



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Special Cabinet

Council Chamber - Guildhall, Swansea

Thursday, 9 January 2020 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor R C Stewart (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

D H Hopkins
J A Raynor

Councillor(s)

E J King
M Thomas

Councillor(s)

C E Lloyd

Officer(s)

Adam Hill
Ben Smith
Debbie Smith
Samantha Woon

Deputy Chief Executive / Director of Resources
Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer
Deputy Chief Legal Officer
Democratic Services Officer

Also present

Councillor(s): S Pritchard.

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): R Francis-Davies, A S Lewis and A Pugh

115. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

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

- 1) Councillor M C Child declared a Personal Interest in Minute 121 "Foreshore Sites – Public Consultation and Procurement Responses Summary and Next Steps" – West Cross Ward Member.

116. Minutes.

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

- 1) Cabinet held on 13 December 2019.

117. Announcements of the Leader of the Council.

The Leader of the Council referred with sadness to the recent death of Councillor Sybil Crouch. Sybil served the Castle Ward Community, was Consort to the Lord Mayor of Swansea and had been instrumental in the promotion of arts and culture within Swansea.

The Leader of the Council also referred with sadness to the recent death of former West Glamorgan County Councillor, Ioan Stock.

All present stood as a mark of sympathy and respect.

118. Public Question Time.

A number of questions were submitted in advance relating to Minute 121 "Foreshore Sites – Public Consultation and Procurement Responses Summary and Next Steps", and Minute 122 "Sustainable Swansea – Fit for the Future: Budget Proposals.

The Leader of the Council stated that a written response would be provided to:

- 1) The questions from Nortridge Perrot in relation to Minute 121.

119. Councillors' Question Time.

No questions were asked.

120. Pre Decision Scrutiny Feedback - Foreshore Sites - Public Consultation and Procurement Responses Summary and Next Steps. (Verbal)

Councillor M H Jones presented the Pre-decision Scrutiny Feedback.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Pre-decision Scrutiny Feedback be noted.

121. Foreshore Sites - Public Consultation and Procurement Responses Summary and Next Steps.

The Leader of the Council on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration and Tourism submitted a report which summarised the responses received from the Councils Public Consultation and PIN notice regarding the development potential of five foreshore sites and establish how to proceed next.

The Leader of the Council confirmed that all responses had been considered, including those of a commercially sensitive nature.

The amendment to recommendation 6 to include the Leader in the scope of the delegated authority was proposed and agreed.

Resolved that:

- 1) The site known as Part of Langland Bay Tennis Courts is disposed of via a long lease on the most appropriate terms;

- 2) Any development of the site known as Land Adjacent to the West Cross Inn is no longer to be considered;
- 3) Any development of the site known as Land at the Skate Ramp is to undergo further consideration and due diligence;
- 4) The potential to develop the site known as Land at Sketty Lane Car Park is to be investigated further with a view to marketing in 2020;
- 5) The potential to develop the site known as Blackpill Lido to be investigated further with a view to marketing in 2020;
- 6) Further decisions to progress are to be delegated to the Leader of the Council, Director of Place and Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism.

122. Sustainable Swansea - Fit for the Future: Budget Proposals 2020/21 – 2023/24.

The Chief Finance Officer and Cabinet Member for Economy & Strategy submitted a report which considered budget proposals for 2020/21 to 2023/24 as part of the Council's existing Budget Strategy.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Budget proposals summarised in the report and detailed in Appendix B of the report be approved as the basis of consultation;
- 2) The updated budget future forecast be adopted as the starting planning premise for the new medium term financial plan, which will be considered by Council on 5 March 2020;
- 3) The approach to consultation and engagement with staff, trade unions, residents, partners and other interested parties be agreed as set out in Section 7 of the report;
- 4) A report on the outcome of the consultation and final budget proposals be received at its meeting on 20 February 2020.

123. Quarter 2 2019/20 Performance Monitoring Report.

The Cabinet Member for Delivery and Performance submitted a report which set out the corporate performance for Quarter 2, 2019/20.

Resolved that:

- 1) The performance results be noted and reviewed to help inform executive decisions on resource allocation and, where relevant, corrective actions to manage and improve performance and efficiency in delivering national and local priorities.

124. Annual Review of Charging (Social Services) 2019/20 (Charges to apply in 2020/21 - Commencing 1 April)

The Cabinet Member for Care, Health & Ageing Well submitted a report which set out the annual review of Swansea Council's charges (social services), which provides citizens with transparency on how the Council exercises discretionary powers on the setting of charges, within the Welsh Government's statutory framework on charging for social services, agreed as part of managed care and support.

Resolved that:

- 1) The findings of the annual review of charges be accepted, and that there are no new service charges (social services) to apply in 2020/21;
- 2) An inflationary increase of 5% is applied to all social services charges;
- 3) The increase in home care charge, as previously agreed by Council be applied, with effect from 1 April 2020, for the year 2020/21;
- 4) The list of social services charges to apply from 1 April 2020, for the year 2020/21.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am

Chair

Call In Procedure – Relevant Dates	
Minutes Published:	10/01/2020
Call In Period Expires (3 Clear Working Days after Publication):	23.59 on 15/01/2020
Decision Comes into force:	16/01/20