

# **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA**

## **MINUTES OF THE CABINET**

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2015 AT 2.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor R C Stewart (Leader of the Council) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

M C Child  
J E C Harris  
J A Raynor

**Councillor(s)**

W Evans  
D H Hopkins

**Councillor(s)**

R Francis-Davies  
A S Lewis

**Also Present:** - Councillor(s) P Downing, M H Jones and P Lloyd.

**Officer(s):** - Jack Straw, Phil Roberts, Patrick Arran, Mike Hawes, Huw Mowbray and Huw Evans.

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): C E Lloyd and C Richards

136. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

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

137. **URGENT ITEM**

The Leader of the Council stated that pursuant to paragraph 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, he considered that the report of the Cabinet Member for Education "Contract Award Report - Tender for a Framework Agreement for the Provision of Taxi Services" should be considered at this matter as a matter of urgency.

138. **CONTRACT AWARD REPORT - TENDER FOR A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF TAXI SERVICES**

**Reason for Urgency**

*An urgent decision is required so that Framework Agreements for the successful tenders can be prepared and issued before the current contract expires on 31 January 2016 allowing anticipated savings to be realised as early as possible in the New Year.*

The Cabinet Member for Education presented an urgent report which sought to award a framework agreement for the provision of taxi services for the period 1 February 2016 to 31 January 2017 with an option to extend for a period of up to 24 months.

She stated that an amended paragraph 1.15 had been circulated in order to update a number of figures.

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The Taxi Framework Agreement be awarded for 2 years from 1 February 2016 to 31 January 2018 with an option to extend for a period of up to 24 months.

139. **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**

140. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME.**

No questions were asked.

141. **DEVELOPMENT OF CITY CENTRE SITES - SELECTION OF DEVELOPMENT PARTNER(S) AND AUTHORISATION TO AMEND THE CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME (FPR7).**

The Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee, Councillor M H Jones stated that a Special Scrutiny Programme Committee had met on 14 December 2015 in order to conduct a pre decision scrutiny process in relation to the item. Councillor Jones outlined the findings of the Committee.

The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor Jones and the Scrutiny Programme Committee for their work and responded to the issues raised.

The Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development and Regeneration submitted a report which sought agreement for the Council to take on the initial developer role to progress regeneration proposal for St David's and Civic Centre Sites; to seek confirmation of funding for work up costs and appoint development partner / managers to advise the Council through the process.

The Director of Place and Property Development Manager explained the outcome of the Competitive dialogue process. The key issues and risks facing the Council were

set out and that further reports would be required to deal with the funding and risk aspects of working up, and subsequently agreeing, future development on these sites.

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The recommendations as set out in the report be approved;
- 2) The initial 3 month funding requirement be agreed;
- 3) Further reports be presented to Cabinet in early 2016 to finalise the scheme work up funding arrangements.

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

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

The meeting ended at 2.53 pm

**CHAIR**

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