

# CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

## NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

## COMMUNITIES CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**At:** Committee Room 5, Guildhall, Swansea

**On:** Thursday, 10 November 2016

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Chair:** Councillor Bob Clay

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### Membership:

Councillors: J E Burtonshaw, U C Clay, A M Cook, N J Davies, T J Hennegan, Y V Jardine, M B Lewis, R D Lewis and G J Tanner

## AGENDA

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- 1 **Apologies for Absence.**
- 2 **Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**  
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- 3 **Minutes:** 1 - 3  
To approve & sign the Minutes of the previous meeting(s) as a correct record.
- 4 **Energy Strategy Action Plan Update.** 4  
*Terri Shaw (Energy Manager) & Andrew Shaw (Group Leader).*
- 5 **JRF document 'We can solve poverty in the UK'.**  
*Member discussion.*
- 6 **Work Plan 2016-2017.** 5

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, 8 December 2016 at 2.00 pm



**Huw Evans**  
Head of Democratic Services  
Wednesday, 2 November 2016

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## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

### MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2016 AT 2.00 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor R A Clay (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

U C Clay  
Y V Jardine  
G J Tanner

**Councillor(s)**

A M Cook  
M B Lewis

**Councillor(s)**

T J Hennegan  
R D Lewis

**Also present:**

Councillor W Evans – Cabinet Member for Anti Poverty and Communities

**Officer(s)**

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| G Lelliott    | Commercial Services                              |
| A Owen        | Poverty & Prevention                             |
| Jane Whitmore | Partnership, Performance & Commissioning Manager |
| S Woon        | Democratic Services Officer                      |

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): J E Burtonshaw and N J Davies

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

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

21 **MINUTES:**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 September, 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

22 **FOOD ENTERPRISE.**

Amanda Owen (Poverty & Prevention) assisted by Gemma Lelliott (Commercial Services) provided a presentation on Regenerating Out of Food Poverty - Swansea Food Enterprise.

The presented comprised:

- How did we get here?
- Can Cook;
- Can cook food supply;
- Can cook circular economy;
- Where we are now;
- Activity/Timeline; and

- What happens next.

In response to Member questions, Officers confirmed that:

- The project is funded up to March 2018;
- There is the possibility to role the project out other areas of the Council (i.e. Domiciliary care workers could also promote/assist with the provision of service);
- The project will be extended to other groups other than those in sheltered accommodation;
- There is the opportunity for traineeships and 'grow your own' products;
- The project is being developed and managed as a business and there is an enthusiasm to examine all areas where the project could be further developed;
- The role of food banks is still critical. However, their purpose is intended to be a temporary measure as opposed to a long term solution;
- Potential partners could include anyone, third sector, businesses;
- No figures exist, even on a nationwide basis, in respect of numbers of people who do not have enough food; and
- The current budget is £140k however this will decrease by £70k when the project income generates.

The Chair thanked the Officers for their informative presentation.

**RESOLVED** that the:

- a) presentation be **NOTED**; and
- b) The Chair write to all Members in order to raise awareness of the Food Enterprise initiative.

## 23 **ANTI-POVERTY ISSUES.**

Jane Whitmore, Partnership, Performance and Commissioning Manager, Poverty & Prevention, led a discussion on the prioritisation of Anti-Poverty issues.

She advised that no work would be required from the Committee in respect of the following:

- Community Growing;
- Community Buildings Strategy;
- Employee Pledge on Volunteering.

She stated that the tackling poverty research with other authorities was the subject of a scrutiny inquiry panel.

She then provided a presentation on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) document entitled 'We can Solve Poverty in the UK' and advised that this was an additional piece of work that would add value to the work ongoing elsewhere.

The presentation encompassed:

- JRF's definition of poverty;
- JRF – Minimum Income Standard (MIS);
- Details of the MIS;
- MIS as an indication of poverty;
- Poverty seldom result of one factor;
- Our vision for a poverty free UK;
- Working together;
- What to do – five key actions
- What Local Governments can do;
- Boost income/reduce cost;
- Improve the benefits system; and
- Improve education & raise skills.

The Partnership, Performance and Commissioning Manager stated that a Welsh version of the document would be published on 8 November, 2016. However, it was not known whether the Welsh version simply meant that the document would be published in Welsh or would be poverty from a Welsh perspective.

Members expressed concern as the document had previously been discussed at a Tackling Poverty Scrutiny Inquiry Panel on 26 September, 2016, when views from Third Sector organisations had been sought. It was apparent that similar bodies were examining the report, albeit with slightly different emphasis, but there appeared to be a lot of commonality. Whilst the document dealt with matters that were National policy, some matters were within the remit of local authority control (i.e. ensuring that the Authority does not award contracts to private companies who do not pay the living wage).

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The presentation be **NOTED**;
2. The current JRF document be circulated in paper format to Committee Members;
3. Members examine the document the discuss the issues that are specific to Swansea;
4. A paper copy of the Welsh version of the document be circulated following publication on 8 November 2016.

24 **ENERGY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN UPDATE.**

**RESOLVED** that the item be **DEFERRED**.

25 **WORK PLAN 2016-2017.**

**RESOLVED** that the work plan 2016-2017 be **NOTED**.

The meeting ended at 3.10 pm

**CHAIR**

# Agenda Item 4

## Energy Strategy Action Plan Update

10/11/2016

- Task and Finish Group to be set up to look into the feasibility of biomass, wind and solar on council general fund assets and land  
The T&F group will include representatives with technical, financial and other appropriate backgrounds and any other relevant stakeholders as required.
- The Energy Strategy Action plan is currently being updated to include realistic timelines, named responsible officers or (external resource if required) to progress the specific objective, along with a progress column so that the action plan can be updated quarterly to reflect progress.
- An Energy Asset working group will be set up with representatives across the authority (Waste, Energy, Transport, Education, Housing) that have relative experience to contribute on providing progress against specific targets in the action plan to allow it to be updated.
- The key objectives that the CAC will consider and assist with have been identified and prioritised by the CAC. As part of this process we will be reviewing resources required to deliver the programme specifically which elements will require bespoke external input i.e. consultancy.

# Agenda Item 6

## COMMUNITIES CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2016 - 2017

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| 09/06/16   | <b>Reviewing the Tackling Poverty Strategy</b> – Sarah Crawley   |
| 14/07/16   | <b>Tenancy Support Unit</b> – Jody Davies, Tenancy Support Unit  |
| 15/09/16   | <b>More Homes Strategy</b> – Dave Evans, Service Manager (Policy) & Carol Morgan, More Homes Development Manager   |
| 20/10/16   | <p><b>Food Enterprise</b> – Jane Whitmore &amp; Amanda Owen (Poverty &amp; Prevention) &amp; Gemma Lelliott – (Commercial Services) is also to attend for this item).</p> <p><b>Anti-Poverty Issues</b> - Jane Whitmore &amp; Anthony Richards (Poverty &amp; Prevention) will lead a discussion on prioritising the following areas of work: Community Growing; Community Buildings Strategy; Employee Pledge on Volunteering; Tackling Poverty Research from other Authorities; JRF document ‘We can solve poverty in the UK’.</p> |
| 10/11/16   | <p><b>Energy Strategy Action Plan Update</b> –Terri Shaw (Energy Manager) &amp; Andrew Shaw (Group Leader).</p> <p><b>JRF document ‘We can solve poverty in the UK’</b> – Member discussion.</p>   |
| 08/12/16   |  |
| 12/01/16   |  |
| 09/02/16   |  |
| 09/03/16   |  |
| 13/04/16   |  |
| ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED (but no specific dates agreed) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ward Member involvement in Tackling Poverty in Penderry – Cllr Hennegan.</li> <li>• Update on Restructuring of Communities First.</li> <li>• Welfare Reform &amp; Financial Inclusion – Poverty and Prevention Unit.</li> <li>• Food Enterprise Update.</li> </ul>  |