak and vote.
Councillor M.Peters	Re: Agenda Item 7, Welsh Medium Starter School – Neath Abbey as he is school governor at
Councillor W.Griffiths	Re: Agenda Item 11 – Proposed 30 MPH Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Orders as he is the local member for that area.
Mike Shaw (Legal Officer)	Re: Agenda Item 11 – Proposed 30 MPH Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Orders as he lives in one of the streets mentioned in the report. He felt his interest was prejudicial and left the meeting for that item only.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23**

That the Forward Work Programme for 2022/2023 be noted.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions were received.

6. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

At the start of the item Members were updated that the Implementation of the Decision would be subject to the three day call in period. This was not stated on the report.

Decisions

1. That the Annual Governance Statement 2021-2022 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be approved.
2. That approval be granted to undertake the work as detailed in the Governance Improvement Action Plan during 2022 – 2023.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the Annual Governance Statement meets the requirements of Regulation 5(2) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 in relation to an annual review of the effectiveness of the Council's systems of internal control and the preparation and approval of an Annual Governance Statement.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ends at 9.00am on Sunday 3 July, 2022.

7. **WELSH MEDIUM STARTER SCHOOL - NEATH ABBEY**

Members noted the additional information circulated prior to the meeting as a public supplement.

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the impact assessments in relation to equality, risk and Welsh Language, and to the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (Wales 2015), together with the legal implications and in line with Section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

1. Approval be granted to statutory publish a proposal to establish a new Welsh – medium primary school at St John's Terrace, Neath Abbey, Neath. SA10 7ND.

2. That the date of implementation be the 1st January 2023.
3. That the Notice of the proposal be published on the 30th June 2022, allowing 28 days for receipt of objections. A report to be brought back to Members following the outcome of this period for final determination.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to comply with the formal publication requirements of the School Organisation Code and associated legislation.

Implementation of the proposal will enable the Council to promote high educational standards and the fulfilment of every child's potential. It will also enable the Council to meet its duty to secure efficient education in its area.

Implementation of Decisions:

With the agreement of the Cabinet Scrutiny Chairperson the decision will be for immediate implementation.

8. **WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **WELSH GOVERNMENT DISCRETIONARY COST OF LIVING SCHEME**

Decisions:

1. That the Welsh Government Discretionary Cost of Living Scheme criteria as detailed in the circulated report be approved.
2. That the letter being circulated to qualifying residents of Neath Port Talbot notifying them of the scheme as detailed in the circulated report include an option of repaying the monies to the authority if they do not wish to benefit from the scheme.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to administer the Welsh Government discretionary cost of living support scheme.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ends at 9.00am on Sunday 3 July, 2022.

10. **NEATH PORT TALBOT HARDSHIP RELIEF SCHEME**

Decisions:

Having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. Approval be granted to exclude the requirements of the Neath Port Talbot Council Contract Procedure Rules and to deliver the Neath Port Talbot Hardship Relief Scheme utilising a partner agency as detailed in the circulated report.
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Finance Officer to enter into a partnership agreement with Warm Wales to facilitate delivery of the NPT Hardship Relief Scheme.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Council to provide hardship relief to residents of the County Borough.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ends at 9.00am on Sunday 3 July, 2022.

11. **TRAFFIC ORDERS - PROPOSED 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

Decision:

That having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, approval be granted to advertise the 30mph Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the Welsh Government 20mph default speed limit national roll out in 2023 as detailed in Appendix A, B and C to the circulated report. If no objections are received the proposals be implemented on site as advertised.

Reason for Decision:

The proposed traffic regulation orders will convert back the strategic routes to a 30 mph speed limit following the national roll out of the 20 mph default speed limit in order to maintain traffic flow on the principal road network.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ends at 9.00am on Sunday 3 July, 2022.

Consultation:

A consultation exercise will be undertaken when the scheme is advertised.

12. **TRAFFIC ORDERS - PLANNING CONDITIONS FOR THE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Decision:

That having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, approval be granted to advertise the Various Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the planning conditions for the new Housing Development off Meadow Road, Neath as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

The proposed traffic regulation orders will prevent indiscriminate parking and regulate traffic manoeuvres in the interest of road safety.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ends at 9.00am on Sunday 3 July, 2022.

Consultation:

A consultation exercise will be undertaken when the scheme is advertised.

13. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

14. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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

15. **LEVELLING UP FUND BIDS**

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. That the Levelling Up Fund package bids for Neath and Aberavon constituencies and the Transport – only bid be approved as detailed in the private circulated report.
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member(s) to approve the final business case for submission to UK government by the 6th July 2022 deadline for the schemes identified in the private circulated report.

3. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of the Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member(s) to enter into grant agreements or associated documentation that might be necessary to draw down funding from the UK Government Levelling Up Fund.
4. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property and Regeneration to approve a procurement process as detailed in the private circulated report.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable Neath Port Talbot Council to formally submit the UKLUF applications for Neath and Aberavon constituencies and the Transport-only bid to the UK government.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ends at 9.00am on Sunday 3 July, 2022.

16. **POTENTIAL NEATH PORT TALBOT FREEPORT OPPORTUNITY**

Decision:

That approval be granted for officers to engage in further exploration, research and discussions with potential partners to explore the potential of the Council submitting a Freeport bid, either in isolation or in partnership with other organisations.

Reason for Decision:

To progress the potential of a Freeport bid.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ends at 9.00am on Sunday 3 July, 2022.

CHAIRPERSON