

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

14 FEBRUARY 2024

Cabinet Members:

Councillors: S.K.Hunt (Chairperson), S.A.Knoyle, N.Jenkins, S.Harris, J.Hale, A.Llewelyn, W.F.Griffiths, S.Jones and C.Phillips

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, N.Pearce, A.Jarrett, A.Thomas, N.Daniel, H.Jones, C.Griffiths, S.Rees, D.Griffiths, B.Griffiths, A.Spooner-Cleverly, L.McAndrew, P.Chivers and T.Davies

Scrutiny Chair: Councillor P.Rogers

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**

The following Members made declarations of interest at the start of the meeting:

Councillor S.K.Hunt	Minute No 6 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Approval of Projects, as one of the applications relates to Community Bicycle
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Project, and he is Vice-Chair/Treasurer of the applicant (Friends of Seven Sisters). Cllr Hunt felt this interest to be prejudicial, and left the room for the discussion and voting thereon.

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| Councillor S.Harris | Minute No 12 – Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants for 2024-25 – As she is Chair of Ffrindiau Creunant, which is mentioned in the report. |
| Councillor W.F.Griffiths | Minute No 12 - Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants for 2024-25 – As he is a Member of The Bulldogs Boxing Club, which is mentioned in the report. |
| Councillor S.Jones | Minute No 12 - Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants for 2024-25 – As he is a Trustee of Afan Valley Community Leisure (Cymmer Swimming Pool), which is mentioned in the report. |
| Councillor S.Knoyle | Minute No 12 - Third Sector Grant Funding – Award of Grants for 2024-25 – As he is a Board member of the Glynneath Training Centre, which is mentioned in the report. |

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the minutes of the previous meeting of Cabinet, held on 22 January 2024, be agreed as an accurate record.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

6. **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - APPROVAL OF PROJECTS**

At this point in the meeting, Councillor S.K.Hunt reaffirmed his interest in the matter, and left the meeting and the discussion and voting thereon. Councillor A.Llewelyn took over the Chair for this item only.

Decision:

That the following projects, submitted under the Neath Port Talbot UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Third Party Grants Fund, Sustainable Communities Growth Fund, as detailed within the circulated report, be approved –

- 1) Canolfan Maerdy - Amman Valley Dial-a-Ride Pilot
- 2) Canolfan Maerdy - Community Based Youth Work Training and Services
- 3) Friends of Seven Sisters – Community Bicycle Project

Reason for Decision:

To enable Neath Port Talbot Council to implement the UKSPF Implementation Plan and advise applicants of the funding decision.

Implementation of Decision:

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

7. **AUDIT WALES – SPRINGING FORWARD STRATEGIC WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT – NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL**

Councillor S.K.Hunt rejoined the meeting and resumed the role of Chair.

Decision:

That the Council response to the review undertaken by Audit Wales – Springing Forward: Strategic Workforce Management – 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 the Strategic Workforce Plan.

Implementation of Decision:

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

8. **LOCAL BUS TENDERING**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

9. **DECISIONS TAKEN BY URGENCY ACTION**

Decision:

That the report be noted.

10. **URGENT ITEMS**

No urgent items were received.

11. **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.

12. **THIRD SECTOR GRANT FUNDING - AWARD OF GRANTS FOR 2024-2025 (EXEMPT UNDER PARAGRAPH 14)**

Decision:

That the award of funding to the Third Sector organisations, detailed at Appendix 2 to the private, circulated report, be approved.

Reason for Decision:

To approve grants to third sector organisations in line with the Council's Scheme.

Implementation of Decision:

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

CHAIRPERSON