



City and County of Swansea

## Minutes of the **Cabinet**

Multi-Location Meeting - Lilian Hopkin Room, Guildhall / MS

### Teams

Thursday, 16 May 2024 at 10.00 am

**Present:** Councillor D H Hopkins (Vice-chair) presided

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

C Anderson  
H J Gwilliam  
R V Smith

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

R Francis-Davies  
D H Hopkins  
A H Stevens

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

L S Gibbard  
E J King

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

Huw Evans  
Ben Smith  
Debbie Smith  
Ness Young

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

#### **Also present**

Councillor(s): C A Holley

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): A Anthony, A S Lewis and R C Stewart

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### **152. 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 159 "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 L S Gibbard declared a Personal Interest in Minute 167 "New Operating Model at St. Helen's Ground to Improve the Sporting Offer as a Regional and Community Facility".

### **153. Minutes.**

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

1) Cabinet held on 18 April 2024.

**154. Announcements of the Leader of the Council.**

The Leader of Council made no announcements.

**155. Public Question Time.**

No questions were asked.

**156. Councillors' Question Time.**

No questions were asked.

**157. Successful and Sustainable Swansea - Corporate Transformation Plan Annual Report 2023-24.**

The Cabinet Member for Service Transformation submitted an information report that set out the first years progress of the Corporate Transformation Plan 2023-2028.

**158. Appointment of a Senior Coroner for Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.**

The Deputy Chief Legal Officer submitted a report that sought approval to proceed with a recruitment process leading to the appointment of a permanent Senior Coroner for the Swansea and Neath Port Talbot area.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) Delegated authority be granted to the Deputy Chief Legal Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy, Finance and Strategy (Leader of the Council):
  - a) To prepare the job description, contractual terms, and appointment process for the post of Senior Coroner and to make arrangements to suitably advertise the post.
  - b) To take all necessary steps to progress the appointment of a Senior Coroner.
  - c) In consultation with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and the Chief Coroner's officer, to establish a Panel to draw up a short-list, interview applicants and to appoint the successful applicant as Senior Coroner for Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

**159. 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:

Burlais Primary School	Maryann Enereba
Clydach Primary School	Rhys Hill
Craigfelen Primary School	Richard Bevan
Glais Primary School	Jill John
Glyncollen Primary School	Cllr Robert Stewart
Ynystawe Primary School	Lauren King
Penyrheol Comprehensive School	Andrew Kissick

**160. Swansea's Local Area Energy Plan.**

The Cabinet Member for Service Transformation submitted an information report that provided information relating to the final content of Swansea's Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP).

**161. Additional Capital Allocation to Highway Infrastructure Assets 2024-25.**

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure submitted a report that sought to confirm the Additional Capital Work Programme for highway infrastructure assets.

**Resolved that:**

- 1) The proposed indicative additional allocations, together with the Financial Implications set out in Appendix A of the report be approved and included in the Capital Programme.
- 2) Authority be delegated to the Head of Highways and Transportation with the agreement of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure to prioritise, finalise and allocate funding to the appropriate schemes in line with the prioritisation approach detailed in this report.

**162. Exclusion of the Public.**

Cabinet were requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the item(s) of business identified in the recommendations to the report(s) on the grounds that it / they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 relevant to the items of business set out in the report(s).

Cabinet considered the Public Interest Test in deciding whether to exclude the public from the meeting for the item of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant as set out in the report.

**Resolved** that the public be excluded for the following item(s) of business.

**(Closed Session)**

**163. Councillors' Question Time.**

Councillor C A Holley asked questions relating to Minute 166 "Disposal of Land at Parc Felindre" & Minute 167 "New Operating Model at St. Helen's Ground to Improve the Sporting Offer as a Regional and Community Facility".

**164. Pre-Decision Scrutiny Feedback - Updated FPR7 for Palace Theatre Refurbishment. (Verbal)**

Councillor C A Holley provided Pre-Decision Scrutiny Feedback.

**165. Updated FPR7 for Palace Theatre Refurbishment.\***

***Call In Procedure - Subject to Pre-Decision Scrutiny:** This decision is exempt from the Authority's Call In Procedure as "the decision has been subject to Pre-Decision Scrutiny and there is no material change in relevant information / evidence".*

The Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration, Events & Tourism submitted a report that sought to comply with Financial Procedure Rules.

**Resolved** that the recommendations outlined in the report be amended and approved.

**166. Disposal of Land at Parc Felindre.**

The Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration, Events & Tourism submitted a report that sought approval to dispose of land Parc Felindre.

**Resolved** that the recommendations outlined in the report be amended and approved.

**167. New Operating Model at St. Helen's Ground to Improve The Sporting Offer as a Regional and Community Facility.**

The Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration, Events & Tourism submitted a report that sought to support in principle of an operating proposal to improve St Helen's Ground as a regional & community facility.

**Resolved** that the recommendations outlined in the report be amended and approved.

The meeting ended at 10.41 am

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**Chair**

<b>Call In Procedure – Relevant Dates</b>	
Minutes Published:	<b>16 May 2024</b>
Call In Period Expires (3 Clear Working Days after Publication):	23.59 on 21 May 2024
Decision Comes into force:	22 May 2024