

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Special Meeting of the

COMMUNITIES CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At: Committee Room 3A, Guildhall, Swansea

On: Tuesday, 6 October 2015

Time: 2.00 pm

AGENDA

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- 1 **Apologies for Absence.**
- 2 **Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.** 1 - 2
- 3 **Minutes:** 3 - 4
To approve, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee held on 10 September 2015.
- 4 **Smart Energy.**
Presentation by Fflur Lawton, Head of Policy and Communications (Wales), Smart Energy GB Ltd.
- 5 **Work Plan 2015-2016.** 5
- 6 **Date and Time of Future Meeting.**
Wednesday, 12 November at 2.00 p.m.



Patrick Arran
Head of Legal, Democratic Services & Procurement
Wednesday, 30 September, 2015

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COMMUNITIES CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Labour Councillors: 9

R A Clay	B Hopkins
A M Cook	A S Lewis
D W Cole	H M Morris
J P Curtice	G J Tanner
T J Hennegan (Vice-Chair)	

Liberal Democrat Councillors: 2

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Independent Councillor: 1

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Conservative Councillor: 1

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Officers and relevant Cabinet Members:

Councillor A S Lewis	Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services (For Info)
Councillor W Evans	Cabinet Member for Anti-Poverty (For Info)
Phil Roberts	Director of Place
Chris Sivers	Director of People
Martin Nichols	Chief Operating Officer
Sarah Crawley	Head of Poverty and Prevention
Lee Morgan	Head of Housing and Public Protection
Lee Wenham	Head of Marketing, Communications & Scrutiny
Democratic Services	
Archives	

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- a) Details of the prejudicial interest;
- b) Details of the business to which the prejudicial interest relates;
- c) Details of, and the date on which, the dispensation was granted; and
- d) Your signature

Officers

Financial Interests

1. If an Officer has a financial interest in any matter which arises for decision at any meeting to which the Officer is reporting or at which the Officer is in attendance involving any member of the Council and /or any third party the Officer shall declare an interest in that matter and take no part in the consideration or determination of the matter and shall withdraw from the meeting while that matter is considered. Any such declaration made in a meeting of a constitutional body shall be recorded in the minutes of that meeting. No Officer shall make a report to a meeting for a decision to be made on any matter in which s/he has a financial interest.
2. A "financial interest" is defined as any interest affecting the financial position of the Officer, either to his/her benefit or to his/her detriment. It also includes an interest on the same basis for any member of the Officers family or a close friend and any company firm or business from which an Officer or a member of his/her family receives any remuneration. There is no financial interest for an Officer where a decision on a report affects all of the Officers of the Council or all of the officers in a Department or Service.

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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor T J Hennegan (Vice Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
R A Clay	D W Cole	J P Curtice

Also Present:

Councillor A S Lewis, Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services

Officer:

Samantha Woon, Democratic Services Officer

25 **ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2015-2016 MUNICIPAL YEAR.**

RESOLVED that Councillor R A Clay be elected as Chair for the remainder of the 2015-2016 Municipal Year.

COUNCILLOR R A CLAY (CHAIR) PRESIDED

26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A M Cook, W Evans (Cabinet Member for Anti-Poverty) B Hopkins, H M Morris and G J Tanner.

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

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

28 **MINUTES:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee held on 13 August, 2015 be approved as a correct record.

29 **CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING.**

The Chair welcomed Mr D Palmer, Co-operative Housing Project Manager, Wales Co-operative Centre and Mr K Edwards.

Mr D Palmer, Co-operative Housing Project Manager assisted by Mr K Edwards, provided a comprehensive presentation regarding the Wales Co-operative Centre.

Details provided included:

- Background;
- What and Why;
- 7 Co-operative Principles;
- Welsh Government and Housing Project;
- Pioneer Projects;
- Carmarthen Gwalia Group;
- Project Proposals;
- Loftus Village Association;
- Home Farm Village Co-op Housing, Cardiff;
- So what have we learnt?
- How can Local Authorities help?
- Closing Remarks.

Members' asked questions of Mr Palmer and Mr Edwards who responded accordingly.

Key issues arising from the presentation included:

- The importance partners agreeing and working towards a single vision;
- A variety of schemes could be undertaken in one area as there is no 'one size fits all';
- It would be beneficial to identify a political and officer 'champion' within the Authority to pioneer the project.

The Chair thanked Mr Palmer and Mr K Edwards for their informative presentation.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

The meeting being inquorate ended at 3.15 pm

CHAIR

Report of the Chair

Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee – 10 September 2015

COMMUNITIES CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

Date	Subject Area	Lead
2 June 2015	Local Housing Strategy (Chapters 1-4): Introduction; Housing Market Assessments; Land Use Planning Framework and Affordable Housing.	2 June 2015
13 August 2015	Local Housing Strategy (Chapter 6) <i>Addressing the Needs of specific Groups: Homelessness Supporting People; An Ageing population; The housing needs of the BME Population; Gypsies & Travellers and Sustainability & Housing</i>	Peter Williams
10 September 2015	Co-operative Housing	David Palmer, Co-operative Housing Project Manager, Wales Co-operative Centre.
8 October 2015	Smart Energy	Fflur Lawton, Head of Policy and Communications (Wales)
12 November 2015		
10 December 2015		
14 January 2016		
11 February 2016		
10 March 2016		
14 April 2016		
12 May 2016		
To be Scheduled/Confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. private rented sector lettings team and change in policy b. rent recovery and Housing Benefit fraud c. The Senior Welfare Rights Officer provide an update following completion of the Universal Credit Seminars d. Rose McCreesh provide a presentation on changes to Council tax in respect of empty properties e. The role of third sector organisations and how they impact/compliment the Poverty Prevention agenda. f. Joseph Rowntree Foundations (JRF) publication on Black and Ethnic Minority Poverty. 	