

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

CABINET

18 MARCH 2024

Cabinet Members:

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

Officers in Attendance:

N.Pearce, A.Jarrett, C.Griffiths, N.Daniel, A.Thomas, H.Jones, M.Roberts, C.Saunders, C.Howard, A.Hinder, A.Thomas and T.Davies

Scrutiny Chairperson: Councillor P.Rogers

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**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the beginning of the meeting:

Councillor J.Hale

Minute No 5 – Council Tax Premium on Long Term Empty Dwellings and Second Homes – Cllr Hale declared a prejudicial interest, and

left the meeting for the discussion and voting on this item.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were received.

5. **COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM ON LONG TERM EMPTY DWELLINGS AND SECOND HOMES**

At this point in the meeting, Councillor J.Hale reaffirmed her interest in this item, and left the meeting for the discussion and voting thereon.

Decisions:

That having given due regard to the Full Integrated Impact Assessment the following be commended to Council for approval:

1. That the Council Tax Premium of 100% on Long Term Empty Dwellings and Second Homes be approved with an implementation date of April 2025.
2. That no premium be charged where an empty property can only be accessed through a business premises and does not have a separate entrance. This category will not apply if the building is altered to remove an existing separate entrance.
3. That no premium be charged where a premium would be payable on a long term empty property that is sold, the new owner will not be charged a premium for up to 6 months from the date of sale while major building work is being carried out.

Reasons for Decisions:

1. To allow council tax premiums to be charged on long term empty properties and second homes with effect from 1st April 2025.
2. To encourage home owners to return their properties to good use.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

6. **URGENT ITEMS**

No Urgent Items were received.

7. **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 items 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.

8. **CELTIC LEISURE FORMAL CONTRACT NOTICE**

Decision:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Screening Assessment, the Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning be granted delegated authority to issue formal notification to Celtic Leisure, in the form attached at Appendix A to the private, circulated report.

Reason for Decision:

To comply with the terms of the Contract, and enable all options regarding the future of the provision of indoor leisure to be fully considered.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is for immediate implementation, following the agreement from the Scrutiny Chairperson.

9. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE FOLLOWING THE OUTCOME OF A TENDER EXERCISE**

Decisions:

Having given due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment:

1. The Capital Budget for the waste fleet relocation works project be increased from the originally agreed £3.4million to the revised total of £6.050 million.
2. That the Head of Streetcare, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, be granted delegated authority to enter into the contract for works with the successful tenderer for the relocation of the waste collection fleet for the Transfer Station.

Reason for Decisions:

To allow the waste fleet relocation works to proceed.

Implementation of Decisions:

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

Consultation:

Staff consultation was undertaken, and informed the proposals as reported to Cabinet on 28 July 2022.

CHAIRPERSON