

# **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA**

## **MINUTES OF THE CABINET**

**HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY 2016 AT 4.00 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

C Richards

**Councillor(s)**

R Francis-Davies

A S Lewis

143. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C E Lloyd.

144. **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**

- 1) Councillors D H Hopkins and R C Stewart declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Minute 150 "Local Authority Governor Appointments" and withdrew from the meeting prior to its consideration.

**Officers**

- 1) Huw Evans, Head of Democratic Services declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Minute 150 "Local Authority Governor Appointments" and withdrew from the meeting prior to its consideration;
- 2) Jack Straw, Chief Executive declared a Personal Interest in Minute 151 "21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme - Contract Award and Capital Programme Authorisation for the Design and Refurbishment of Pentrehafod Comprehensive Schools Existing School Buildings. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Update - FPR 7 - Pentrehafod Comprehensive".

145. **MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting(s) listed below be approved as a correct record:

- 1) Cabinet held on 10 December 2015;
- 2) Cabinet held on 17 December 2015.

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

The Leader of the Council made no announcements.

147. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

No questions were asked.

148. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME.**

Councillor C L Philpott, Education Inclusion Scrutiny Inquiry Panel Convenor, asked question in relation to item 7 "Response to the Report of the Education Inclusion Scrutiny Inquiry Panel". She queried why recommendation 15 was "not agreed and also sought clarity in relation to recommendation 17.

The Education Cabinet Member stated that she would amend the response to recommendation 15 to read "querying" as this would allow the Panel to provide her with greater clarity in relation to their recommendation.

She also outlined the rationale behind her response to recommendation 17.

149. **RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION INCLUSION SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL.**

The Cabinet Member for Education presented a report which outlined a response to the scrutiny recommendations and to present an action plan for agreement.

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The response as outlined in the report and related action plan be agreed subject to the response to recommendation 15 being amended to read "querying".

(**Note:** This amendment allow the Panel to provide the Education Cabinet Member with greater clarity in relation to its recommendation.)

150. **LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS.**

The Cabinet Member for Education presented a report which sought approval of the nominations submitted to fill Local Authority (LA) Governor vacancies on School Governing Bodies.

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The following nominations be approved as recommended by the LA Governor Appointments Panel:

a)	Blaenymaes Primary School	Mrs Gillian Seaton
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b)	Cwmrhydyceirw Primary School (2 Vacancies)	Mrs Wendy Bromham Mr Timothy Buxton
c)	Glyncollen Primary School	Councillor Robert C Stewart
d)	Gowerton Primary School	Mrs Nicola Louise Matthews
e)	Newton Primary School	Mr George Butterfield
f)	Pengelli Primary School	Mr Walter David Merriman
g)	Pentre'r Graig Primary School	Mr Bob Lloyd
h)	Pontlliw Primary School	Mrs Melissa Taylor
i)	Trallwn Primary School	Mr Anthony Sturgess
j)	Cefn Hengoed Community School	Mr Khandaker Wahid
k)	YGG Felindre	Mr Owen Watcyn Pugh
l)	YGG Pont y Brenin	Mr Huw Gruffydd Evans
m)	YGG Tan y Lan	Mr Gareth Rees
n)	YGG Bryntawe	Mrs Sian Elizabeth Davies

151. **21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME - CONTRACT AWARD AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME AUTHORISATION FOR THE DESIGN AND REFURBISHMENT OF PENTREHAFOD COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOLS EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS. 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS UPDATE - FPR 7 - PENTREHAFOD COMPREHENSIVE.**

The Cabinet Member for Education presented a report which sought to approve and commit to the Capital Programme the scheme for the refurbishment of Pentrehafod Comprehensive School subject to confirmation of the grant and entering into a contract with Welsh Government (subject to planning approval).

The report also sought authorisation to award a contract for the works to Tender No. 1, under the agreement that following the contract award the contractor must obtain planning approval and all risks associated with not achieving planning approval are those of the contractor, and subject to confirmation of the grant and entering into a contract with Welsh Government (subject to planning approval).

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The capital scheme as detailed together with the financial implications set out in Appendix A of the report be approved, subject to confirmation of the grant and entering into a contract (subject to planning approval) with Welsh Government;
- 2) The 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Contract for the design of refurbishment, remodelling and extension works for Pentrehafod Comprehensive School be awarded to Tender No. 1 under the agreement that following the contract award the contractor must obtain planning approval and all risks associated with not achieving planning approval are those of the contractor, and subject to confirmation of the grant and entering into a contract (subject to planning approval) with Welsh Government;
- 3) The Cabinet Member for Education be authorised to approve the award of the stage 2 construction contract for the new school Pentrehafod School, subject

to the granting of planning permission for the main works, and subject to confirmation of grant and contract with Welsh Government;

- 4) The Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to enter into any necessary documentation required to complete the contract and achieve the scheme;
- 5) A detailed Cabinet Report on the total costs for the scheme and outcomes of the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) report be submitted in late 2016 for information prior to any construction works being carried out.

152. **THE MOVE TO AN IN-HOUSE MANAGED ICT SERVICE.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy presented a report which provided details of the closure report and demonstrated that the Move to an In-house ICT Service project had achieved what it set out to deliver.

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The report be noted.

153. **REVIEW OF ABERGELLI AND THE BEECHES ALTERNATIVE DAY SERVICES.**

Councillor U C Clay, Transformation of Adult Social Services (TASS) Scrutiny Inquiry Panel Convenor, stated that a Pre decision Panel had met on 11 January 2016. She outlined the views of the Panel and raised specific concerns in relation to Personal Development and Safeguarding.

The Cabinet Member for Services for Adults and Vulnerable People presented a report which sought agreement to consolidate the Beeches and Abergelli Day Services into one service. It also sought agreement that the Beeches is declared surplus for service use. It set out the rationale behind the service remodelling; the likely workforce implications of the service remodelling and outlined the approach to communicating the change to the workforce.

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The proposed remodelling of Abergelli and The Beeches Alternative Day Service by consolidating the two services, using the Abergelli building as the premises be agreed;
- 2) Under the Council's Disposal Procedure Rules, the Chief Operating Officer undertake an initial feasibility test to establish if the surplus property, the Beeches, should be disposed of.

The meeting ended at 4.40 pm

**CHAIR**