



City and County of Swansea

## Minutes of the **Cabinet**

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS

### Teams

Thursday, 19 October 2023 at 10.00 am

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

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

A Anthony  
H J Gwilliam  
A S Lewis

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

R Francis-Davies  
D H Hopkins  
R V Smith

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

L S Gibbard  
E J King  
A H Stevens

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

Allison Lowe  
Martin Nicholls  
Ben Smith  
Debbie Smith  
Ness Young

Democratic Services Officer  
Chief Executive  
Director of Finance / Section 151 Officer  
Deputy Chief Legal Officer  
Director of Corporate Services

#### **Also present**

Councillor(s): P M Black

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): C Anderson

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### 51. **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) Councillor R V Smith declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in Minute 60 "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.
- 2) Councillor E J King declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in Minute 60 "Local Authority Governor Appointments" and left the meeting prior to the item being discussed.
- 3) Councillors R Francis-Davies, A S Lewis and R C Stewart declared a Personal Interest in Minute 60 "Local Authority Governor Appointments".

**52. Minutes.**

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

- 1) Cabinet held on 19 September 2023.

**53. Announcements of the Leader of the Council.**

The Leader of Council made no announcements.

**54. Public Question Time.**

No questions were asked.

**55. Councillors' Question Time.**

No questions were asked.

**56. Pre Decision Scrutiny Feedback - Oracle Project Closure Process and Transition to New Operating Model. (Verbal)**

Councillor P M Black presented the Pre-decision Scrutiny feedback.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The pre-decision scrutiny feedback be noted.

**57. Oracle Project Closure Process and Transition to New Operating Model.\***

The Cabinet Member for Service Transformation presented an update on the end of the Oracle Fusion system implementation. The system is now live therefore the project will soon be closing and transitioning into the new Oracle operating model.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) the £500,000 contingency budget for the project to remain in the earmarked Oracle Reserve to be used for the pending change requests from services and any additional in-year licence costs following review be approved.
- 2) the Oracle activities transitioning from the project into the new permanent operating model be noted.

**58. Local Nature Recovery Action Plan for Swansea.**

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Performance presented a report which sought Cabinet endorsement of the draft Local Nature Recovery Action Plan for Swansea.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) the Swansea Local Nature Recovery Action Plan (LNRAP) be approved and its importance as an overarching partnership framework to deliver on Nature Recovery be noted.

**59. Swansea Destination Management Plan 2023-2026.**

The Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration, Events & Tourism presented the Destination Management Plan (DMP) 2023-2026 for Swansea.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) Swansea Destination Management Plan be approved for the period 2023-2026.

**60. 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 & Learning be approved:

1. Gors Primary School	Cllr Elliot King
2. Grange Primary School	Mr Mark Child
3. Pontlliw Primary School	Mr David Mathias
4. Seaview Primary School	Mrs Sue James
5. St Helen's Primary School	Mrs Susan Davey
6. Whitestone Primary School	Mrs Charlotte Stillwell
7. YGG Tan Y Lan	Reverend Hugh Lervy
8. YGG Tirdeunaw	Mrs Jodie Jones
9. Morryston Comprehensive School	Mr Paul Relf Cllr Ceri Evans

**61. Disposal of Sporting and Leisure Facilities under the Community Asset Transfer Policy.**

The Cabinet Members for Investment, Regeneration, Events & Tourism and Corporate Services & Performance presented a report which sought to approve, in principle the transfer of assets of Sporting and Leisure facilities, including more broadly any recreational land and associated buildings to community organisations, clubs and associations in accordance with the Councils Community Asset Transfer Policy, at less than best value in order to enable investment, improvement and long-term sustainability

**Resolved** that:

- 1) the proposed transfers of the plots listed in 2.4 -Table 1 under the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy 2021 be approved in principle.
- 2) Authority be delegated to the Director of Place to grant long leases for appropriate duration in line with the principles set out in paragraph 2.3, (in relation to the plots listed in 2.4 -Table 1) to the proposed leaseholders for the intended reasons as indicated in the table, providing that the Head of Property Services has considered each of the proposed transfers under the Council's Land Transaction Procedure Rules and recommends approval of each transfer. The leases to be granted at less than best consideration in accordance with the Councils Community Asset Transfer Policy
- 3) Authority be delegated to the relevant Director in consultation with Head of Property Services and Cabinet Member to determine the appropriate reporting route to fully consider any objections received through the Open Space Disposal Notice, in line with section 6 of this report.
- 4) Authority be delegated to the Head of Property Services to negotiate and settle the terms of the proposed leases (and thereafter any required Deeds of Variation) and authority is delegated to the Chief Legal Officer to finalise and enter into the legal documentation necessary to protect the Council's interests.

**62. Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 1st Quarter 2023/24.**

The Section 151 Officer reported on the financial monitoring of the 2023/24 revenue and capital budgets, including the delivery of budget savings.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) the comments and variations, including the heightened material uncertainties, set out in the report and the actions in hand to seek to address these be noted.
- 2) the virements and the use of the Contingency fund as set out in 3.2 and the Inflation provision as set out in 4.3 subject to any further advice from the S.151 officer during the year be approved.

- 3) the need for all Directors to continue to minimise service spending in year, recognising that the budget overall is currently balanced only by relying on future likely (but far from wholly assured) reimbursement from Welsh Government, centrally held contingency budgets and reserves be reinforced.
- 4) the indicative overspend in 6.1 with further actions to be confirmed in subsequent quarters once it is clearer as to the likely final cost of the pay award pending be noted.

**63. Public Services Ombudsman of Wales Annual Letter 2022-23.**

The Cabinet Member for Service Transformation presented the Public Services Ombudsman of Wales Annual Letter 2022-23 for Swansea Council, for information.

**64. Additional Revenue Provision for Parking Offers 2023/2024.**

The Cabinet Members for Economy, Finance & Strategy and Environment & Infrastructure presented a report which sought approval for additional funds to continue the current parking offer (1,2,3,4,5) for a limited period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) The additional one-off funds of £850,000 to continue the current parking offer (1,2,3,4,5) for a limited period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 be approved and the attendant risks highlighted specifically by the S151 Officer be noted.

The meeting ended at 11.14 am

**Chair**

<b>Call In Procedure – Relevant Dates</b>	
Minutes Published:	19 October 2023
Call In Period Expires (3 Clear Working Days after Publication):	23.59 on 24 October 2023
Decision Comes into force:	25 October 2023