



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN, ON TUESDAY, 2ND JULY 2013 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor H.A. Andrews - Chairman

Councillors:

Mrs C. Forehead (HR & Governance/Business Manager), K. James (Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development), G. Jones (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing), Mrs R. Passmore (Education and Lifelong Learning), D.V. Poole (Community and Leisure Services), T.J. Williams (Highways, Transportation and Engineering).

Together with:

S. Aspinall (Acting Deputy Chief Executive), N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services and S151), D. Street (Acting Director Social Services).

Also present:

T. Broadhurst (Section Head – Estates), H.C. Morgan (Senior Committee Services Officer), R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer).

MEDIA STATEMENT

Councillor H.A. Andrews read a media statement that had been released by the Council that afternoon:

“We were informed this morning by Avon and Somerset Police that two senior council employees have been arrested and are being interviewed. We have been advised by the police it would be inappropriate to comment further at this stage, but we will continue to co-operate fully with the ongoing investigation”.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors D.T. Hardacre (Performance and Asset Management), K.V. Reynolds (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services) and R. Woodyatt (Social Services).

169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D.V. Poole declared an interest in agenda item 4.1 in respect of Former Pengam Boys and Girls Club. Details are minuted with the respective item.

170. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 18th June 2013 (minute nos. 162-168; page nos. 78-81) be approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED**171. FORMER PENGAM BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

Councillor D.V. Poole declared an interest in this item (as he had previously held discussions with officers and representatives of Fleur-de-lys Boxing Club) and left the meeting during the discussion.

The Section Head, Estates, presented a report, the purpose of which was to seek approval, in principle, to lease the site of the former Pengam Boys and Girls Club to Fleur-de-lys Boxing Club on the basis of a 25 year lease on terms to be agreed. Furthermore, in the interim period, the report also sought to grant a licence to occupy in order to formalise the current occupation.

During the term of the lease, Fleur-de-lys Boxing Club were given permission to use the premises by the Trustees. The Trustees no longer have a requirement for the building and, as such, the boxing club has requested the lease be renewed in their name. This arrangement will formalise their use and will assist them when applying for suitable funding opportunities.

On receipt of the boxing club's application, the building was inspected and found to be showing signs of wear and tear. Subsequent health and safety and building surveys were undertaken which identified substantial defects, and the building is in urgent need of general maintenance and modernisation and has suffered from lack of investment.

Cabinet considered the report in detail. It was proposed and seconded that the recommendations in the report be endorsed. By a show of hands, this was unanimously agreed.

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

1. In principle, the Former Pengam Boys and Girls Club be leased to Fleur-de-Lys Boxing Club on terms to be agreed by the Head of Performance and Property Services, including the power to lease the property for less than best price reasonably obtainable in the interests of the social and economic well being of the local community and the whole of the County Borough.
2. In the interim period, a licence be granted to formalise the occupation to set out building management responsibilities (there will be no rental fee in connection with the interim licence agreement).
3. Should Fleur-de-Lys Boxing Club fail to develop a suitable business case and secure the necessary funding within 24 months of the agreement in principle, a further Cabinet report shall be prepared to consider the future options for the site.

The meeting closed at 2.13 pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 16th July 2013.

CHAIRMAN