

## CABINET

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

**Members Present:**

**22 February 2023**

**Councillors:** S.K.Hunt, Chairperson, S.A.Knoyle, N.Jenkins, D.M.Peters, J.Hurley, S.Harris, J.Hale, A.Llewelyn, W.F.Griffiths and S.Jones

**Officers in Attendance:** K.Jones, A.Jarrett, N.Pearce, H.Jones, R.Crowhurst, C.Griffiths, C.Furlow-Harris, N.Blackmore, L.McAndrew and J. Woodman-Ralph

**Invitees:** Cllr.P.Rogers (Chair of Scrutiny)

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1. **Appointment of Chairperson**

It was agreed Cllr. S. Hunt, be appointed Chairperson of the meeting.

2. **Chairpersons Announcement/s**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

That the minutes of the previous Cabinet Board, held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Forward Work Programme 2022/23**

That the Forward Work Programme 2022/23 be noted.

6. **Public Question Time**

No questions from the public were received.

7. **Self Assessment 2021/2022**

**Decision:**

That the Self Assessment 2021/2022 be approved for publication and submitting to the Welsh Government.

**Reason for Decision:**

To evidence how the Council is meeting the new duty set out in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, 'for each Council in Wales to keep under review the extent to which it is meeting the 'performance requirements', that is the extent to which:-

1. it is exercising its functions effectively.
2. it is using its resources economically, efficiently, and effectively.
3. its governance is effective for securing the above.

**Implementation of Decision:**

That the decision be implemented after the three day calling period, which ends at 9.00am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

8. **Establishment of a liaison forum in respect of Afan Valley Adventure Resort**

**Decision:**

1. That approval be granted for the Council to participate in the Afan Valley Adventure Resort Liaison Forum;
2. That the Terms of Reference as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.
3. That the Members and Officers as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be appointed to the Afan Valley Adventure Resort Liaison Forum.

**Reason for Decision:**

To establish a liaison forum in participation with the Council as requested by Wildfox Resorts Afan Valley Limited in respect of the development to the Afan Valley Adventure Resort.

**Implementation of Decision:**

That the decision be implemented after the three day calling period which ends at 9.00am, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

9. **Establishment of an advisory panel in respect of the Global Centre of Rail Excellence**

**Decision:**

1. That the Terms of Reference of the Advisory Panel for the Global Centre of Rail Excellence as established by Global Centre of Rail Excellence Ltd (GCRE) be noted.
2. That the invitation to the Council from GCRE to participate in the work programme be noted.
3. That the Leader of Council be approved as the Council's representative to the Community Committee of the Advisory Panel to the Global Centre of Rail Excellence.
4. That the Leader of Council to nominate an alternative Cabinet Members to attend the Community Committee of the Advisory Panel to the Global Centre of Rail Excellence in the event that the Leader is unable to attend.
5. That the Director of Environment and Regeneration be approved as the Council Lead Official to the Community Committee of the Advisory Panel to the Global Centre of Rail Excellence.
6. That the Director of Environment and Regeneration nominate an alternative officer to attend the Community Committee of the

Advisory Panel to the Global Centre of Rail Excellence in the event that the Chief Executive is unable to attend.

7. That the Ward Members for Onllwyn, Crynant and Seven Sisters to be the ward representatives to the Local Liaison Group.

**Reason for Implementation:**

To achieve outcomes and value to the rail and energy industry in formulating Council representatives to the various committees, established by the advisory panel.

**Implementation of decision:**

The decision is to be implemented after the three-day call-in period, which ends at 9.00am, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

10. **Phase One of the Accommodation Review**

**Decision:**

That having given due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment.

1. Approval be granted to close five of the Neath Port Talbot Council's operational staff based office accommodation buildings (as identified in this report) and declare those buildings surplus to operational requirements with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property and Regeneration to serve the appropriate notices surrendering any leasehold interest in such buildings.

**Reason for Decision:**

To ensure greater rationalising of the Councils accommodation for office-based staff and to ensure financial savings are realised.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the three-day call-in period, which ends at 9.00am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

11. **Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2022/2023 - As at end of December 2022**

**Decision:**

1. That the updated proposed 2022/2023 budget totalling £54.122m be approved to commend to Council.
2. That the position in relation to expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 be noted.

**Reason for Decision:**

To comply with the Councils constitution in relation to budget virement, reprofiling between financial years and to also update the Council's Budget projections for 2022/23.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision is to be implemented after the three-day call-in period, which ends at 9.00am, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

12. **Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2022/2023 - As at end of December 2022.**

**Decision:**

1. That the contents of the report in relation to the current projected budget outturn and reserves be noted.
2. That the virements as detailed in the report be approved.

**Reason for Decision:**

To comply with the Councils constitution in relation to budget virements.

**Implementation of Decision:**

The decision will be implemented after the three-day call-in period, which ends at 9.00am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

13. **Treasury Management Report 2022/2023**

**Decision:**

That the report be noted.

14. **Treasury Management Mid Year Review Report 2022/2023**

**Decision:**

That the Treasury Management activities to date this financial year, and how they relate to the proposed activities within the original 2022/2023 Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy Statements be noted.

15. **2022/2023 Risk Register Monitoring Report**

**Decision:**

That the risks as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be noted.

16. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

**CHAIRPERSON**