



## **CABINET**

### **MINUTES OF THE MULTI-LOCATIONAL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 1PM**

#### **PRESENT:**

Councillor S. Morgan – Chair

#### **Councillors:**

J. Pritchard (Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration and Climate Change), C. Andrews (Cabinet Member for Education and Communities), S. Cook (Cabinet Member for Housing), N. George (Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Property), E. Forehead (Cabinet Member for Social Care), P. Leonard (Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection), C. Morgan (Cabinet Member for Waste, Leisure and Green Spaces), Cllr. J. Simmonds (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation) and E. Stenner (Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance).

#### **Together with:**

C. Harryh (Chief Executive), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services and Housing), M.S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment).

#### **Also in Attendance:**

S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), N. Taylor-Williams (Head of Housing), J. Lougher (Sport and Leisure Development Manager), J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer), S. Pugh (Head of Communications) E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer).

## **RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Leader reminded those present that the meeting was being live streamed, and a recording would be made available to view via the Council's website, except for discussions involving confidential or exempt items. [Click Here To View](#).

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There we no declarations of interest received.

**3. MINUTES – 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**4. MINUTES – 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**5. CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – TO NOTE**

Cabinet was provided with the Cabinet Forward Work Programme, which detailed the scheduled reports until 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

The Leader was pleased to see that the Forward Work Programme had been populated to so far in advance and reminded the Cabinet that as a live document it would be subject to change.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Forward Work Programme be noted. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

**6. BRYN CARNO FUNDING UPDATE.**

Consideration was given to the report which sought to update Cabinet on the Welsh Government's final decision on the funding settlement for the failed external wall insulation scheme on 86 properties at the Bryn Carno Estate, Rhymney.

Cabinet noted the Welsh Government decision to award a formal grant of £1.903m in relation to the remedial work on the 50 owner occupier properties affected in Bryn Carno, however this meant that the Caerphilly Homes contribution needed to be increased by £563,1000 to a total contribution to the project of £1,195,800. Officers confirmed that the funding would be found from within the current Business Plan and Housing Revenue Account.

Cabinet welcomed the report and that these issues could now be resolved for the residents of Bryn Carno who had their lives blighted by the failed insulation and that they could now be assured that a remedy was on its way.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved and by way of Microsoft Forms this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -

1. The update and decision by Welsh Government be noted.
2. The revised scheme, costs, delivery timeline and additional match funding contribution from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) in respect of Council owned properties, to deliver the tenure neutral scheme by Caerphilly Homes.

**7. FUTURE OF ISLWYN INDOOR BOWLS CLUB**

Consideration was given to the report which sought to update Cabinet on the latest position in relation to Islwyn Indoor Bowls Club and outlined the opportunities and constraints for the Council at present. The report also sought Cabinet approval for progressing a procurement process to secure a commercial operator for the management of the facility and enter into an appropriate agreement.

Cabinet placed on record their thanks to the Committee Members of the Islwyn Indoor Bowls Club and to Officers J. Lougher and M.S. Williams, for their all their hard work. Cabinet welcomed the report as a fantastic example of successful collaboration and of what can be achieved when working together and working differently. Community facilities such as this can be reinvigorated and retained.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved and by way of Microsoft Forms this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report:-

1. Officers be authorised to progress a procurement process to secure a commercial offer for the management of the facility, with a new agreement to be entered into with the successful provider for a period of 10 years (with options to extend) commencing at the start of the 2023 indoor bowls season (September 2023).
2. The commercial agreement ensures that the Bowls section is to remain as the primary focus of the facility and this element continues to be organised by the Islwyn Indoor Bowls Committee be approved.

## **8. PUBLIC INTEREST TEST**

Members considered the Public Interest Test and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was: -

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 and 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **9. EXTENSION TO FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT DUE TO EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES – CORPORATE SERVICES**

Following full consideration, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained in the report be approved and by way of Microsoft Forms this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report the recommendation at 3.1 be approved.

The meeting closed at 13.20 p.m.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

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CHAIR