

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

1 MARCH 2023

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, N.Pearce, C.Griffiths, H.Jones, C.Furlow-
Harris, C.Owen, N.Blackmore, A.James, C.L.John and J.Woodman-Ralph.

Invitees:

Cllr.P.Rogers, Scrutiny Chairperson
Cllr.C.James, Vice Chair Scrutiny

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

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

2. CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENT/S

Councillor S.K.Hunt welcomed all to the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were received.

5. **2023/24 REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS**

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the integrated impact assessment:

1. That the revenue budget for 2023 – 2024 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be approved.
2. That Fees and Charges Executive Functions be delegated to the appropriate Corporate Director following consultation with the Council Leader, relevant Cabinet Member and Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee and the

Fees and Charges Executive Functions applicable for the financial year 2023/2024 which are applicable in any subsequent financial year and which, in the opinion of the relevant Corporate Director, need to be set in advance of the financial year for operational reasons.

3. That the Fees and Charges for Non Executive Functions be delegated to the appropriate Corporate Director following consultation with the Council Leader, Deputy Leader and Chair of the relevant non-executive committee and the

Fees and Charges for Non Executive functions applicable in any subsequent financial year and which, in the opinion of the Corporate Director, need to be set in advance of that financial year for operational reasons.

4. That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Chief Executive, Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Social Justice to make any necessary amendment through the general reserves, as a consequence of any variation between the Welsh Governments final settlement and the provisional settlement.

5. That the Council Tax in 2023/2024 increase by 4.5%. Band D equivalent for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council will be £1,737.72 be commended to Council for approval.

Reason for Decisions

To fulfil the statutory requirement to determine the budget for 2022/2023.

To provide a mechanism for dealing with any variation between the provisional and final Welsh Government settlements.

To agree arrangements for setting Fees and Charges.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision will be implemented after consideration and approval by Council.

6. **CAPITAL STRATEGY AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/2024 TO 2025/2026**

Decisions:

That the following be commended to Council for approval:

- The Capital Strategy
- The Capital Programme for 2023/2024 to 2025/2026 as detailed in Appendix 2 to this report.
- The delegation arrangements as detailed in the circulated report.

Reason for Decisions:

To approve the Authority's Capital Programme in line with the Constitution.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision will be implemented after consideration and approval by Council.

7. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY, AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY**

Decisions:

That the following Strategies and Policies as detailed in the circulated report be commended to Council for approval:

- Treasury Management Strategy
- Annual Investment Strategy
- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy
- Prudential Indicators

Reason for Decisions:

To approve the Authority's Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy, Capital Strategy and MRP Policy as required by the Local Government Act 2003 and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (2017).

Implementation of Decisions:

The decision will be implemented after consultation with the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and determination by Council.

8. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent Items were received.

CHAIRPERSON