

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CABINET

**HELD AT LORD MAYORS RECEPTION ROOM, GUILDHALL ON
THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2015 AT 5.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Rob Stewart (Leader) presided

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

7. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W Evans and C Richards.

8. **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 interest was declared:

- 1) Councillor C E Lloyd declared a personal interest in Minute 15 "Financial Procedure Rule 7 - Local Transport Fund Grant 2015-2015" as the report refers to Port Tennant Road".

9. **MINUTES.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings listed below be approved as a correct record:

- 1) Special Cabinet held on 30 April 2015;
- 2) Cabinet held on 30 April 2015;
- 3) Special Cabinet held on 2 June 2015.

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

The Leader of the Council indicated that he had no announcements.

11. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

No questions were asked.

12. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME.**

No questions were asked.

13. **SCRUTINY REPORT(S):**

There were no Scrutiny Reports.

14. **TACKLING ON STREET ENFORCEMENT.**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation submitted a report which sought to consider the continuance of the provision of a partnership to provide effective enforcement to promote a cleaner, safer Swansea.

CABINET DECISION

- 1) The proposals as set out in paragraph 8.1 of the report and associated financial implications be approved.

Policy Framework

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (CNEA) 2005;
Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990;
Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act (ASBCPA) 2014.

Reason for Decision

To approve proposals to continue the partnership provision of on street enforcement within public areas and open spaces of the City and County of Swansea.

Consultation

Access to Services, Legal, Finance, Economic Regeneration and Planning.

15. **FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULE 7 - LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND GRANT 2015-2016.**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation submitted a report which sought to confirm the bid for Local Transport Fund (LTF) Grant and seek approval for expenditure on the proposed schemes and projects in 2015-2016.

CABINET DECISION

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

Policy Framework

Local Transport Plan 2015-2020.

Reason for Decision

To comply with Financial Procedure Rule 7 "Capital Programming and Appraisals":
To commit and authorise schemes in the Capital Programme.

Consultation

Legal and Democratic Services, Finance.

16. **REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 - POSITION STATEMENT AND INTERIM REVIEW.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy submitted a report which sought to provide a snapshot, one complete month into the new financial year to assess progress with budget proposals agreed at Council in February 2015.

CABINET DECISION

- 1) The assessment of progress to date be noted;
- 2) The emergency to action fundamental emerging shortfalls in delivery as set out in the report be approved.

Policy Framework

Sustainable Swansea - Fit for the Future.

Reason for Decision

To review and assess progress with Revenue Budget savings for 2015-2016.

Consultation

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

17. **FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULE 7 - CAPITAL ALLOCATION TO HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy submitted a report which sought to confirm the Capital work programmes for highway infrastructure assets.

CABINET DECISION

- 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.

Policy Framework

Revenue and Capital Budget as reported to and approved by Council on 24 February 2015.

Reason for Decision

To comply with Financial Procedure Rule 7 "Capital Programming and Appraisals":
To commit and authorise schemes in the Capital Programme.

Consultation

Access to Services, Legal.

18. **SITE ACCOMMODATION REVIEW FOR THE CITY & COUNTY OF SWANSEA
RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN.**

The Cabinet Member for Services for Children and Young People submitted a report which proposed recommending how to optimise the service delivery model of emergency and short term residential placements with appropriate accommodation fit for purpose.

CABINET DECISION

- 1) Agreed that the current site does not fit with the service delivery model agreed in November 2014; it is too large for the level of demand; is an inefficient use of Local Authority accommodation; is an incompatible environment for the service model and does not enable best or effective delivery of good quality care to improve outcomes for our Looked After Children. This site cannot be modified to make it fit for purpose;
- 2) Delegated authority be given to Child & Family Services start a search for alternative smaller sites for the delivery of the service within the City & County boundary. Initially a search within the existing Local Authority estate would be completed. If an internal match fit for purpose is not identified, agreement be given to search for a residential property for purchase;
- 3) The financial implications of the move are agreed as proposed. Delegated authority is given to Child & Family Services to proceed with relocation in line with the proposed business case.
- 4) The legal and HR implications of the move are agreed as proposed;
- 5) The property be released for alternative use as considered appropriate by the Head of Corporate Property;

Policy Framework

Looked After Children (LAC) Reduction Strategy;
Child and Family Business Plan;
Strategic Delivery Plan;
Corporate Plan;
Sustainable Swansea Programme.

Reason for Decision

Current accommodation is not fit for purpose. Agreement needed for relocation to new accommodation that is fit for purpose to deliver the new statement of purpose of a 2 bed, emergency, short term residential children's home for us to maximise efficiency, quality and outcomes for our Looked After children.

Consultation

Head of Legal Democratic Services & Procurement, Head of Financial Services, Corporate Building and Property Services, Access to Services.

19. **WESTERN BAY REGIONAL AREA PLANNING BOARD FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE – LEGAL AGREEMENT.**

The Cabinet Member for Services for Adults and Vulnerable People submitted a report which sought to seek approval to enter into a legal agreement with Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU), Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPT) relating to regional arrangements for the funding and commissioning of substance misuse services.

CABINET DECISION

- 1) To delegate authority to the Chief Officer for Social Services to finalise and enter into the legal agreement, under the guidance of the Head of Legal, Democratic Services and Procurement;
- 2) To nominate the Chief Officer for Social Services to act as Swansea's representative on the 'Executive Group' and delegate authority to this post holder to exercise any functions under the legal agreement;
- 3) Swansea's remaining financial commitment of £6,650 in 2015-2016 which will contribute to the additional legal and procurement support needed be noted.

Policy Framework

Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action

Reason for Decision

To seek approval to enter into a legal agreement with Western Bay partners regarding regional arrangements.

Consultation

Access to Services, Legal, Finance.

20. **SWANSEA COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENTERPRISE SCHEME.**

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation submitted a report which sought to develop the Community Renewable Energy & Enterprise Scheme (CREES) social enterprise in support of the 'Tackling Poverty' and 'Building Sustainable Communities' Corporate Priorities.

CABINET DECISION

- 1) The Council work with local communities to develop a social enterprise to own and run the Community Renewable Energy and Enterprise Scheme, based in and with controlling influence from the locality of the installations (Townhill, Penderry, Castle and the surrounding area);
- 2) Model 3 be agreed as the most appropriate for the CREES scheme;
- 3) The Council should continue to provide officer support through development of the project including drafting and entering into roof lease agreements for the buildings that will host the PV systems;
- 4) Support should be sought for the project through the Ynni'r Fro programme, including development officer input and grant funding for development work;
- 5) The CREES Project Board should continue to explore options for developing a Council-owned scheme further with the Council's Commercialisation Team.

Policy Framework

Sustainable Development Policy.

Reason for Decision

To agree options for developing the CREES social enterprise.

Consultation

Access to Services, Legal, Finance.

The meeting ended at 5.23 pm

CHAIR