

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

**HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE ,SWANSEA ON TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER
2014 AT 5.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor R C Stewart (Leader) Presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
W Evans	D H Hopkins	C Richards
R Francis-Davies	C E Lloyd	M Thomas
J E C Harris	J A Raynor	

92. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M C Child.

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

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea the following interest was declared.

Councillors

Councillor C Richards- Personal and Prejudicial - Minute No. 107 – Proposed Land Exchange at Parc Morfa - Director of Stadium Company. Councillor C Richards left the meeting prior to consideration of this item.

94. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 23 September 2014, be approved as a correct record.

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

None.

96. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

Questions were asked by Mr Jenkins, Ms Anthony and Ms Watkins in respect of Minute No. 105 – Children and Young People's Rights Scheme. The Leader and Deputy Leader responded accordingly.

97. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME.**

None.

98. **SCRUTINY INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.**

Councillor J A Hale, Convener of the Public Engagement Inquiry Panel presented the findings, conclusions and recommendations resulting from the Panel's Inquiry into Public Engagement.

CABINET DECISION

That the Cabinet Member for Transformation and Performance prepare a written response within 3 months for Cabinet decision on the scrutiny recommendations.

Policy Framework

Council Constitution

Reason for Decision

To consider and action the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel.

Consultation

Legal and Finance

99. **REFORM OF THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT SUBSIDY SYSTEM.**

The Cabinet Member for Communities & Housing submitted a report which set out the planned reform of the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy System (HRAS) in Wales, the implications for the Council and the key actions required by the Council to implement the changes.

CABINET DECISION

That:

- 1) The Council enter into the Voluntary Agreement to exit the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy system along the lines set out in this report and to undertake sufficient borrowing to meet its share of the settlement.
- 2) Authority be delegated to the Director of Place and the Head of Finance to enter into the Voluntary Agreement and to determine the accounting and debt management policy of legacy and additional borrowing.

Policy Framework

Local Housing Strategy

Reason for Decision

To ensure all necessary preparations and key decisions have been made to implement the changes.

Consultation

Legal, Finance and Access to Services

100. **LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS.**

The Cabinet Member for Education presented a report which sought approval of the nomination submitted to fill LA Governor vacancies on School Governing Bodies.

CABINET DECISION

That the following nominations be approved as recommended by the LA Governor Appointment Panel:

Clase Primary School - Mrs Lesley Evans

Pennard Primary School - Councillor Des Thomas

Policy Framework

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

Reason for Decision

To ensure vacancies are to be filled expeditiously.

Consultation

Education, Legal and Finance

101. **BOULEVARD AND WATERFRONT CONNECTIONS PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

The Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration submitted a report which presented the proposals for public art projects.

CABINET DECISION

That:-

- 1) The public art proposals for the Boulevard and Waterfront Connections areas as outlined in the report be noted.
- 2) The Director of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development & Regeneration be authorised to finalise the public art feature in the Museum Green area.
- 3) The Director of Place in conjunction with the Chief Operating Officer and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Procurement be authorised to negotiate and finalise the terms of any legal document including Variation Of Leases necessary to progress the Projects.

Policy Framework

City Centre Strategic Framework

Reason for Decision

To provide awareness of the public art proposals prior to formal planning applications being submitted.

Consultation

Legal, Finance and Access to Services

102. **PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR PLANNING CONSENT AT BAILING PLANT WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES.**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation presented a report which sought approval to apply for planning consent to improve the recycling facilities at the Authority's Bailing Plant and Garngoch and Penlan Household Waste Recycling Facilities (HWRC's).

CABINET DECISION

That the submission of planning applications in respect of the following be approved:

- 1) To provide a purpose built facility for the storage, testing, repair and sale of discarded Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) and other general waste for the purpose of Recycling/ reuse. A canteen/ café facility is also to be incorporated.
- 2) To extend both the Garngoch and Penlan Household Waste Recycling Centres in order to provide improved recycling facilities for residents in order to improve recycling performance.

Policy Framework

Waste Strategy

Reason for Decision

Corporate Improvement Plan Objective 4.

Consultation

Legal, Finance and Access to Services

103. **ICT & INFORMATION STRATEGY 2014-2019.**

The Cabinet Member for Transformation & Performance presented a report which provided Cabinet with an initial strategy to approve. The Director of Corporate Services stated that this strategy identified the key objectives and priorities for the next three to five years which would be updated in December. Cabinet noted that this strategy equally addressed the need to strengthen information management and governance.

CABINET DECISION

That Cabinet endorse the ICT and Information Management Strategy.

Policy Framework

None

Reason for Decision

To endorse the Strategy

Consultation

Legal, Finance and Access to Services

104. **MID TERM BUDGET STATEMENT.**

The Section 151 Officer presented a report which set out the latest position with regard to the 2014/15 Revenue and Capital Budgets together with an initial assessment of the 2015/16 Revenue and Capital Funding positions and updated the Medium Term Financial Plan(MTFP)

CABINET DECISION

That Cabinet:

- 1) Noted the position as shown in Section 2 of the report in respect of the 2014/15 Revenue Budget and actions being taken to achieve a balanced outcome for the year.
- 2) Noted the forecast Revenue position for 2015/16 and the MTFP period as shown in Section 7 of the report and agreed the amounts shown as forming the agreed planning position at this point in time.
- 3) Noted the indicative funding position re Delegated Schools' budgets shown in Section 8 of the report and detailed proposals for funding schools would be presented at a subsequent meeting of Cabinet following discussions with the Schools budget forum.

Policy Framework

Sustainable Swansea – Fit for the Future

Reason for Decision

To agree control totals in respect of the likely overall budget and savings requirements for 2015/16 and the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Consultation

Legal, Access to Services and Executive Board

105. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S RIGHTS SCHEME.**

The Cabinet Member for Services for Children and Young People submitted a report which presented the Children and Young People's Rights Scheme for Swansea and set out arrangements to ensure compliance of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) (UNCRC).

CABINET DECISION

Cabinet agreed that the Children and Young People's Rights Scheme be formally adopted and launched on 20 November 2014.

Policy Framework

Children and Young People Charter (1999)
Strategy for the Engagement of Children and Young People (2005)
Children and Young People Plan (2011-2014)

Reason for Decision

In September 2013 Council agreed to create a due regard duty and embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) 1989 within the Authority's Policy Framework, and to mainstream positive approaches to the rights of children and young people within the policy and functions of the City and County of Swansea.

The development of a Children & Young People's Rights Scheme implements this decision and agreement is sought from Cabinet for formal adoption of the Scheme and publication and launch on 20 November 2014.

Consultation

Legal, Finance and Access to Services, Executive Board.

106. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.**

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

(CLOSED SESSION)

107. **PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE AT PARC MORFA, LANDORE, SWANSEA.**

The Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development and Regeneration submitted a report regarding the proposed land exchange at Parc Morfa, Landore.

CABINET DECISION

That the recommendations as detailed in the report, be approved.

Policy Framework

Swansea 2020 and the River Tawe Corridor Strategy

Reason for Decision

To enable officers to proceed with the exchange of land.

Consultation

Finance, Legal and Corporate Building & Property Services

108. **REVISED WASTE CAPITAL PROGRAMME.**

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Transportation presented a report regarding the revised Waste Capital Programme.

CABINET DECISION

That the recommendations, as detailed in the report be approved.

Policy Framework

The Revenue and Capital Budget

Reason for Decision

To comply with Financial Procedure Rule No. 7, to include new or revised schemes in the Capital Programme.

Consultation

Legal, Finance and Access to Services

The meeting ended at 6.00 p.m.

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