

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

**HELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, SWANSEA ON TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY
2015 AT 5.00 PM**

PRESENT: R C Stewart (Leader) Presided

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

146. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology was received from Councillor C Richards. The Leader wished Councillor C Richards a speedy recovery.

147. **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:-

Councillor R Francis–Davies – personal – Minute No 157 – Swansea City Centre Strategic Framework Review – Director of B.I.D. Ltd.

Councillor C E Lloyd – personal – Minute No 153 – Scrutiny Inquiry into Social Care at Home – Grandmother receives Social Care at Home – has dispensation from Standards Committee.

Councillor R C Stewart – personal – Minute No 157 – Swansea City Centre Strategic Framework Review – shortly to be member of B.I.D. Ltd.

Councillor M Thomas – personal – Minute No 153 – Scrutiny Inquiry into Social Care at Home – mother receives Social Care at Home and personal – Minute No 159 – Western Bay Shared Lives Regional Adult Placement – wife works for the authority in Adult Social Services – has dispensation from Standards Committee.

148. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 16 December 2014 be approved as a correct record.

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

None.

150. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

Questions were asked in relation to Minute No 157 – Swansea City Centre Strategic Framework Review by Mr T Beddow and Mr G Gibson. The Leader and Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development and Regeneration responded accordingly.

151. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME.**

Councillor P M Meara asked questions in relation to Minute No 157 – Swansea City Centre Strategic Framework Review. The Leader and the relevant Cabinet Members responded accordingly.

152. **SCRUTINY INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL CARE AT HOME.**

Councillor U C Clay, Convener of the Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel presented the findings, conclusions and recommendations resulting from the Panel's Inquiry into Social Care at Home. The Cabinet Member of Services for Adults and Vulnerable People suggested that the independent service include care and that as the Model is being amended there would be an ongoing focus on implementation and evaluation.

CABINET DECISION

The relevant Cabinet Member prepare a written response within three months on the Scrutiny recommendation.

Policy Framework

Council Constitution

Reason for Decision

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

Consultation

Legal, Finance

153. **CORPORATE PLAN 2015-17.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy together with the Cabinet Member for Transformation and Performance presented a report which sought agreement of the Corporate Plan *Delivering for Swansea* for 2015 – 17.

CABINET DECISION

The Corporate Plan *Delivering for Swansea* for 2015 – 17 be agreed and recommended to Council for approval.

Policy Framework

Sustainable Swansea – Fit for the Future

Reason for Decision

To agree the Corporate Plan 2015 – 17 and comply with statutory guidance Part 1 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

Consultation

Legal, Finance and Access to Services

154. **PLANNING APPLICATION IN RESPECT OF LAND AT PENTYLA PLAYING FIELDS, COCKETT, SWANSEA.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy submitted a report which sought authority to submit a planning application for residential development for land at Pentyla Playing Fields, Cockett.

P Arran informed Cabinet that whilst Paragraph 1.1 of the report stated that all Ward Councillors had been consulted, Councillor Peter May had not been consulted because the consultation took place prior to him being elected. He said that Councillor P May had submitted a statement and read it out. It had been agreed that the statement would be included in the minutes.

It was stated that Councillor P May had questioned why an application had been put forward after a previous application by the Council – 2006/2462 had failed at Committee after 3 years deliberation. He had commented why a fresh application was being considered when the question had already been answered. Councillor May also stated that this had previously caused residents 3 years of worry and he had questioned the prospect of success of a fresh application. He had also sought the views of Pentyla Road residents and twelve had given written responses objecting to a renewed application.

The Leader and the Cabinet Member for Education addressed the issues put forward by Councillor P May

CABINET DECISION

That approval for the submission of a planning application for residential development of the site at Pentyla Playing Fields be approved.

Policy Framework

Council Constitution

Reason for Decision

The Council Constitution requires Cabinet approval to submit a planning application.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Planning and Access to Services

155. **REQUEST TO SEEK PLANNING CONSENT TO ENLARGE AND INCORPORATE THE OLD PETROL STATION INTO THE CIVIC CENTRE WEST CAR PARK.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy submitted a report which sought approval to submit a planning application to facilitate a change of use of the former petrol station on Oystermouth Road to provide additional car parking within the Civic Centre to support the relocation of the Joint Health/ Social Services Community Hub.

CABINET DECISION

That the submission of a planning application for a change of use of the former petrol station to provide the maximum number of car parking spaces be approved.

Policy Framework

Council Constitution

Reason for Decision

The Council Constitution requires Cabinet approval to submit a planning application.

Consultation

Legal, Finance and Access to Services

156. **CABINET MEMBER RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE INWARD INVESTMENT SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL - "HOW CAN WE INCREASE INWARD INVESTMENT TO SWANSEA AND REGIONALLY TO SOUTH WEST WALES?"**

The Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development and Regeneration submitted a report which outlined the response to the report of the Inward Investment Scrutiny Inquiry Panel " How can we increase inward investment to Swansea and Regionally to South West Wales"and detailed recommendations and presented an action plan for agreement.

CABINET DECISION

That the response as outlined in the report and related action plan be agreed.

Policy Framework

None

Reason for Decision

To comply with the requirements of the Council Constitution

Consultation

Legal, Finance and Access to Services

157. **SWANSEA CITY CENTRE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK REVIEW.**

The Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development and Regeneration presented a report which sought Cabinet agreement to undertake consultation on the draft Swansea City Centre Strategic Framework (SCCSF) Review, to market the St Davids and Civic Centre sites and to undertake a series of implementation actions to support the delivery of the SCCSF Review.

CABINET DECISION

That Cabinet:

- (1) Authorised that the Draft SCCSF Review, be approved as a basis for public consultation prior to a report back for final approval by Cabinet.
- (2) Authorised a) the marketing of the St Davids and Civic Centre sites and b) granted delegated authority to the Director of Place to finalise the marketing briefs based on the principles and land take set out in the report.
- (3) Authorised that the disposal of the Civic Centre site be agreed in principle subject to a detailed Business Case being prepared and a report back to Cabinet for approval.
- (4) Authorised that the principle of constructing a replacement Civic building at The Kingsway be agreed and that officers prepare an implementation plan with a report back to Cabinet for approval.
- (5) Authorised the principle of a programme of strategic property acquisitions at The Kingsway to support the delivery of a Central Business District.
- (6) Authorised that the Welsh Government be requested to grant aid acquisitions as they arise.
- (7) Noted that the Leader in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Regeneration and Development will exercise powers to accept any grant offers and to approve property acquisitions to ensure transactions are able to be completed in 2014/15.
- (8) Authorised that the regeneration of The Kingsway forms the basis of the Council's priority submission for future European infrastructure funding and that the Director of Place be instructed to proceed with the application process.
- (9) Authorised the Director of Place to engage with Welsh Government to discuss funding requirements to implement the SCCSF Review and that authority be given to submit formal funding applications as they arise with regular reports on progress to the External Funding Panel.
- (10) Authorised the submission of any planning or other applications required to deliver the SCCSF Review.
- (11) Noted that the budget implications for individual actions associated with delivery of the SCCSF Review will be submitted for Cabinet approval in compliance with Financial Procedure Rules.

Policy Framework

Swansea City Centre Strategic Framework

Reason for Decision

To allow City Centre regeneration to be progressed.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Access to Services and Corporate Property

158. **SWWITCH DEED OF TERMINATION.**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation presented a report which sought Cabinet approval for the formal termination of the legal agreement between the Local Authorities in the SWWITCH Consortium.

CABINET DECISION

That the Director of Place be given delegated authority to agree the terms of the Deed of Termination to dissolve the SWWITCH Consortium.

Policy Framework

Transport (Wales) Act 2006. This Plan will be a new policy, replacing the Regional Transport Plan 2010 – 2015.

Reason for Decision

The Welsh Government has instructed that Local Authorities are to dissolve Consortia working arrangements

Consultation

None

159. **WESTERN BAY SHARED LIVES REGIONAL ADULT PLACEMENT.**

The Cabinet Member for Adults and Vulnerable People presented a report regarding the aligning of timescales with Neath and Port Talbot and Bridgend County Borough Council, in order for the tender to progress. The report informed Cabinet of the proposals for the commissioning arrangements of the Shared Lives Schemes and sought approval for Bridgend County Borough Council to invite tenders and approval for the City and County of Swansea to enter into an 'inter – authority agreement'.

CABINET DECISION

That:

(1) the proposal to combine the three existing Shared Lives schemes into a collaborative scheme on behalf of the Western Bay authorities and for Bridgend County Borough Council to undertake a procurement exercise to identify a partner to manage the scheme

(2) it be agreed for Bridgend County Borough Council to invite tenders and act as lead authority for the procurement and contracting arrangements on behalf of the Western Bay authorities.

(3) authorised the Council to enter into a collaborative agreement on terms to be agreed by the Section 151 Officer and Bridgend County Borough Council and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, which will set out the finance and governance arrangements for the collaborative Shared Lives Service.

(4) delegated authority be granted for the Principal Officer, Learning Disability and Mental Health Services (or, as his deputy, the Contracting Officer for Learning Disability and Mental Health Services) to represent the Council on a Shared Lives Project Board, which, once established, will manage the day to day aspects of the

service including the monitoring arrangements and financial governance. The appointed officer for the Council will identify if there are any fundamental changes or impact to the agreed contracting arrangements, these will be reported back to Cabinet for approval.

(5) it be noted that an update report seeking Cabinet approval to enter into a contract with the successful tenderer would be submitted once the outcome of the procurement process is known.

Policy Framework

Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action

Reason for Decision

To seek approval for Bridgend County Borough Council to invite tenders on behalf of the three authorities, with an independent provider to manage the scheme as a collaborative contract.

Consultation

Legal, Finance and Access to Services

160. **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 item of business.

CLOSED SESSION

161. **CONTRACT AWARD REPORT - TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT SERVICES.**

The Cabinet Members for Education and Environment and Transportation presented a Joint Report regarding the Contract Award Tender for the Provision of Home to School Transport Services.

CABINET DECISION

The recommendations as detailed in the report be accepted.

Policy Framework

Policy on the Provision of Home to School Transport; Contract Procedure Rules

Reason for Decision

To comply with Contract Procedure Rules and to allow contracts to be arranged with contractors and for schools and parents to be notified.

Consultation

Legal, Procurement, and Finance and Access to Services

The meeting ended at 6.17p.m.

CHAIR

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