

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

**HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
THURSDAY, 20 APRIL 2017 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT: Councillor R C Stewart (Chair) 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

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s):

190. **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) Councillor J A Raynor declared a Personal Interest in Minute 199 "Proposal for Short-Term Letting of the Civic Centre".

191. **MINUTES.**

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

- 1) Cabinet held on 16 March 2017.

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

1) Mike Hawes - Retirement

The Leader of the Council thanked Mike Hawes, Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer for his hard work and dedication to the Authority over the years. He stated that this was Mr Hawes' last Cabinet Meeting and that he would be retiring at the end of May 2017.

On behalf of the Cabinet, he wished him a long and happy retirement.

2) Councillor Christine Richards – Standing Down as Cabinet Member

The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor Christine Richards, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People for her hard work and dedication to the Authority over the years. He stated that

this was Councillor Richards' last Cabinet Meeting as a Cabinet Member following her decision to step down from front bench politics.

He stated that she would be remembered for her mantra "We need to get joined up around kids".

193. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.**

No questions were asked.

194. **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME.**

No questions were asked.

195. **READINESS FOR SCHOOL SCRUTINY INQUIRY.**

Councillor H M Morris of the School Readiness Scrutiny Inquiry Panel submitted a report which presented the findings, conclusions and recommendations resulting from the Panel's Inquiry into school readiness.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The report be noted:
- 2) The relevant Cabinet Member be tasked with bringing a report back to Cabinet with a written response to the Scrutiny recommendations and proposed action(s).

196. **ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIALIST TEACHING FACILITIES FOR PUPILS WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)**

The Cabinet Member for Education submitted a report which outlined the result of consultation and sought approval for the publication of statutory notices on proposals to establish three new specialist teaching facilities (STFs) in schools from January 2018 at Duvant Primary School, Portmead Primary School and Birchgrove Comprehensive School.

She stated that Appendix A of the report should be amended so as to show that Birchgrove Comprehensive School did respond to the consultation and that the School and its Governors support the establishment of the Specialist Teaching Facilities.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The statutory notices to establish three new specialist teaching facilities (STFs) in schools from January 2018 at Duvant Primary School, Portmead Primary School and Birchgrove Comprehensive School be published.

197. **COMMUNITY SERVICES WESTERN BAY COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR CARE HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE 2016-2025.**

The Cabinet Member for Adults and Vulnerable People submitted a report which sought endorsement of the Western Bay Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The responses to the consultation undertaken on the strategy be endorsed;
- 2) The post-consultation version of the Western Bay Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People be endorsed;
- 3) The implementation plan for Swansea be endorsed.

198. **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)

199. **PROPOSAL FOR SHORT-TERM LETTING OF THE CIVIC CENTRE.**

The Cabinet Member for Transformation and Performance submitted a report which sought consideration of a proposal for a short term letting of the 3rd floor of the Civic Centre.

RESOLVED that the recommendation(s) as set out in the report be approved subject to recommendation 3 being amended.

The meeting ended at 10.33 am

CHAIR