

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

6 MARCH 2024

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

K.Jones, N.Pearce, A.Jarrett, A.D.Thomas, N.Daniel, C.Griffiths, H.Jones,
M.Shaw, C.Furlow-Harris, R.Livingstone, G.Powell, A.James, L.McAndrew,
A.O'Donnell, A.Thomas, P.Chivers and J.Woodman-Ralph

Invitees:

Councillor P.Rogers, Scrutiny Chairperson.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor S.K.Hunt be appointed as 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. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

5. **REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2024/25**

Decisions:

That having had due regard to the integrated impact assessment:

1. That the revenue budget for 2024 – 2025 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be approved.
2.
 - a) That Fees and Charges for 2024 – 2025 for 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
 - b) Fees and Charges Executive Functions 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.
 - c) That the Fees and Charges for 2024 – 2025 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
 - d) 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.
3. That Council Tax in 2024/25 increase by 7.9% - the Band D equivalent for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council will be £1,871.76, be commended to Council for approval.

Reason for the Decisions:

To fulfil the statutory requirement to determine the budget for 2024/2025.

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 Decision

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

Consultation

A public consultation period was undertaken between the 20th December 2023 and the 10th January 2024. A variety of consultation activities took place during that period and the feedback received was carefully considered in developing the budget options as detailed in the circulated report.

6. **CAPITAL STRATEGY AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024/25 TO 2026/27**

Decisions:

That the following be commended to Council for approval:

1. The Capital Strategy.
2. The Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2026/27 as detailed in Appendix 2 to the circulated report.
3. 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 is proposed for implementation 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 set out in the circulated report, be commended to Council for approval:

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

Reason for Decision:

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 Decision:

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

8. **URGENT ITEMS**

No Urgent Items were received.

CHAIRPERSON