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**CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors: C. Andrews, E. Forehead, J. Pritchard, E. Stenner, P. Leonard, C. Morgan, N. George and S. Cook

The Cabinet decisions are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant Cabinet report.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
1.	Apologies for absence.	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S. Morgan - Leader of the Council and S. Harris - Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer.	Not Applicable
2.	Declarations of Interest.	<p>Councillor E. Forehead declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to <b><u>Agenda Item 8 Universal Credit and 53 Week Years</u></b> in that a close family member is in receipt of Universal Credit.</p> <p>As this was a personal and prejudicial interest, the Member left the meeting and did not participate in the debate and vote.</p> <p>Councillor E. Stenner declared a Personal interest in relation to <b><u>Agenda Item 9 To Seek Approval to Consult on A Draft Strategic Vision for Library Services</u></b> in that she is a Director of White Rose Resource Centre, which was mentioned within the report.</p> <p>As this was a personal interest only, the Member could participate in the debate and vote and remained in the meeting.</p>	Not Applicable
3.	Minutes – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024.	The minutes of Cabinet held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 were approved as a correct record.	Unanimously
4.	Minutes – Cabinet as Trustees of Various Education Funds - Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024.	The minutes of Cabinet as Trustees of Various Education Funds - Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024. were approved as a correct record.	Unanimously
5.	Cabinet Forward Work Programme.	The Cabinet Forward Work Programme was noted.	Unanimously

**EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN**

6.	Asset Manager Strategy.	<p>Considered at The Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officers report the implementation of the Asset Management Strategy 2025 – 2030 to optimise property assets, reduce costs and improve service delivery be approved.</p>	Unanimously
7.	Provision of Sport Caerphilly Disability Sports Camps.	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officers report the discontinuation of the existing model of delivery of Disability Sports Camps be approved. Noting that resources would be better invested supporting other initiatives and promoting and growing the Disability Sport directory be approved.</p>	Unanimously
8.	Universal Credit and 53 Week Years.	<p>Considered at the Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officers report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The views of the Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 be considered.</li> <li>2. The report be considered and the implementation of a “Rent Hardship Grant” which would be made available to contract holders of Caerphilly homes affected by the Universal Credit Week 53 rules and evidencing financial hardship be approved.</li> <li>3. It be noted that in order to administer the eligibility process additional staff resources may be required, currently estimated to be scale 5 - £36k. This be funded for a period of 12 months from the HRA Contract Holders support reserve, although initially the absorption into the current structure be tried, but this will be dependent on take up of the grant.</li> </ol>	Unanimously

9.	To Seek Approval to Consult on A Draft Strategic Vision for Library Services	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained with the Officers report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The contents of the draft Strategic Vision in Appendix 1 be noted.</li> <li>2. A six-week period of public consultation starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October on the draft Strategic Vision attached at Appendix 1 be agreed.</li> </ol>	Unanimously
10.	Public Health Act (Wales) 2017- Part 4 Special Procedure Licensing, Delegation, Fees and Future Fee Setting Determination.	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officers report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The implementation of Part 4 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 be noted.</li> <li>2. Officers within the Public Protection Division be authorised as set out in paragraph 5.9 of the report to deal efficiently with applications and enforcement.</li> <li>3. The approval will be sought from full Council by the Council's Monitoring Officer to make any necessary amendments to the Constitution to reflect the implementation of Part 4 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 as detailed in the report be noted.</li> <li>4. The fee structure set out at paragraphs 5.7 of the report be implemented from the 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 be approved.</li> <li>5. The delegation of future fee setting arrangements for these licence types falling within the executive function to the relevant Director or Head of Service in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member be approved.</li> </ol>	Unanimously
<b>URGENT ITEM – EXECUTIVE DECISION NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN</b>			
11.	Connecting Care Social Service's Data Base Replacement	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officers report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. £162k of the one-off cost for the new system be agreed.</li> </ol>	Unanimously

		2. The potential further cost of data migration to the new system if WG funding support is not agreed be noted.	
<b>EXECUTIVE DECISION NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN</b>			
12.	Corporate And Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Response to Call in of Cabinet Decision on 24th July 2024 - Community Empowerment Fund - Treatment of Underspends.	<p>Cabinet considered the recommendations from the Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.</p> <p>It was noted that officers had already contacted voluntary organisations and advised that the Community Empowerment Fund was available and could be used by local Councillors.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded that:</p> <p>The Community Empowerment Fund be extended to accept applications up to 31 December 2024 and any funding not utilised after that date will be returned to the General Fund. This applies to the 2023/2024 underspends only. Underspends for financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23 will be returned to the General Fund.</p> <p>RESOLVED that this fund be extended to accept applications up to 31 Dec 2024 and any funding not utilised after that date will be returned to the General Fund for 2023/24 financial year. Underspends for financial years 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 will be returned to the General Fund.</p>	Unanimously

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Date executive decisions to come into force and may be implemented (unless called in) –

**5.00PM on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024.**