



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN, ON TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 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), R. Passmore (Education and Lifelong Learning), 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:

P. G. Davy (Head of Programmes), G. Evans (Interim Manager, Community Education), E. Pryce (Senior Adviser, Performance and ICT), K. Cole (Manager, Learning Education & Inclusion), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

73. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 30th October 2012 (minute nos. 68-71; page nos. 32-33) be approved and signed as a correct record.

74. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY PANEL

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2012 (minute nos. 1-4; page nos. 1-3) were noted.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

75. CHERRY TREE INNOVATION CENTRE, OAKDALE BUSINESS PARK

The report outlined a proposal to locate the WHQS Delivery Team at Cherry Tree Innovation Centre, Oakdale Business Park. The Council owned building is one of a number of office

buildings constructed at Oakdale approximately six years ago. The scheme was part of a diversification strategy to attract wider employment types to the Business Park. Despite competitive rentals, the building has remained vacant since it was built and the Council continues to incur costs of utility services and business rates.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the use of Cherry Tree Innovation Centre, Oakdale Business Park, be approved as the office base for the WHQS Delivery Team and the cost of the adaptations be met from the HRA. In view of pressure on the timescale for the delivery of WHQS, the adaptations be implemented as soon as practical to expedite the accommodation moves.

76. PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS IN WALES - ANNUAL LIBRARY UPDATE REPORT 2011-2012

The report, which was considered by the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee on 6th November 2012, informed members of progress made by the Caerphilly County Borough Library Service in seeking to meet the 4th Framework of Welsh Government Public Library Standards and Performance Indicators during 2011-2012.

Caerphilly County Borough Library Service met or exceeded 6 of 9 Welsh Government Public Library Standards in 2011-12. The County Borough's performance is deemed as average, when compared to Wales as a whole. For the purpose of comparison, the average number of Standards achieved by Welsh library authorities in 2011-12 was 6 the highest number achieved by an authority was 8 and the lowest was 3. Areas where concerns have been raised by Welsh Government assessors relate to safeguarding adequate levels of future investment in book and non book materials and the need to review the present level of professional staffing in place.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the Welsh Government Public Library Standards Annual Report 2011-2012 be approved.

77. STANDARDS OF PUPIL ATTAINMENT IN CAERPHILLY - FOUNDATION PHASE, KEY STAGE 2, KEY STAGE 3 (FINAL)

The report informed Members of pupils' attainment in teacher assessment at Foundation Phase, Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 (Final).

Each of the tables at 3.5, 3.7 and 3.9 in the report show Caerphilly pupil performance at the end of each phase / stage of education in 2012, compared with both the national average and Caerphilly results in the previous year. There are also columns, which give Caerphilly's rank position out of the 22 local authorities in Wales. For key stages 1 – 3 the figures shown are the percentage of pupils achieving the 'expected level' at the end of the key stage.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the information contained in the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 2.18 pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 27th November 2012.

CHAIRMAN