

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

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

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

Councillor(s)

M C Child
J E C Harris
C E Lloyd

Councillor(s)

W Evans
D H Hopkins
J A Raynor

Councillor(s)

R Francis-Davies
A S Lewis
C Richards

21. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

No apologies for absence were received.

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

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared:

- 1) Councillors R Francis-Davies, C Richards and R C Stewart declared a Personal Interest in Minute 25 "Public Questions";
- 2) Councillor M C Child declared a Personal Interest in Minute 37 "Local Authority Governor Appointments".

23. **MINUTES.**

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

- 1) Cabinet held on 16 June 2016.

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

The Leader of the Council made no announcements.

25. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

A number of questions were asked in relation to the following item(s) of the agenda:

- Item 7 "Cabinet Members Response to the Scrutiny of Gypsy Traveller Site Search Process – Final Report".

26. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME.**

Councillor R A Clay asked questions relating to Item 7 "Cabinet Members Response to the Scrutiny of Gypsy Traveller Site Search Process – Final Report".

The Leader of the Council responded.

27. **CABINET MEMBERS RESPONSE TO THE SCRUTINY OF GYPSY TRAVELLER SITE SEARCH PROCESS – FINAL REPORT.**

The Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services 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.

28. **CAPITAL OUTTURN AND FINANCING 2015/16.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy presented a report which detailed capital outturn and financing for the year ended 31 March 2016.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The overall outturn position be noted and the net under spend of the approved budget of £30.555m be carried forward to 2016-2017.

29. **REVENUE FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2015/16.**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy presented a report which detailed the Revenue financial outturn for 2015-2016.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The comments and variations in the report be noted;
- 2) The proposed reserve transfers detailed in Section 7.3 of the report be approved.

30. **REVENUE OUTTURN 2015/16 – HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA)**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy presented a report which detailed the City and County of Swansea's HRA outturn compared with the approved revenue budget for 2015-2016.

RESOLVED that the variations detailed in the report be noted.

31. **END OF YEAR 2015/16 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT.**

The Cabinet Member for Transformation and Performance submitted a report which detailed the Corporate and Service Performance 2015-2017.

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

32. **ESTABLISHMENT OF WESTERN BAY REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD AND UPDATE OF PROGRAMME OF WORK.**

The Cabinet Member for Adults and Vulnerable People submitted a report which sought to establish the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Terms of Reference be considered and adopted and the establishment of the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board be supported;
- 2) The Chief Social Services Officer be delegated Authority in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Section 151 Officer, to make such further amendments to the Terms of Reference as are deemed necessary and are agreed between the Partnership Bodies;
- 3) The position statement that provides a summary of the Western Bay programme of work be noted;
- 4) The nomination of Councillors M C Child, J E C Harris and R C Stewart as the three representatives of the City & County of Swansea on the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board be agreed;
- 5) The appointment of remaining non local authority and non LHB members of the Regional Partnership Board be delegated to the Members nominated in accordance with recommendation 3 of the report, in conjunction with representatives of the other Local Authorities and the Local Health Board, such appointment to be reported back to Cabinet.

33. **CORPORATE APPRENTICE AND TRAINEE STRATEGY.**

The Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services submitted a report which outlined the proposed Corporate Apprentice and Trainee strategy, along with the timeline for the project implementation.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The key principles of the strategy be accepted and embedded across the Authority via the proposed action plan.

34. **CORPORATE ENERGY STRATEGY**

The Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services submitted a report which sought to agree scope and content of the Corporate Energy Strategy and to agree the action plan, recommendations and timescales for implementation.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The key principles of the strategy be accepted and embedded across the Authority via the proposed action plan.

35. **2016 PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT.**

The Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Healthy City submitted a report which sought to approve the 2016 Play Sufficiency Assessment including its key findings and associated Action Plan.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The 2016 Play Sufficiency Assessment for Swansea and its associated Action Plan for implementation be approved.

36. **FPR7 AMENDMENT - WESTWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT, SWANSEA CITY CENTRE.**

The Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Development and Regeneration submitted a report which sought to approve the scheme and include the budget within the Capital Programme.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The budget for the Westway Enhancement Project be increased from £1m to £1.592m.

37. **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)	Craig Cefn Parc Primary School	Mrs Cathy Vince
b)	Grange Primary School	Mr Stuart Lynch
c)	Pentre'r Graig Primary School	Mr Michael John Fuge
d)	Plasmarl Primary School	Mr Colin Goulding
e)	YGG Bryniago	Mr Lee Richards
f)	YGG Tirdeunaw	Mr Steffan Evans
g)	Birchgrove Comprehensive School	Mr Jordan Hill

38. **DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND ON SCHOOL SITES - CLASE PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

The Cabinet Member for Education submitted a report which considered the response to the consultation carried out with Clase Governing Body on the proposed land sale.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The site as indicated on plans attached being approximately 3.54 acres be declared as surplus to requirements,
- 2) Notice be served and the required consultation of communities and other interested parties, about the proposed disposal of land consisting, or forming part, of a playing field, be undertaken in accordance with The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015;
- 3) If responses / objections to the proposed disposal are received, that a report is brought back to Cabinet to consider those responses / objections;
- 4) If no responses / objections are received that the Interim Director of Place be authorised to proceed to market the land identified for disposal and report back to Cabinet in due course upon completion of that exercise;
- 5) The incentive scheme be applied in accordance with the policy.

39. **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)

40. **DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS LAND ON SCHOOL SITES - SITE VALUATIONS AND FINANCIAL DETAILS - CLASE PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

The Cabinet Member for Education submitted an information report which outlined the site valuation and financial information redacted from the report presented in the open part of the agenda.

41. **REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S NON OPERATIONAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO.**

The Cabinet Member for Transformation and Performance submitted a report which sought acceptance of the recommendations of independent review of the Council's non-operational property investments portfolio and to proceed with the setting up of an investment fund for future acquisitions.

RESOLVED that the recommendation(s) as set out in the report be approved.

The meeting ended at 5.05 pm

CHAIR

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