

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY 2020 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors C. Cuss, N. George, C. Gordon, Mrs B. Jones, P. Marsden, S. Morgan, Mrs L. Phipps and E. Stenner.

The Cabinet decisions are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant Cabinet report.

ITEM	SUBJECT	
1.	Apologies for absence.	There were no apologies for absence.
2.	Declarations of Interest.	Following clarification off the Monitoring Officer in relation to Cllr Barbara Jones, there were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes – 11th December 2019.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2019 were approved as a correct record.
4.	Cabinet Forward Work Programme	The Interim Chief Executive advised Cabinet that the Corporate Volunteering report that was scheduled for 29th January 2020 was to be deferred and a further meeting date is to be scheduled shortly. The Cabinet Forward Work Programme be noted.
EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN		
5.	Waste and Recycling Collection Systems	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the current kerbside collection system for co-mingled (mixed) materials be retained (subject to continuous satisfactory performance attainment and market sustainability); ii) that officers bring forward a further report detailing education and enforcement solutions in order to improve the quality of materials and increase participation in recycling services; iii) the frequency of residual waste collection be reviewed in the light of actual and projected recycling performance following implementation of the Working group's recommendations, noting that there would be a lead-in time to any changes and having regard to the requirement to meet the statutory recycling target of 70% in 2024/2025; iv) that, subject to agreement of a Memorandum of Understanding, the Authority's responsibility for the treatment of dry recyclables be delegated to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 with effect from 1st April 2020 for a period of 10 years;

		<p>v) the Interim Corporate Director for Communities be authorised to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the treatment of dry recyclables in Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council subject to consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services, Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, and the Section 151 Officer.</p>
6.	Valleys Task Force Crowdfunding Partnership Proposal	RESOLVED that the project be funded from Corporate/ Directorate reserve balances.
7.	Caerphilly Homes - #BuildingTogether	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers report: -</p> <p>i) the development be agreed, subject to planning approval of the HRA site in Nelson in order to access AHG (Affordable Housing Grant) prior to the end of March 2020 via a direct award to a partner Registered Social Landlord;</p> <p>ii) the development of the HRA sites in Bedwas and Trecenydd be agreed subject to viability testing and planning approval as set out in the report;</p> <p>iii) the principle of Caerphilly Homes acquiring new build affordable homes be agreed, via Section 106 Agreements in areas of housing need, subject to financial viability in terms of the Housing Business Plan;</p> <p>iv) the purchase via Section 106 Agreements of up to 10 affordable units per development be delegated to the Head of Service in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Places. Section 106 Agreements involving more than 10 affordable units will be subject to a report to Cabinet;</p> <p>v) proposals for General Fund land to be considered and appropriated to Caerphilly Homes for the development of affordable housing be agreed, subject to suitability and affordability. Further reports will be submitted as and when required on specific site proposals requesting appropriation from the General Fund to Caerphilly Homes for housing purposes;</p> <p>vi) that where HRA land is sold for new development it be approved that, 100% of the capital receipt be kept within the HRA and recycled to finance the Council's new build programme. Where there is no commitment to develop the land, there is an option to retain 25% of the receipt within the HRA and 75% utilised to repay debt (as in previous years with regards to the Right to Buy sales);</p> <p>vii) the exploration of innovative and commercial opportunities to facilitate the delivery of new affordable homes be supported, including the possibility of market sales, which on some sites may be necessary to ensure viability;</p>

		<p>viii) the engagement and commissioning of consultants and a development partner via recognised and compliant public sector procurement instruments i.e. via the SCAPE and Welsh procurement Alliance framework agreements (further explained in 5.5/6) be agreed. Each separate procurement arrangement will be undertaken with support and advice from the Council's Procurement Team and will be subject to separate reports being brought forward as appropriate.</p> <p>ix) the use of Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) including modular or partially modular homes together with a 'fabric first' approach to deliver the most energy efficient homes possible and respond to the zero carbon agenda be approved;</p> <p>x) the commissioning of an independent consultancy via a compliant framework agreement to undertake viability assessments of all suitable HRA land in order to develop a catalogue of commercially viable sites that can be developed over a 5 year period and form the basis of the Council's new build strategy be approved. This information will be used as the basis to develop 'shelf ready' schemes in preparation for the announcement of new Welsh Government Funding in 2021;</p> <p>xi) the creation of a Caerphilly Homes Development Team be approved to develop and drive forward the new #BuildingTogether programme as noted in 5.32 and 5.33 of the Officers Report;</p> <p>xii) the submission of a report to Council be approved which includes a request to borrow a further £14m to kick start the new build programme and other proposals contained in this report. Further details are contained in section 10 of the Officers Report;</p> <p>xiii) any unused borrowing from the £61m originally earmarked for WHQS be transferred to support the delivery of the new build programme. Further details are contained in section 10 of the Officers Report;</p> <p>xiv) It be noted that further reports will be submitted as and when required and details of specific schemes are known in order to advise members and where necessary seek Cabinet approval.</p>
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Date executive decisions to come into force and may be implemented (unless called in) – **5.00 pm on Monday 20th January 2020.**