



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN, ON TUESDAY, 4TH JUNE 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), G. Jones (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing), K. James (Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development), 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:

N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services and S151), D. Street (Acting Director Social Services), G. Williams (Monitoring Officer).

Also present:

T. Shaw (Head of Engineering Services), P. Elliott (Head of Planning and Regeneration), S. Harris (Acting Head of Corporate Finance), H. Morgan (Team Leader, Integrated Transport Unit), V. Lewis (Senior Planning Officer - Strategic and Development Plans), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from S. Aspinall (Acting Deputy Chief Executive) and N. Barnett (Acting Chief Executive).

156. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest raised at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

157. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 30th April 2013 (minute nos. 147-155; page nos. 71-74) be approved and signed as a correct record.

158. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY PANEL

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2013 be noted.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

159. REVIEW OF SUBSIDISED LOCAL BUS SERVICES

The Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee considered the report on 21st May 2013. The Scrutiny Committee unanimously endorsed the recommendations contained therein and in addition, proposed that officers explore the feasibility of the cost of the contract for security cover at Blackwood Interchange being negotiated with the company concerned.

Cabinet considered the report in detail, together with the views of the Scrutiny Committee. It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations set out below be endorsed. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

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

1. The recommendations set out at Appendix 1 to the report be progressed.
2. A further report be brought back to Cabinet when discussions on the cost of the contract for security cover at Blackwood Interchange have been completed.

160. GELLIGAER CEMETERY EXTENSION

The Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee considered the report on 21st May 2013 and endorsed the recommendations contained therein. The report sought approval for a joint working project between Caerphilly CBC and Cardiff University Archaeological Department at Gelligaer Cemetery extension site.

Cabinet considered the report in detail, together with the views of the Scrutiny Committee. It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations in the report be endorsed together with an additional recommendation 3. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

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

1. The content of the report and the proposals for a joint working venture to undertake archaeological investigative works to facilitate the extension to Gelligaer Cemetery be noted.
2. Any artefacts discovered on site be donated to the National Museum of Wales.
3. A report on the implications for the future provision of burial space in this area be prepared for Members' consideration.

EXEMPT MATTER

Copies of the public interest test and the exempt report were circulated for Members' consideration and collected at the end of the meeting.

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 paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

161. TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Acting Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer explained the background to this highly confidential report and the steps that had been taken in an attempt to reduce the risk of the information being leaked into the public domain. Any Member wishing to view the exempt report following this meeting would be asked to contact the Council's Acting Head of Corporate Finance or in his absence, the Acting Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer. An email would be sent to all Members of the Council to this effect following the Cabinet meeting. The Council's External Auditors, PWC, had been advised of this procedure.

The Acting Head of Corporate Finance highlighted the key issues within the report.

Following consideration of the information received, it was proposed and seconded that the recommendations contained in the report be endorsed. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed. Councillor K.V. Reynolds had left the meeting prior to the decision being taken.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the recommendations at paragraph 9.1 be endorsed.

The meeting closed at 2.54 pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 18th June 2013.

CHAIRMAN