



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor H.A. Andrews - Chairman

Councillors:

C. Forehead (Human Resources and Governance/Business Manager), D.T. Hardacre (Performance and Asset Management), K. James (Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development), G. Jones (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing), R. Passmore (Education and Lifelong Learning), D.V. Poole (Community and Leisure Services), K.V. Reynolds (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services), T.J. Williams (Highways, Transportation and Engineering), R. Woodyatt (Social Services).

Together with:

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

Also present:

D. Perkins (Monitoring Officer), G. Evans (Senior Manager Library Services), N. Scammell (Head of Corporate Finance), R. Tanner (Strategic Planning and Urban renewal Manager), E. Sullivan (Committee Services Officer).

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

43. TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUPS

The report reviewed and proposed amendments to the terms of reference of Town Centre Management Groups.

In order to ensure that Town Centre Management Groups continue to contribute to the viability of town centres across the Borough the revised terms of reference sought to define the groups' membership and incorporate those Wards where residents regularly used the

Town Centre in question. Voting and selection procedures and reporting mechanisms would also be clarified under the amended terms of reference.

Members fully considered the revised terms of reference as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the revised terms of reference for the Town Centre Management Groups, as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

44. PROPOSAL TO RE-OPEN ABERBARGOED LIBRARY, PANT STREET, INCORPORATING A MULTI-AGENCY INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTRE

The report sought Cabinet approval to reopen the former Library at Pant Street, Aberbargoed and to further develop the facility as a Multi-Agency Information and Resource Centre.

Members noted the proposed range of additional services that would be incorporated into the facility and fully considered the modifications, improvements and costs that would be required on site in order to bring the building to a suitable condition for re-use. Members acknowledged and welcomed the benefits that the enhanced facilities would have for the community of Aberbargoed and commended Officers for their support, hard work, imagination and innovation in this endeavour.

RESOLVED that for the reason contained in the officer's report, the proposal to reopen Aberbargoed Library, Pant Street, and further develop the facility as a Multi-Agency Information and Resource Centre be approved.

45. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIONS ON A SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

The report reviewed the options available to Members (following the change in political control of the Council), in terms of Local Authority Representation on Governing Bodies.

The different options contained in the report were clarified and it was noted that a review of the positions currently held by former Councillors would minimise disruption to schools and shorten the timescale to full Local Authority representation on Governing Bodies for the forthcoming Annual General Meetings. Members noted that amending the process agreed in 1999 to a Cabinet only decision would further expedite any future reviews ensuring that appointments can be made in a timely fashion.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the recommendations in relation to the Local Authority nominations on school Governing Bodies be approved: -

1. Cabinet review the positions currently held by former Councillors (those who lost their seat in 2012 May election).
2. The process as agreed in 1999 be amended so that the final decision rests with Cabinet.

MATTERS THAT REQUIRED A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

46. EXEMPT MATTERS

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 its was: -

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A(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 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

47. BARGOED RETAIL DEVELOPMENT PLATEAU PHASE 2

Consideration was given to the report, with regard to Phase 2 of the Bargoed Retail Development Plateau.

RECOMMENDED to Council that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the recommendations at paragraph 9 in the report be approved.

The meeting closed at 2.43 p.m.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 18th September 2012.

CHAIRMAN