

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CABINET

**HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2016 AT 4.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Rob Stewart (Leader of the Council) presided

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

211. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C E Lloyd and C Richards.

212. **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 E W Fitzgerald declared a Personal Interest in Minute 232“Disposal of Former Civic Centre and Adjoining Land at Penllergaer”;
- 2) Councillor R C Stewart declared a Personal Interest in Minute 233 “Proposed Disposal of Land Currently Leased by Birchgrove Rugby Football Club (RFC)”.

213. **MINUTES.**

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

- 1) Cabinet held on 17 March 2016.

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

The Leader of the Council made no announcements.

215. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

A number of questions were asked by member(s) of the public. The relevant Cabinet Member responded. Those questions **not requiring** a written response are listed below:

- 1) Peter East asked the question relating to Minute 217 "Response to the Report of the Scrutiny Programme Committee - Review of the Gypsy Traveller Site Search Process".
- 2) Lyn Williams and Sid Lockear asked questions relating to Minute 221 "Review of School Music Service Arrangements".
- 3) Peter East asked the question relating to Minute 227 "UNESCO Learning City Conference 2017".

There were no questions **requiring** a written response.

216. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME.**

Councillor L James asked questions relating to Minute 221 "Review of School Music Service Arrangements".

The Leader of the Council and the Education Cabinet Member responded.

217. **RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF THE GYPSY TRAVELLER SITE SEARCH PROCESS.**

The Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services presented a report which outlined a response to the scrutiny recommendations and to present an action plan for agreement.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) A response and related action plan be provided at the next available meeting of Cabinet.

218. **UPDATE OF ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2103/17.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy presented a report which provided an update on progress to date with regards to the Corporate Asset Management Plan for the period 2013-2017.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The identified actions be noted and endorsed.

219. **LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS.**

The Cabinet Member for Education presented 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 be approved as recommended by the LA Governor Appointments Panel:

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| a) | Cwmglas Primary School | Mr Kevin Alexander |
| b) | Portmead Primary School | Mr Wynne Griffiths |
| c) | Birchgrove Comprehensive School | Councillor Penny M Matthews |

220. **UPDATE ON CONTROL OF VISITOR CAR PARKING AT THE CIVIC CENTRE.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy presented a report which provided an update on proposed arrangements for visitor parking at the Civic Centre and introduction of the previously agreed charging regime.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The implementation of a Pay and Display system in the Civic Centre Car Park proceed.

221. **REVIEW OF SCHOOL MUSIC SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS.**

The Cabinet Member for Education presented a report which sought a decision following the joint consultation on a proposal with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to disaggregate the shared music service in Swansea to support Swansea schools from September 2016.

Councillor P M Meara, member of the Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel, presented the pre decision scrutiny report into the Music Service.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The shared music service be disaggregated and a new music service in Swansea to support Swansea schools from 1 September 2016 be established.

222. **DISABLED FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAMME 2016/17.**

The Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services presented a report which provided details of the Disabled Facilities and Improvement Grant Programme and sought approval to include schemes in the 2016-2017 Capital Programme.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Disabled Facilities and Improvement Grant Programme as detailed including its financial implications be approved and included in the 2016-2017 Capital Budget.

223. **FPR7 - CAPITAL ALLOCATION TO HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS 2016-17.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy presented a report which confirmed the Capital Work Programmes for highway infrastructure assets.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The proposed allocations together with the Financial Implications set out in Appendix A of the report be approved and included in the Capital Programme.

224. **BACKGROUND TO CHARGING POLICY (SOCIAL SERVICES) - PAYING FOR SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING (WALES) ACT 2014.**

The Cabinet Member for Services for Adults and Vulnerable People presented a report which sought to introduce the Charging Policy (Social Services) and the reasons for the Policy.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Charging Policy be approved;
- 2) The List of Charges to be applied in 2016-2017 be agreed.

225. **REVIEW OF THE CITY CENTRE CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY.**

The Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Regeneration presented a report which sought agreement for the draft of the revised Cumulative Impact Policy / Special Policy (CIP) contained within the Council's Statement of Policy for Licensing to be issued for consultation.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The proposed amendment to the City Centre Cumulative Impact Policy be agreed and issued for consultation.

226. **FPR7 - LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND GRANT 2016-2017.**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation presented a report which confirmed the bid for Local Transport Fund (LTF) Grant and sought approval for expenditure on the proposed schemes and projects in 2016-2017.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Local Transport Fund schemes, together with their financial implications be approved.

227. **UNESCO LEARNING CITY CONFERENCE 2017.**

The Cabinet Member for Transformation and Performance presented a report which sought approval to underwrite the costs of the proposed United Nations

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Learning City 2017 Conference to enable the Swansea Bay City Region to submit a bid to be the host City.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The underwriting of the potential conference costs to enable a bid to be submitted to become the host city of this international conference be approved;
- 2) Officers be delegated power to work with other partners to submit the bid to host the conference;
- 3) Officers be delegated power to seek sponsorship and grant support to reduce the financial liability to the Council.

228. **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)

229. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME**

Councillors E W Fitzgerald and P M Meara asked questions relating to Minute 232 "Disposal of Former Civic Centre and Adjoining Land at Penllergaer".

The Enterprise, Development and Regeneration Cabinet Member responded.

230. **CYNYDD PROJECT - EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF) GRANT ACCEPTANCE.**

The Cabinet Members for Education and Enterprise, Development & Regeneration jointly submitted a report which sought approval to participate in the Cynydd project and to see through the necessary stages to implementation.

RESOLVED that the recommendation as set out in the report be approved.

231. **DEPOT RATIONALISATION PROJECT.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy submitted a report which sought approval for the acquisition of property interests to enable progress of the rationalisation project and the release of more valuable assets and facilitation of greater efficiency.

RESOLVED that the recommendation as set out in the report be approved.

232. **DISPOSAL OF FORMER CIVIC CENTRE AND ADJOINING LAND AT PENLLERGAER.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy submitted a report which considered options for disposal.

RESOLVED that the recommendation as set out in the report be approved.

233. **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND CURRENTLY LEASED BY BIRCHGROVE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (RFC).**

The Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Healthy City submitted a report which sought approval to negotiate and agree disposal to Birchgrove RFC of the freehold or leasehold interest in the land currently leased to the club.

RESOLVED that the recommendation as set out in the report be approved.

The meeting ended at 5.17 pm

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CHAIR