



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN, ON TUESDAY, 5TH MARCH 2013 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor H.A. Andrews - Chairman

Councillors:

Mrs C. Forehead (HR & 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), S. Aspinall (Corporate Director Education and Lifelong Learning), D. Street (Interim Corporate Director Social Services).

Also present:

S. Couzens (Chief Housing Officer), H. Rees (Programme Manager), N. Scammell (Head of Corporate Finance), R. Kyte (Team Leader, Strategic and Development Planning), D. Lucas (Principal Planner, Strategic and Development Plan Team), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda item 3(2): Councillor G. Jones declared an interest as an employee of GAVO. Councillors D.T. Hardacre, Mrs C. Forehead and R. Woodyatt were advised that there was no requirement for them to declare an interest in this item as community councillors. All Members remained in the meeting during consideration of this item.

128. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19th February 2013 (minute nos. 117-123; page nos. 54-57) be approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

129. MAES-Y-DERWEN, TREDOMEN

The report recommended that the Authority enters into a partnership arrangement with United Welsh Housing Association in respect of the use of Maes-y-Derwen, Tredomen, as temporary accommodation for single homeless persons.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the proposal that the Authority enters into a partnership arrangement with United Welsh Housing Association in the manner outlined in paragraph 2.4 of the report, subject to the successful acquisition and that Maes-y-Derwen be commissioned as a single person supported housing scheme, be approved.

130. NEW COMPACT AGREEMENT 2013-2014

Councillor G. Jones declared an interest in this matter as an employee of GAVO.

Cabinet endorsement was sought for a revised Voluntary and Community Sector Compact entitled 'Delivering Together - Compact Agreement 2013 - 2017'.

Since 1999 Caerphilly County Borough Council and key partners in the County Borough have held a Compact Agreement with the local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to ensure consistent standards in respect of consultation, funding, volunteering and community development. All members of Caerphilly Local Service Board are Compact Partners, together with South Wales Fire and Rescue Service. In this fifth Compact Agreement the Caerphilly borough Community and Town Councils and Caerphilly Business Forum are becoming Compact Partners for the first time. The new Police and Crime Commissioner Office (previously Gwent Police Authority) has also signed up to the Compact.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the new Compact Agreement be endorsed.

131. WRITE-OFF OF DEBTS OVER £20,000 - NNDR ARREARS FOR LTD COMPANIES

Approval was sought to write-off three NNDR debts where, in each case, the individual debt is greater than £20,000. Details of the debts are set out in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 of the report.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the debts detailed in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 of the report be written-off on the grounds that they are irrecoverable.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

132. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE - REPORT OF CONSULTATION

Members were advised of an error in paragraph 1.1 of the covering report i.e. the final sentence should end after '*as a result of the comments made during the consultation period*'.

The report, which had been considered by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 19th February 2013, provided Members with a summary of the comments received as part of the consultation on the Council's Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Community Infrastructure Levy.

RECOMMENDED to Council that for the reasons contained in the officer's report:-

1. The proposed changes to the CIL documentation that are outlined in the Report of Consultation, be agreed.
2. The amended CIL documents, as a basis for statutory public consultation, be agreed.
3. The amended CIL documentation be the subject of consultation commencing Wednesday, 20th March 2013 and closing on Wednesday, 1st May 2013.

EXEMPT MATTER

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 100(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 paragraphs 12 and 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

133. WRITE-OFF OF DEBTS OVER £20,000 - NNDR ARREARS

The report provided details of an amount of business rate that the Authority is required to write off as a bad debt.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the recommendation set out at paragraph 9.1 of the report be approved.

The meeting closed at 2.25 pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 19th March 2013.

CHAIRMAN