

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CIVIC CENTRE, SWANSEA ON
TUESDAY, 29 JULY 2014 AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor D Phillips (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
N S Bradley	S E Crouch	R C Stewart
J E Burtonshaw	C R Doyle	M Theaker
M C Child	W Evans	

34. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C Richards.

35. **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 interests were declared:-

Councillors N S Bradley declared personal and prejudicial interests as a Director of SSMC in Minute No. 48 - Liberty Stadium and left prior to discussion.

36. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 1 July 2014 be approved as a correct record.

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

None.

38. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

Mr P Rees asked questions in relation to Minute 40 – Wales Audit Office Annual Improvements Report 2014 and Minute 41 – Annual 2013/14 Performance Monitoring Report. The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources responded accordingly.

39. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME.**

Councillor P M Meara asked a question in relation to Minute 40 – Wales Audit Office Annual Improvement Report – Linguistic Skills Strategy. The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources stated that a written response would be provided.

40. **WALES AUDIT OFFICE ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT REPORT 2014.**

Steve Barry from The Wales Audit Office presented the Annual Improvement Report 2014.

CABINET DECISION

That Cabinet :-

- (1) Received and noted the WAO Annual Improvement Report 2014.
- (2) Noted the action already taken and planned to address the areas for improvement as part of the Council's performance improvement process.

Policy Framework

'Standing Up for a Better Swansea' Corporate Improvement Plan 2013/17

Reason for Decision

To receive and review the findings as set out in the WAO Annual Improvement Report 2014 and the work being done to address them in order to help inform executive decisions on resource allocation and where relevant further corrective actions to manage and improve performance and efficiency in delivering national and local priorities.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Access to Services

41. **ANNUAL 2013/14 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources submitted a report regarding the Corporate and Service Performance for 2013/14.

CABINET DECISION

That Performance is reviewed to help inform executive decisions on resource allocation and, where relevant, corrective actions to manage and improve performance and efficiency in delivering national and local priorities.

Policy Framework

'Standing up for a better Swansea' Corporate Improvement Plan 2013/17.

Reason for Decision

To receive and review the performance results for 2013/14.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Access to Services.

42. **REVENUE FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2013/14.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources submitted a report on the detailed financial outturn for 2013/14.

CABINET DECISION

That the comments and variations in this report be noted and the proposed reserve transfers detailed in Section 6.4 of the report be approved.

Policy Framework

Budget Plan 2013/14

Reason for Decision

This report was presented to Cabinet in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules.

Consultation

Cabinet Members, Executive Board, Legal and Access to Services

43. **CAPITAL OUTTURN AND FINANCING 2013/14.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources presented a report which detailed the capital outturn and financing for the year ending on 31 March 2014.

CABINET DECISION

That the net under spending of the approved budget of £17.723m be carried forward to 2014/15. Last year it was reported that the funding of the provision for Tir John will be subject to a separate report on the future options (including funding options) of Tir John. This will now be actioned prior to the budget process for 2015/16.

Policy Framework

Budget Plan 2013/14

Reason for Decision

This report is presented to Cabinet in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules.

Consultation

Cabinet Members, Executive Board, Legal and Access to Services.

44. **REVENUE OUTTURN 2013/14 - HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA).**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources submitted the report which detailed the City and County of Swansea's HRA outturn compared with the approved revenue budget for 2013/14/

CABINET DECISION

That the variations detailed in the report be noted.

Policy Framework

Budget Plan 2013/14

Reason for Decision

This report is presented to Cabinet in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules.

Consultation

Cabinet Members, Executive Board, Legal and Access to Services.

45. **SUSTAINABLE SWANSEA - FIT FOR THE FUTURE: DELIVERY PROGRAMME.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources presented a report to update the Council's *Sustainable Swansea – fit for the future* strategy and to propose a Delivery Programme. The report also provided an update on the financial forecast for the medium term and proposals for the next stage of engagement on *Sustainable Swansea*.

CABINET DECISION

That Cabinet:-

- (1) Agreed the restatement of the objectives of *Sustainable Swansea – fit for the future* and the Strategic Framework set out in the Appendix to the report;
- (2) Noted the revised Financial Forecast and the future presentation of the financial challenge that the Council faces (£70m over the next 3 years);
- (3) Agreed the outline programme for *Sustainable Swansea* set out in Section 4 of the Appendix to this report;
- (4) Agreed the proposals for the next stage of engagement on *Sustainable Swansea* “ Continuing the Conversation” set out in Section 7 of the Appendix to this report.

Policy Framework

Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget

Reason for Decision

To seek Cabinet approval of the Delivery Programme for *Sustainable Swansea*

Consultation

Cabinet Members, Executive Board, Legal Finance, Access to Services

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

The Cabinet Member for Opportunities for Children and Young People presented the report regarding the draft 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) (UNCRRC).

CABINET DECISION

Cabinet considered the draft Children and Young People's Rights Scheme and gave approval for public consultation.

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 (UNCRRC) 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 approval is sought from Cabinet for the draft Scheme to be published for public consultation.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Access to Services, Executive Board.

47. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC: -**

Cabinet were requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the items of business identified in the recommendations to the report on the grounds 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 items of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant as set out in the report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for the following item of business.

(CLOSED SESSION)

48. **LIBERTY STADIUM - REQUEST FOR LANDLORDS CONSENT TO CARRY OUT ALTERATIONS.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources presented a report regarding a request for Landlords Consent to carry out Alterations.

CABINET DECISION

That the recommendation as outlined in the report be approved.

Policy Framework

Council Constitution

Reason for Decision

To permit SSMC to proceed with its proposed developments and amendments.

Consultation

Legal, Finance, Access to Services

The meeting ended at 5.40p.m.

CHAIR

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