

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

2 DECEMBER 2022

**ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND STREETSCENE SERVICES
CABINET BOARD**

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: W.F.Griffiths, S.Jones (Chair) and D.M.Peters

Officers in Attendance:

S.Brennan, D.Griffiths, M.Roberts, N.Jones, C.John, S.Cook, N.Bulcraig,
N.Chapple, H.Hasan, J.Smith and C.Morris

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor S.Jones be appointed as Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests received.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 6 October 2022 and 28 October 2022, be approved as accurate records.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

That the Forward Work Programme be noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions were received.

7. **GODRE'R GRAIG SCHOOL SCHEME**

Members noted the amended Integrated Impact Assessment.

Decision:

Having due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment:

That Option 3 be implemented to manage the risk and improve the local environment, with the cost to be funded from the Council's Corporate Contingency Reserve, or via any future Welsh Government funding that becomes available.

Reason for Decision:

To manage the risks and liabilities associated with spoil tip debris flow at the site, as this is the only affordable solution available to the council.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

8. **ADDITIONAL WORKS PROGRAMME**

Decisions:

Having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

- That the programme of expenditure, as set out in Appendix A of the circulated report, be approved for completion over the next 18 months
- That the Director of Environment and Regeneration be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the relevant cabinet member, to undertake procurements and/or draw up and implement associated prioritised needs based programmes.

Reason for Decision:

To provide equipment for service delivery and maintain assets for which the Council is responsible, in order to help address community concerns in relation to the urban realm.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

9. **HEALTHY TRAVEL CHARTER**

Decision:

Having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment, it be approved that the Council become a signatory of The Swansea Bay Healthy Travel Charter.

Reason for Decision:

The charter seeks to reduce the impact on the local environment by reducing the use and reliance of internal combustion engines; seek to make staff more active (in line with Welsh Assembly Active Travel Act) to reduce inactivity, obesity and boost their well-being.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

10. **CHRISTMAS PARKING 2022**

Decision:

Having due regard to the integrated impact screening assessment:

That free Christmas parking be approved in Neath, Port Talbot and Pontardawe Pay & Display car parks from Saturday 10th December 2022 to Sunday 1st January 2023 inclusive (excluding The Gnoll, Afan Forest Country Park and Aberavon Seafront car parks).

Reason for Decision:

To support the town centre economy, it is acknowledged that providing free Christmas car parking would further support their recovery.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

11. **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART OF FOOTPATH NO.21 - CILLYBEBYLL**

Decision:

Having due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment, that a public path extinguishment order be made pursuant to section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 for the route shown A-B on the attached plan of the circulated report, and if no objections are made to confirm the order as made.

Reason for Decision:

- That this length of path is not needed for public use given there is a suitable alternative via the path A-C which joins the footway alongside Graig road which connects to point C.
- That the original length of the path A-B is no longer available and in any event the gradient of the bank from the houses to the rear of the cul de sac up to point B is steeper than via the footway up to point C.
- There is no suitable alternative today to the length A-B.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

12. **EXTINGUISHMENT ORDERS FOR PART OF FOOTPATH NO.38 - CILLYBEBYLL**

Decision:

Having due regard to the integrated impact screening assessment, an Extinguishment Order is made pursuant to Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 in respect of the route shown C-C1- D shown on the attached plan in the circulated report, and if no objections are received to the order then this order be confirmed the same as unopposed.

Reason for Decision:

- There is a need to resolve the issue of this length of path which crosses over two gardens.
- The housing development has resulted in the loss of the original field path, but that access across the site from Neath Road to public footpath no.39 can still be obtained mainly via the estate roads.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

13. **DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH NO.14 - CWMAVON**

Decision:

That having due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment that a public path Diversion Order is made pursuant to Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 in respect of the route shown A-B-C-D to A-E-D shown on plan no.1 in the circulated report, and that if no objections are received then to confirm the order as made.

Reason for Decision:

That the grounds for making the order under the tests of expediency can be satisfied as it will improve the privacy of the residents who live in close proximity to the path and that the diversion does not have any significant effect on the enjoyment of the path as a whole.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

14. **COMMERCIAL PROPERTY GRANT - 5 THE ROPEWALK, NEATH**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment and a description of the recommendation, that the grant be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To implement the provisions of the Commercial Property Grant scheme in accordance with the criteria and terms of administration of the grant, in order to contribute to the regeneration of Neath Town Centre.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

15. **SIDING TERRACE, LONLAS, SKEWEN (REVOCATION) AND PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING OR UNLOADING AT ANY TIME, PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME AND RESIDENT PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2022**

Decisions:

Having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment:

- That the objections are upheld to the Siding Terrace, Lonlas, Skewen – (Revocation) and (Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time, Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Unloading At Any Time and Resident Permit Holders Only) (as detailed in Appendix A to the circulated report) and that the revised scheme (as detailed in Appendix B to the circulated report) be implemented on site.
- That the objectors are to be informed of the decision accordingly.

Reason for Decisions:

To improve the existing resident parking scheme.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

16. **LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS**

Decision:

Having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

That the List of Approved Contractors is amended as follows:-

Companies to be added to the List of Approved Contractors

The following companies have applied to be included on the list and have passed the required assessments:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Category</u>
Newport Recycling Ltd (N017)	6
Gavin Griffiths Recycling Ltd (G036)	6,7,111
Probe Industries Ltd (P054)	111

Reason for Decision:

- To keep the List of Approved Contractors up to date and as far as possible, ensure a competitive procurement process.
- These recommendations to be adopted for the purpose of supplying a List of Approved Contractors for invitation to tender within the relevant category.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

17. **QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

18. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items received.

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

Decision:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in Paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 subject to the Public Interest Test (where appropriate) being applied.

20. **LEASE OF UNIT 1 - NEATH TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT
(EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

Having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment, that the granting of the lease on the terms set out in the circulated report be approved.

Reason for Decision:

The grant of the lease will allow this prominently located vacant premises to be let and operated by a major leisure sector company and provide an annual income for the Council.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period, which ended at 9am, Tuesday 6 December 2022.

CHAIRPERSON