



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN, ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH MARCH 2014 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor H.A. Andrews - Chairman

Councillors:

Mrs C. Forehead (HR and 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), 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:

S. A. Rosser (Interim Chief Executive), Mrs S. Aspinall (Acting Deputy Chief Executive), Mrs N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer), Mr G. Jenkins (Assistant Director Children's Services).

Also in Attendance:

R. Hartshorn (Head of Public Protection), M. Lloyd (Highway Operations Group Manager), C. Jones (Head of Performance and Property), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

314. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs R. Passmore (Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning) and Mr D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services).

315. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

316. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meetings be approved and signed as a correct record: -

1. Cabinet held on 26th February 2014 (minute nos. 302-304; page nos. 154-155).

2. Cabinet held on 5th March 2014 (minute nos. 305-313; page nos. 156-159).

317. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY PANEL

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2014 (minute nos. 1-6; page nos. 1-4) were noted.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

318. CONTROL OF HORSES (WALES) ACT 2014

The Control of Horses (Wales) Act 2014 came into force on 27th January 2014. The Act provides a legislative tool for local authorities to use in combating and controlling the problems associated with fly grazing including the straying and abandonment of horses and ponies and actions by irresponsible horse owners who allow their horses to graze on land without the landowner's consent. The report sought approval for officers within the Public Protection Division to be given authorisation under the Act to enforce the legislation. This will require an amendment to the Council's Constitution to include reference to the Act in the scheme of delegation.

Following consideration and discussion, the recommendations in the report were moved and seconded. By a show of hands they were unanimously approved.

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

1. The implementation of this legislation be noted and the recommended changes to the Council's Constitution to be incorporated by the Council's Interim Monitoring Officer be endorsed.
2. The Council's Constitution and Terms of Reference be amended by adding the following:

Control of Horses (Wales) Act 2014.

319. PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROTOCOL IN RELATION TO ADVERTISING ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY

The report, which proposed the introduction of a new protocol in relation to advertising on the public highway, was considered by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 18th February 2014.

Members were advised that over the past few years there had been an increase in the number of 'A' Frame Advertising Boards and other speculative advertising features placed on the public highway or attached to street furniture. There are currently no formal protocols or procedures in place for approving 'A' frame advertising on the public highway or dealing with unauthorised advertising on the public highway and it is intended that implementation of the protocol will provide clarity for officers and businesses as well as ensuring compliance with the Highways Act 1980. There would be a fee of £25 per application associated with the implementation and management of the scheme.

Following consideration and discussion, the recommendations in the report were moved and seconded subject to officers consulting further with appropriate parties with regard to the term of the licence and a report being brought back to Members following the consultation. By a show of hands this was unanimously approved.

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

1. The draft protocol in relation to advertising on the public highway be endorsed.
2. Officers consult further with appropriate parties with regard to the term of the licence and a report be brought back to Members following the consultation.

320. RISK MANAGEMENT - CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

The report, which provides an update on the Corporate Risk Register, had been presented to the Audit Committee on 5th March 2014.

The Council's Risk Management Strategy, which was accepted by Audit Committee on 17th September 2013 and subsequently Cabinet on 2nd October 2013, identifies that the Corporate Risk Register should be owned and understood by Cabinet and Corporate Management Team (CMT) and that the Audit Committee would be the guardians of the strategy.

The most recent version of the Council's Corporate Risk Register is attached at Appendix 1 to the report. To reflect the latest 6 monthly review the previous 12 months results are recorded to allow any trends over a period of 18 months to be highlighted. In response to the WAO findings from its Corporate Governance Review, CMT increased discussions on the Risk Register to monthly from February 2014.

Following consideration and discussion, the recommendation in the report was moved and seconded. By a show of hands it was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, Cabinet approved the Corporate Risk Register update as part of its ongoing commitment to regularly reviewing the register.

321. FOSTER CARERS RETAINER PAYMENTS

The report, which informed Members of changes to the Foster Carer Retainer Payments Policy, was considered by the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 11th February 2014.

The proposed policy will introduce a system where the criteria for retainer payments is more equitable for all carers and will ensure that the Authority is comparative with other local authorities and independent sector foster care agencies. Full consultation on the proposals contained in the report had taken place and all current foster carers were informed in writing of the proposals and given an opportunity to respond.

Following consideration and discussion, the recommendation in the report was moved and seconded. By a show of hands it was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the content of the report be noted and the implementation of the Policy from 1st April 2014 be endorsed.

The meeting closed at 2.28 pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 2nd April 2014.

CHAIRMAN