



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN, ON TUESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY 2013 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor H.A. Andrews - Chairman

Councillors:

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), S. Aspinall (Corporate Director - Education and Lifelong Learning), D. Street (Interim Corporate Director - Social Services).

Also present:

R. Hartshorn (Head of Public Protection), M. Lloyd (Highways Operations Group Manager), T. Shaw (Head of Engineering Services), M.S. Williams (Head of Community and Leisure Services), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors C. Forehead and D.T. Hardacre. An apology had also been received from Joel Price, Vice Chair of the Youth Forum, for agenda item 3.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor H.A. Andrews and K.V. Reynolds declared an interest in agenda item 4(4) and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

118. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 29th January 2013 (minute nos. 103-110; page nos. 48-50) and 5th February 2013 (minute nos. 111-116; page nos. 51-53) be approved and signed as a correct record.

119. CAERPHILLY JUNIOR AND YOUTH FORUM PRESENTATION

The Chair welcomed Lewis Harding (Chair to the Youth Forum), Clare Jones (Youth Forum Coordinator) and Councillor Mike Prew (Youth Champion) to the meeting. Unfortunately Joel Price, Vice Chair to the Forum, was unable to attend and had forwarded his apologies.

Lewis thanked the Chair for the opportunity to be able to address the Cabinet. By means of a digital story and PowerPoint presentation, he outlined the issues that the Forum had chosen to explore in the year ahead, under the four corporate themes of Regeneration, Education, Health Social Care and Well-Being and the Environment.

The issue that had received the largest number of votes (32%) and which had therefore been chosen by the Youth Forum as its Priority Issue for 2014 falls within the Environment theme and relates to the need for better leisure facilities, more activity choices at a lower cost and improved advertising. The Youth Forum proposed that they work with Leisure to develop a smart card reward system to develop fitness sessions for all ages at the outdoor gym at Cefn Fforest and to create a phone application for the smartcard. Cabinet support was sought to develop the phone application to gain wider support for the reward system and to explore the feasibility of a free return journey on public transport when using a leisure facility. In addition, the Forum were also hoping for more outdoor gyms to be provided across the County Borough in the future.

The Chair thanked Lewis for his excellent presentation and discussion took place on how the Authority could assist with the ideas put forward. The reward scheme was considered to be an excellent idea that would help to retain present customers and reward customer loyalty for using our facilities. In terms of outdoor gyms, a programme of activities would be developed to encourage greater use of the outdoor gym at Cefn Forest. This would help provide evidence that further gyms would be a sound investment and provide value for money. Members also supported the development of a phone application in principle subject to further investigation of software and setting up costs. As far as the transport initiative is concerned, further consideration would need to be given to the financial implications bearing in mind that commercial providers are involved. Officers would further explore how best the Authority could support the Youth Forum in addressing these issues.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED**120. DOG CONTROL ORDERS**

The report had been considered by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 11th December 2012.

The report sets out the results of a consultation exercise and seeks approval to introduce a Dog Control Order to exclude dogs from enclosed children's play areas and Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's). Members were advised that if a Dog Control Order is made in respect of land, any designation under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 ceases to have effect hence the need for the second proposed order.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report Dog Control Orders be made in respect of:-

1. The exclusion of dogs from enclosed children's play areas and from Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's).
2. Failing to remove dog faeces from enclosed children's play areas and from Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's).

121. LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The report updates Members on progress with the preparation of the Council's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) and seeks approval for the draft LFRMS.

Under the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) has been designated as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA). As such CCBC has responsibility to produce a LFRMS. The draft LFRMS, together with all supporting documents, has been submitted to Welsh Government (WG) at the end of January 2013 to meet their stipulated timescale. WG may approve the draft strategy, with or without modification, or reject it. However, as part of the statutory consultation process in developing the strategy an informal draft was forwarded to WG during the consultation period and they responded back with positive feedback, which has been taken into account. If any significant further comments are received from WG a further report to Cabinet will be provided.

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

1. The draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) be accepted as the mechanism for the reduction of flood risk within CCBC and the draft LFRMS be approved as the Authority's approach.
2. Officers update Welsh Government on Caerphilly's approach to the LFRMS.

122. TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS SERVICES FOR WALES

The report outlines the consultation of the Strategic Programme for Change Report (SPfCR) published in December 2012.

Local Authorities were asked to comment on the consultation SPfCR by 31st January 2013 to enable the report to be finalised and reported to the WLGA Council meeting on 22nd February 2013. At that meeting endorsement of the final SPfCR will be sought as well as the work stream scoping programme plans and resource requirements. The ten work streams that have been identified as a result of the Transport High Level Review and which the Council is being asked to comment on will be led by either WG officials or Local Authority Directors supported by a project team drawn from WG, Local Authorities and RTC. The suggested work streams based on the evidence gathered in the Transport High Level Report are set out in the report.

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

1. The 10 workstreams outlined in the Consultation Strategic Programme for Change Report be supported in principle and CCBC's response letter to Welsh Government to the deadline of 31st January be noted.
2. The timetable and process for the progression of the draft Strategic Programme for Change Report document be noted.
3. Should the contents of the final Strategic Programme for Change Document be significantly changed, a further report be presented to Cabinet.

123. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SPORT AND LEISURE SERVICE

Councillors H. A. Andrews and K.V. Reynolds declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during its consideration. Councillor G. Jones took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

This report sets out how the Sport & Leisure Service can continue to contribute to the aims and objectives of the Authority while streamlining its management structure to achieve financial savings and ensure that the structure is fit for purpose. Cabinet approval was sought to proceed with consultation on the proposals.

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

1. Cabinet noted the restructure proposals within the report and agreed that the Head of Community & Leisure Services progress formal consultation with staff, relevant trade unions and the Regeneration & Environment Scrutiny Committee.
2. The Head of Community & Leisure Services present a further report on the outcome of the consultation before proceeding with the restructure proposals.

The meeting closed at 3.23 p.m.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 5th March 2013.

CHAIRMAN