



## City and County of Swansea

### Minutes of the **Cabinet**

#### Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS

#### Teams

Thursday, 21 April 2022 at 10.00 am

**Present:** Councillor R C Stewart (Chair) Presided

#### **Councillor(s)**

M C Child  
E J King  
R V Smith

#### **Councillor(s)**

R Francis-Davies  
A S Lewis  
A H Stevens

#### **Councillor(s)**

D H Hopkins  
A Pugh  
M Thomas

#### **Officer(s)**

Jeffrey Dong

Deputy Chief Finance Officer / Deputy Section 151 Officer.

Huw Evans

Head of Democratic Services

Adam Hill

Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Corporate Services

Tracey Meredith

Chief Legal Officer / Monitoring Officer

Martin Nicholls

Director of Place

Phil Roberts

Chief Executive

#### **Also present**

Councillor(s): L S Gibbard

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): -

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### 151. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared:

- 1) Councillors E J King declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in Minute 156 "Local Authority Governor Appointments" and withdrew from the meeting prior to its consideration.
- 2) Councillor R V Smith declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in Minute 156 "Local Authority Governor Appointments" and stated that he had dispensation from the Standards Committee to Stay, Speak but Not Vote on matters relating to the Appointment of Local Authority Governors.

**152. Minutes.**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting(s) listed below be approved and signed as a correct record:

- 1) Cabinet held on 17 March 2022.

**153. Announcements of the Leader of the Council.**

**1) Councillors who have Served as Cabinet Members during 2017-2022 Standing Down at the Local Government Elections on 5 May 2022**

The Leader of Council stated that Councillors J E Burtonshaw, M C Child, W Evans, C E Lloyd, J A Raynor, C Richards, M Sherwood and M Thomas had decided to stand down at the forthcoming elections in May 2022. Each of those named had served as Cabinet Members during the 2017-2022 Council term. He thanked and paid tribute them both for their excellent and dedicated contribution to Swansea Council and the Cabinet.

**2) Phil Roberts, Chief Executive - Retirement**

The Leader of Council thanked stated that Phil Roberts, Chief Executive would be retiring at end of May 2022. He paid tribute to Phil Roberts for his excellent and dedicated contribution to Swansea Council over the past 36 years.

**154. Public Question Time.**

No questions were asked.

**155. Councillors' Question Time.**

No questions were asked.

**156. Local Authority Governor Appointments.**

The Local Authority Governors Appointment Group submitted a report, which sought approval of the nominations submitted to fill Local Authority (LA) Governor vacancies on School Governing Bodies.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The following nominations recommended by the Director of Education in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Education Improvement, Learning & Skills be approved:

1)	Cadle Primary School	Cllr Elliott King
2)	Cwmglas Primary School	Dr Amanda Roberts

### 157. Cost of Living Support Scheme – Mandatory and Discretionary Elements.

The Cabinet Member for Economy, Finance & Strategy submitted a report that provided information on the mandatory scheme and sought consideration of the wide discretionary powers also available to the Authority under the Welsh government's Cost of Living Support Scheme to provide immediate financial support to householders considered to be in need of assistance with living costs.

#### **Resolved that:**

- 1) The details of the mandatory scheme set out in the report be noted and that they are already implemented.
- 2) The details of the discretionary powers relating to the Cost of Living Support Scheme be noted.
- 3) The following categories and amounts be approved as the basis for discretionary payments under the Cost of Living Support Scheme:
  - a) £150 will be paid to recipients of Council Tax exemptions awarded in respect of:
    - Care Leavers.
    - People with a Severe Mental Impairment (SMI).
    - Occupants of certain self-contained annexes.
    - Residents under 18 years old.
    - Care home residents.
    - People resident elsewhere as they are receiving care.
    - People resident elsewhere as they are providing care.
    - Students studying elsewhere.
  - b) Other categories for which a payment of £150 will be made:
    - Households occupying domestic dwellings in bands F to I for which a disability adaptation reduction has been granted.
    - Tenants of Swansea Council not in receipt of support from Housing Benefit (HB) or Universal Credit (UC) – in addition to any main scheme payment they are entitled to.
    - Any household Swansea Council can identify as being eligible for a £150 payment from the main scheme and which is required to register for a payment but has not done so by a date 2 weeks before the scheme closes.
  - c) Additional measures
    - £52,500 be placed in a fuel costs support fund to be used to support people having difficulty meeting fuel costs.
    - £28 to be paid to all households occupying domestic dwellings in Council Tax Bands A and B (in addition to any other single payment of £150 they are already entitled to from the main or discretionary scheme). One payment per property.

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- d) The maximum payment to one household from the Cost of Living Support Scheme as a whole will be £300.

The meeting ended at 10.20 am

**Chair**

<b>Call In Procedure – Relevant Dates</b>	
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