

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CIVIC CENTRE, SWANSEA ON
TUESDAY, 1 JULY 2014 AT 5.00 PM**

PRESENT: C Richards (Deputy Leader) presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
J E Burtonshaw M C Child S E Crouch	C R Doyle W Evans	R C Stewart M Theaker

16. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N S Bradley and D Phillips.

17. **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

Councillor M C Child – Personal & Prejudicial – Minute No. 26 – Home to School Transport Policy – Public Consultation on a New Proposed Policy - Son in receipt of 6th form transport and left the meeting prior to discussion of this item.

Councillor C R Doyle – Personal – Minute No. 27 - Local Authority Governor Appointments - Governor at Birchgrove Comprehensive School.

Councillor M Theaker – Personal & Prejudicial – Minute No. 26 – Home to School Transport Policy – Public Consultation on a New Proposed Policy – Governor of Gower College Swansea and left the meeting prior to discussion of this item.

Jack Straw – Personal – Minute No. 26 – Home to School Transport Policy – Public Consultation on a New Proposed Policy – Son in receipt of 6th form transport.

18. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 3 June 2014 be approved as a correct record.

19. **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S REPORT(S).**

None.

20. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

Mr Campbell asked a question in relation to Minute No. 26 - Home to School Transport Policy – Public Consultation on a new Proposed Policy. The Cabinet Member Learning and Skills responded accordingly.

Ms Powell asked a question in relation to Minute No. 26 - Home to School Transport Policy – Public Consultation on a new Proposed Policy. The Cabinet Member Learning and Skills responded accordingly.

Mr Blackburn asked a question in relation to Minute No. 26 - Home to School Transport Policy – Public Consultation on a new Proposed Policy. The Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement responded accordingly.

Mr Dicker asked a question in relation to Minute No. 26 - Home to School Transport Policy – Public Consultation on a new Proposed Policy. The Cabinet Member Learning and Skills responded accordingly.

21. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME.**

Councillor J A Hale asked a question in relation to Minute No. 26 - Home to School Transport Policy – Public Consultation on a new Proposed Policy. The Cabinet Member Learning and Skills responded accordingly.

Councillor J C Bayliss asked a question in relation to Minute No. 26 - Home to School Transport Policy – Public Consultation on a new Proposed Policy. The Cabinet Member Learning and Skills responded accordingly.

Councillor P M Meara asked a question in relation to Minute No. 26 - Home to School Transport Policy – Public Consultation on a new Proposed Policy. The Cabinet Member Learning and Skills responded accordingly.

22. **CABINET MEMBER RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE ATTAINMENT AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY PANEL**

The Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills presented the response to the scrutiny recommendation and outlined an action plan to address these.

CABINET DECISION

That the response of the Cabinet Member as outlined in the report and related action plan be authorised.

Policy Framework

None.

Reason for Decision

To comply with the requirements of the Council Constitution.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Access to Services.

23. **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S REPORT(S).**

None.

24. **CUSTOMER CONTACT STRATEGY**

The Cabinet Member for Citizen and Community Engagement and Democracy presented a report which sought to agree to Customer Contact Strategy.

CABINET DECISION

That the Customer Contact Strategy be approved.

Policy Framework

None.

Reason for Decision

To improve the way we develop and provide modern and efficient customer services.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Access to Services and the Customer Services Project Team.

25. **21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME - NEW GOWERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills presented a report which sought to:

- To approve the scheme for the new build for Gowerton Primary School subject to confirmation of grant and contract with Welsh Government.
- To seek authorisation to award the 2nd Stage Contract for the works to Tender No. 1, subject to confirmation of grant and contract with Welsh Government.
- To approve the appropriation of the proposed site at The Elba.

CABINET DECISION

That:

1. The capital scheme as detailed together with the financial implications set out in Appendix A be approved, subject to confirmation of grant and contract with Welsh Government be approved and;
2. The contract for the works to build a new school for Gowerton Primary be awarded to Tender No. 1 subject to confirmation of grant and contract with Welsh Government and;
3. As no objections to the appropriation had been received, the Appropriation of the land from the Director of Place to the Director of People be approved which will enable the building of the proposed new Gowerton Primary School;
4. The Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement be authorised to enter into any necessary documentation required to complete the contract and achieve the scheme.

Policy Framework

- The Review and Capital Budget as reported to and approved by Council on the 18th February 2014.
- Corporate Priority to review the overall provision of schools.
- Corporate Priority to improve opportunities for children and young people.
- Corporate Priority improving school performance.
- Corporate Priority effective corporate and strategic management of assets.

Reason for Decision

- To comply with Financial Procedure Rule 7 (Capital programming and Appraisals) – to commit and authorise schemes as per the Capital Programme.
- To comply with Contract Procedure Rule 13, the evaluation and award of contract.
- Statutory requirement under S.122 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to consider any objections to the proposed appropriation of an open space.

Consultation

Education, Finance, Legal, Corporate Building and Property Services.

26. **HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY - PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON A NEW PROPOSED POLICY.**

The Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills presented a report which reported back on the responses to consultation with regard to the proposed new Home to School Transport Policy and transitional support arrangements.

CABINET DECISION

That:

1. Cabinet noted the outcome of the statutory consultation process and the potential impact on equalities issues, as outlined in the report.
2. Cabinet agreed that proposal 1 and 2, in relation to the discretionary areas of provision, be forwarded to Council for approval.

Policy Framework

Current Home to School Transport Policy.
The Welsh Education Strategic Plan.

Reason for Decision

For Cabinet to consider the responses received as part of the recent public consultation together with the Equality Impact Assessments and determine whether it wishes to ask Council to adopt some or all of the proposals.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Transportation & Access to Services.

27. **LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS**

The Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills presented a report which sought to approve the nominations submitted to fill Local Authority Governor vacancies in School Governing Bodies.

CABINET DECISION

That the nominations below be approved as recommended by the Local Authority Governor Appointment Panel:

1(a) PEN Y FRO PRIMARY SCHOOL	Cllr. John Newbury – re-appointed
1(b) ST THOMAS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	Ge Gao
1(c) SEAVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL	Mrs Janette Gail Bayliss
(d) BIRCHGROVE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL	Councillor Bob Clay

Policy Framework

Policy and Procedure for Appointment of L. A. Governors as amended by Council on 23 October 2008.

Reason for Decision

To ensure vacancies are to be filled expeditiously.

Consultation

Education, Legal, Finance.

28. **CONSULTATION RESPONSE : REFORM OF THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT SUBSIDY SYSTEM (HRAS)**

The Cabinet Member for Place presented a report which sought to consider and agree a response to the Welsh Government's consultation on the reform of the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy System.

CABINET DECISION

The proposed responses to the individual questions as detailed in the report be forwarded to the Welsh Government by the due date.

Policy Framework

Local Housing Strategy.

Reason for Decision

For Cabinet to endorse a response by the deadline of the 10th July 2014.

Consultation

Legal, Finance & Access to Services.

29. **INTEGRATION OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES**

The Cabinet Member for Wellbeing presented a report which set out in greater detail some of the plans to achieve further integration of Health and Social Care Services for Older People and disabled people.

CABINET DECISION

That

1. The report be approved;
2. The Western Bay Statement of Intent be endorsed;
3. The City & County of Swansea statement of intent be endorsed.

Policy Framework

Fulfilled Lives, Supportive Communities
Sustainable Social Services: A framework for Action.

Reason for Decision

To gain approval for further development of plans for integration.

Consultation

Legal, Finance.

30. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Cabinet were requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the items of business identified in the recommendations to the report on the grounds 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.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for the following items of business.

(CLOSED SESSION)

31. **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

Councillor J C Bayliss asked a question in relation to Minute Item 32 - Disposal of Former Earlsmoor Residential Care Home, Bryn Road, Swansea. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration will provide a written reply.

32. **DISPOSAL OF FORMER EARLSMOOR RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME, BRYN ROAD, SWANSEA**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, presented a report which sought to dispose of Council property in accordance with the Council's surplus property disposal policy.

CABINET DECISION

That the recommendations as outlined in the report be approved.

Policy Framework

City & County of Swansea's Asset Management Plan.

Reason for Decision

To facilitate the disposal and redevelopment of the property.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Corporate Building and Property Services, Planning, Highways.

33. **SWANSEA MARKET BUILDING ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (BEP). GRANT AWARD, REVISED FPR7 AND CONTRACT AWARD**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, presented a report which sought to award a BEP grant towards the revised FPR7 to amend the budget with the Capital Programme and to award a contract for works.

CABINET DECISION

That the recommendations as outlined in the report be approved.

Policy Framework

City Centre Strategic Framework.

Reason for Decision

To comply with Financial Procedure Rule No.7 (Capital Programming and Appraisals) - to commit and authorise schemes as per the Capital Programme or to include new schemes in the Capital Programme.

To comply with Contract Procedure Rule 13.12 where the award decision should be considered by Cabinet for further scrutiny.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Corporate Building and Property.

The meeting ended at 6.10 pm

CHAIR

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