

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

20 SEPTEMBER 2023

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt (Chairperson), N.Jenkins, J.Hurley, J.Hale,
W.F.Griffiths and C.Phillips

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, A.Jarrett, N.Pearce, N.Daniel, H.Jones, C.Griffiths, S.Brennan,
S.Rees, C.Saunders, C.Furlow-Harris, K.Davies, S.Davies, D.A.Lewis,
L.McAndrew, L.Willis, N.Blackmore, B.Blackmore, A.Thomas and
J.Woodman-Ralph

Scrutiny Chair: Councillor C.Jordan

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor S.K.Hunt be appointed Chairperson for 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 meeting, held on the 28 June, be agreed as an accurate record.

5. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

7. **OUTLOOK**

Decision:

That the report be noted, and a Budget Strategy Panel be established, with the terms of reference and membership set out at Appendix 1 to the circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To ensure that each political group has a formal opportunity to shape budget proposals at a formative stage, additional to the mechanisms that currently exist. This will provide an opportunity for wider political engagement at a time when the scale of the budget challenge and the level of risk and uncertainty is significant. This will mitigate the condensed timetable that is likely to be necessary if the UK and Welsh governments provide very late notifications of budget available, as is currently indicated.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

8. **COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE FINDINGS OF THE AUDIT WALES - SETTING OF WELLBEING OBJECTIVES EXAMINATION**

Decision:

That the Council's response to the Audit Wales – Setting of Well-being Objectives – Neath Port Talbot Council, as detailed at Appendix 2 to the circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the council to put in place the necessary arrangements to support the effective delivery of and accountability for its Well-being objectives.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

9. **REMEMBRANCE PARADES - NEATH AND PORT TALBOT**

Decisions:

1. That the Council act as 'Event Organiser' for the Remembrance Parades held in Port Talbot and Neath respectively on an annual basis on Remembrance Sunday.
2. That a contribution from reserves of £18k be allocated during 2023/24 to support the Remembrance Parades held in Port Talbot and Neath.
3. That from 2024/25, a budget allocation be made available, to support the Remembrance Parades, on an annual basis on Remembrance Sunday.

Reason for Decisions:

To ensure the long-standing and widely supported Remembrance Sunday parades in both Port Talbot and Neath continue.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

There has been consultation with key stakeholders.

10. **CULTURE AND DESTINATION STRATEGIES**

Decision:

That the Culture and Destination Management Plan Strategies (as detailed at Supplement - Appendices A and B), be adopted.

Reason for Decision:

To enable delivery of the Council's Wellbeing Objective 3; Our local environment, culture and heritage can be enjoyed by future generations.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

External consultation has taken place on this item.

11. **HERITAGE STRATEGY**

Decision:

That a public consultation exercise for the Heritage Strategy document (as detailed at Supplement – Heritage Strategy) be undertaken by the Regeneration and Heritage teams, during September and October 2023, and a subsequent report be brought back to Cabinet, following consultation, for adoption.

Reason for Decision:

To inform the final Strategy document of our obligations and requirements to conserve our local heritage and enable us to deliver the Wellbeing Objective 3: Our local environment, culture and heritage can be enjoyed by future generations.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision will be implemented after the three day call in period.

Consultation:

This item has been subject to external consultation.

12. QUARTER 1 - REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

Decisions:

1. That the contents of this report in relation to the current projected budget outturn and reserves position, be noted.
2. That the virements set out in the main body of the circulated report, be approved.
3. That the progress against the agreed savings, be noted.
4. That Officers look to implement additional cost saving and income generation measures in order to reduce the current overspend position - only where they can be delivered within existing policy frameworks.

Reason for Decisions:

To comply with the Council's constitution in relation to budget for virements.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

13. QUARTER 1 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

Decisions:

1. That the updated 2023/24 budget totalling £93.489m, be approved.
2. That the position in relation to expenditure, as at 30th June 2023, be noted.

Reason for Decisions:

To comply with the Councils constitution in relation to budget virement, re-profiling between financial years and to update the Council's Budget projections for 2023/24.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

14. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

15. **QUARTER 1 - PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - 23/24**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

16. **COMPLIMENTS AND COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023**

Decision:

That the monitoring report be noted.

17. **OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL LETTER 2022/2023**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

18. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

19. **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 item 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.

20. **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND**

Decisions:

That, having due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment screening:

1. The projects listed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report, submitted under the Neath Port Talbot UKSPF Strategic Projects Open Call, be approved, subject to Subsidy Control assessments being approved by the Head of Property and Regeneration.
2. The projects listed in Appendix 2 to the circulated report, submitted under the Neath Port Talbot UKSPF Strategic Projects Open Call, be NOT approved.
3. That in relation to the unallocated Strategic Projects funding, and following an appraisal of funding availability, delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member(s) a further open call for Strategic Projects or alternative Strategic Projects fund, be launched.

Reason for Decisions:

To enable Neath Port Talbot Council to implement the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Implementation Plan and advise Strategic Projects applicants of the open call funding decision.

Implementation of Decisions:

The decisions will be implemented after the three day call in period.

CHAIRPERSON