



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL 2012 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor A.J. Pritchard - Chairman

Councillors:

L. Ackerman (Public Services and Housing), P.J. Bevan (Education, Lifelong Learning and Leisure), R. Davies (Regeneration and Planning), J.E. Fussell (Human Resources), R.W. Gough (Public Protection, Engineering and Transport), C.P. Mann (Corporate Finance, Procurement and Sustainability), J.A. Pritchard (Social Services).

Together with:

A. O'Sullivan (Chief Executive), N. Barnett (Deputy Chief Executive), S. Aspinall (Corporate Director Education, Lifelong Learning and Leisure), A. Heaney (Corporate Director Social Services).

Also present:

C. Jones (Head of Performance and Property Services), E. Lucas (Head of Procurement), J. Moore (Service Manager, Children's Services), M. Lloyd (Highways Operation Group Manager), M. Headington (Principal Officer, Outdoor Facilities and Bereavement Services), B. Thomson-Payne (Property Review Officer), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Professor Sylvia Griffiths, Diane Holdroyd and Philip Morgan, members of the Standards Committee, who were attending as observers.

754 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor C. Hobbs.

755 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

756 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 3rd April 2012 (minute nos. 743-753; page nos. 367-370) be approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED**757 SOUTH EAST WALES FOSTERING AND RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT**

The report, which had been considered by the Health Social Care and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee on 27th March 2012, outlines proposals for Caerphilly CBC to enter into two collaborative framework agreements in relation to the commissioning of independent fostering and residential placements with local authority partners from across the South Wales region.

It is proposed that the Authority, alongside other local authorities, develops a regional procurement framework, which aims to provide value for money placements, increase placement choice and further improve outcomes for looked after children. Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC will act as the lead authority for the purpose of establishing the framework, which will be conducted under the governance structure of the Welsh Purchasing Consortium.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the proposals for Caerphilly County Borough Council to enter into the framework agreements as detailed in the report, be approved.

758 PROVISION/UPDATE OF BYE-LAWS FOR PARKS, PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

The report was considered by the Living Environment Scrutiny Committee on 20th March 2012.

The report sets out draft proposals, which following extensive consultation and agreement by Cabinet, can be sent to the Welsh Government for approval prior to adoption in the Caerphilly County Borough. The proposals are set against the changing lifestyles of residents and visitors to parks, pleasure grounds and open spaces in the county borough and the adoption of new areas from housing, commercial developments and the establishment of community partnership facilities.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the draft bye-laws be submitted to the Welsh Government and the aim of establishing a full set of up-to-date bye-laws covering parks, play areas and open spaces, be approved.

759 NEW ROADS IN CAERPHILLY - HIGHWAYS DESIGN GUIDE AND SPECIFICATION

The report was considered by the Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 3rd April 2012.

The Council's previous highway design guide for residential and industrial development has been updated to accommodate current design standards, construction methods and Government guidance in two volumes. Volume 1 contains the framework within which developers should design new roads that they will offer for adoption and volume 2 contains the specification for such work and a set of standard detail drawings.

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

1. The "New Roads in Caerphilly" document be formally adopted as a required Council standard.
2. Future technical updates to "New Roads in Caerphilly" be undertaken by officers using delegated powers.
3. "New Roads in Caerphilly" be sold to developers as hard copy only at a cost of

£150.00 per volume and updates be charged at £25.00 per annum. These costs to be reviewed annually by officers with the aggregate increase not exceeding an average of 5% over any 5 year period.

4. The accompanying CD to "New Roads in Caerphilly" of standard construction details be sold to developers at a cost of £200.00 each and on subsequent subscription at £50.00 per annum. These costs also to be reviewed each year by officers as set out in paragraph 9.3 of the report.

760 HIGHWAY HIERARCHY

The report was considered by the Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 3rd April 2012.

The Council's Highway Hierarchy is included within the Local Development Plan, in which the Strategic Routes, County Roads and Distributor Roads are all listed by name. Approval was sought for the three Angel Way link Roads and the former A469 road through Bargoed and Gilfach to be included within the list of Distributor Roads in order to give some protection to them from future development. The roads were not listed in the LDP as they have only recently opened to traffic.

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

1. The following four roads be considered as distributor roads for the purpose of Policy SP20 (C) of the LDP:-
 - (a) CI.III Angel Way (A469) Britannia Roundabout to A4049 Aberbargoed Roundabout.
 - (b) CI.III Angel Way (A469) Bargoed Roundabout to A4049 Commercial Street, Aberbargoed.
 - (c) CI.III Angel Way (A469) Bargoed Roundabout to CI.III Cardiff Road, Bargoed.
 - (d) CI.III Lewis Comprehensive School Gilfach to Station Road Roundabout.
2. All distributor roads to be revised at the first review of the LDP.

761 FOCHRIW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Approval was sought in principle to lease the site of Fochriw Community Centre to the Management Committee on the basis of a 25 year lease to enable the Committee to apply for external funding to extend the building to accommodate the youth service.

Due to building condition concerns, Fochriw Youth Centre was closed during the summer term 2011. Since this time, the Youth Centre has been relocated on a temporary basis within Fochriw Community Centre. This has meant a reorganisation of the Community Centre's timetable, which is not sustainable on a permanent basis.

A Task and Finish Group was established to fully investigate the feasibility for a permanent location for the Youth Centre and possible funding routes. The Group concluded that the only viable option available is to extend the community centre to provide suitable accommodation for the youth service, thus alleviating the pressure on limited space and enabling the continuation for the service delivery in the long term.

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

1. The principle of leasing Fochriw Community Centre to Fochriw Management

Committee be approved on terms to be agreed by the Head of Performance and Property Services, including the power to lease the property for less than best price reasonably obtainable in the interests of the social and economic well being of Fochriw and the whole of the County Borough.

2. Should the extension proceed, land currently held by HRA pass to Community Education along with associated maintenance obligations.

MATTERS THAT REQUIRED A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

762 INTEGRATED ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE

The report updated Cabinet on the issues and challenges facing the future development of education support services including the implications of participating in a collaborative venture with the other four authorities in the South East Wales Consortium (Newport, Monmouth, Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent). Details were received of the revised financial implications as a result of the changes to the Outline Business Case together with the personnel implications.

The background to the collaborative arrangement was set out in detail in the report to Council dated 1st November 2011. Since that date, consultation has been undertaken with stakeholders and as a result, an amended Outline Business Case has been produced (Appendix 1 to the report). Further updates will be provided as the proposed collaborative arrangement progresses.

Cabinet endorsed the recommendations in the report and RECOMMENDED that: -

1. The final version of the Outline Business Case attached as Appendix 1 to the report be approved and officers be authorised to progress the collaborative arrangements.
2. The report be referred to Council for approval.

The meeting closed at 2.50 pm.

Approved as a correct record subject to any corrections or amendments made at the meeting held on 29th May 2012.

CHAIRMAN