



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN, ON TUESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 2012 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor H.A. Andrews - Chairman

Councillors:

Mrs C. Forehead (HR & Governance/Business Manager), D. Hardacre (Performance and Asset Management), K. James (Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development), G. Jones (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing), 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), S. Aspinall (Corporate Director Education and Lifelong Learning), A. Heaney (Corporate Director Social Services),

Also present:

N. Scammell (Head of Corporate Finance), C. Jones (Head of Performance and Property).

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

69. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 16th October 2012 (minute nos. 61-67; page nos. 29-31) be approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

70. PROVISIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT 2013/14

The report informed Members of the Provisional Local Government Settlement for revenue and capital funding for 2013/14, announced on 16th October 2012.

The overall average increase in Aggregate Exchequer Finance (AEF) for all Local Authorities, including 'transfers in' of former grant funding is 8.7%, CCBC's overall increase being 7.9%. The 'transfers in' of grant have been historically passported in full to service areas to ensure

service delivery remains unaffected. The overall increase in AEF after adjusting for 'transfers in' is 1.22% for Wales and 1.19% for Caerphilly.

The provisional settlement for CCBC for 2013/14, after taking out 'transfers in', shows an increase of £3,063k. This is £420k less than expected as the anticipated amount included in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) based on Welsh Government's announcement last year was £3,483k. The MTFP would consequently need to be revised to take this into account.

Members were disappointed with Welsh Government's decision to top slice £10m across Wales (£630k for Caerphilly) for a WG collaboration pot and with the lack of an indicative allocation for 2015/2016. It was noted that announcements on specific grant funding by WG would follow over the next five months and that the final settlement was due to be announced on 5th December 2012.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, Members noted the report and expressed disappointment, in particular, in relation to the last minute top slice by Welsh Government of £10m across Wales (£630k for Caerphilly CBC) for a Welsh Government collaboration pot and the lack of an indicative allocation for 2015/2016.

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 it 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 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

71. LAND AT MILL ROAD, CAERPHILLY

The report sought approval in principle to dispose of the former meals on wheels kitchen and land at the rear of the former gas works site on Mill Road, Caerphilly.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the recommendations at paragraph 8 in the report be approved.

The meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 13th November 2012.

CHAIRMAN