



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Service Improvement & Finance**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Tuesday, 19 June 2018 at 11.00 am

Present: Councillor C A Holley (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

P Downing
M H Jones
I E Mann

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
P K Jones
B J Rowlands

Councillor(s)

L James
J W Jones
D W W Thomas

Co-opted Member(s)

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Other Attendees

Robert Francis-Davies

Cabinet Member - Investment, Regeneration & Tourism

Officer(s)

Bethan Hopkins
Tracy McNulty
Jamie Rewbridge

Scrutiny Officer
Head of Cultural Services
Strategic Manager Leisure Partnerships Health Wellbeing

1 **Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

- Councillor Lynda James is a Governor of Bishopston Comprehensive School
- Councillor Des Thomas is a member of Activa Leisure

2 **Commissioning Review - Cultural Services**

- Head of Service emphasised the confidential nature of this commissioning review
- The Council has implemented a long term saving strategy looking at alternative models of delivery and cost
- This commissioning review was in depth and complex and took 3 years
- All services in culture were reviewed
- Never an intention to pass on responsibility, but rather look for a better solution for public and staff
- Had to establish affordability for the Council and establish how another party could improve on this
- Looked at different models and structures
- The conclusion is there is a strong perspective to contract and deliver services on the Councils behalf on a long term lease

- Will retain capability and capacity to work with a contractor to ensure they do everything they should be doing
- Pricing structures, hours and access not able to be changed
- The motivation was financial and not due to the lack of Council skills
- The process was an offshoot of the original commissioning review
- All use for schools will be protected and safeguarding issues addressed and improved upon
- Unions have been engaged throughout and the staff terms and conditions are protected regardless of change of jobs. Terms and conditions for new staff can't be less favourable
- The Council has final say on pricing structures
- The buildings remain in Council ownership
- The buildings have to be returned in the same condition they were given
- Condition surveys have been undertaken on all of the assets and these were undertaken by an independent external company.
- Suggested that condition surveys be done by an independent organisation and not done internally
- Upon inspection, if the buildings are not maintained a dilapidation order will be served

3 Exclusion of Public

4 Commissioning Review - Cultural Services

- Excluded items discussed

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The meeting ended at 12.40 pm

Chair