24 NOVEMBER 2022

EDUCATION, SKILLS & WELLBEING CABINET BOARD

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: N.Jenkins and J.Hurley (Chairperson)

Officers in Attendance:

A.Thomas, R.Crowhurst, P.Walker, M.Shaw, W.John, A.Thomas and T.Davies

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Agreed that Councillor J.Hurley, be appointed Chairperson of the meeting.

2. CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S

Councillor Hurley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 27 October 2022, be approved as an accurate record.

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

That the Education, Skills and Wellbeing Cabinet Board Forward Work Programme be noted.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions from the public were received.

7. BAND C SCHOOLS

Decisions:

That, having given due regard to the first stage integrated impact assessment,

- 1. the next phase of investment for ongoing learning projects, as detailed and contained within the circulated report, be approved.
- 2. Officer Authorisation to explore with Welsh Government Officials, grant funded opportunities available within the programme and to secure the most beneficial option for the Council, be granted.

Reason for Decisions:

To access Welsh Government Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme grant funding for capital projects, and subject to the outcome of the grant funding application, implementation of the programme of projects 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:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ends on 28 November 2022 at 9.00am. There was no call in of this item.

Consultation:

As the programme develops, each project will be subject to consultation with the respective school communities. Should a project involve the closure of a school, formal consultation will be undertaken in line with legislative requirements.

8. CEFN COED OPTIONS APPRAISAL REPORT

Decisions:

That having given due regard to the first stage integrated impact assessment,

- in principle and subject to available funding streams, the following key recommendations be approved:
 - The scale of costs required for essential repairs to enable the museum to safely reopen to the public.
 - Possible alternative uses for the site and buildings.
 - An examination of the role and contribution of Cefn Coed Colliery Museum as a heritage site and tourist destination.
 - A review of current and future regeneration opportunities for Cefn Coed.
 - Alternative sources of income via grants and external funding.
 - Income generation opportunities.
- 2. that Officer Authorisation to explore with Welsh Government Officials, grant funded opportunities available within the programme securing the most beneficial option for the Council, be granted.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable the Authority to plan and explore future options for the development of the Cefn Coed museum site.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ends on 28 November 2022, at 9.00am. There was no call in of this item.

Consultation:

Consultation has taken place with internal and external stakeholders.

9. CREATION OF A REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN WEST WALES

Decision:

That having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment, the development and creation of a New Regional Partnership for Sport and Physical Activity in West Wales, as detailed within the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To continue working in partnership with Sport Wales, and secure funding for the Active Young People Programme. Ensuring there is the right support and opportunities in place for those who are not regularly physically active - with a clear focus on removing barriers for those who need most help.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ends on 28 November 2022, at 9.00am. There was no call in of this item.

10. **URGENT ITEMS**

No Urgent Items were received.

CHAIRPERSON