



## **CABINET**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT 10.30 A.M.**

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#### **PRESENT:**

Councillor D. Poole – Chair

#### **Councillors:**

C. Cuss (Social Care and Wellbeing), N. George (Neighbourhood Services), C.J. Gordon (Corporate Services), P. Marsden (Education and Achievement), S. Morgan (Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability), L. Phipps (Homes and Places) and E. Stenner (Environment and Public Protection).

#### **Together with:**

C. Harrhy (Interim Chief Executive) and M. S. Williams (Interim Corporate Director - Communities).

#### **Also in Attendance:**

M. Lloyd (Head of Infrastructure), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), C. Evans (Environmental Health Manager) and A. Dredge (Committee Services Officer).

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs B.A. Jones (Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Governance), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services) and D. Street (Corporate Director for Social Services and Housing).

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

#### **3. CABINET – 14TH NOVEMBER 2018**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018 (minute nos. 1 - 6) be approved and signed as a correct record.

## **MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED**

### **4. FUTURE LIGHTING AND ENERGY SAVING PROPOSALS**

Cabinet were advised that the report had been presented to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 30th October 2018. The report provided updated future lighting and energy savings proposals and a number of revised options for consideration, in view of the energy price increases for 2018/19 being significantly higher than anticipated. An earlier report had been presented to the Scrutiny Committee on 15th May 2018 and their subsequent recommendations to Cabinet in respect of future lighting options (as set out in Section 2.2 of the report). Officers advised that following presentation of the original report, the Authority received their electricity supplier invoice for 2018/19, with the unit rate having significantly increased compared to 2017/18 (a total increase of 13.4%), and which is greater than the originally anticipated cost. The increased charges will require additional funding of £165,000 from the Communities Directorate infrastructure budget, for which no allowance has been made, and therefore has necessitated revised options to achieve street lighting energy savings that could contribute to the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

Members were referred to Section 4.5.3 to 4.5.5 and Appendix 1 of the report that sets out the revised street lighting energy savings options. Each option highlighted the number of units affected, implementation cost, CO2 and kWh energy savings, and annual financial savings (including payback periods). It was noted that in the view of Officers, the most beneficial approach would be to progress a wholesale conversion of the street lighting stock to LED lanterns and implement part-night lighting to all lighting except junctions and major town centres (Option 3). Officers explained that they have explored alternatives to see if the Authority can generate their own power. These include solar power, however, this is not currently a viable option due to the high cost involved in changing the street lighting columns. Alternative technologies will continue to be reviewed and monitored to identify options to further reduce energy consumption. The Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee therefore recommended Options 1 (Convert all lanterns to LED) and 3 (Convert all lighting to LED and to implement part-night lighting to all lighting except junctions and major town centres) to Cabinet as the preferred approaches to the future lighting and energy savings proposals.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, Option 3, to convert all lighting to LED and implement part-night lighting to all lighting except junctions and major town centres, be agreed.

### **5. DECRIMINALISATION OF PARKING - RESIDENTS' PARKING AMENDMENT ORDER 2018**

The report provided Cabinet with proposals to amend the existing residents' permit parking schemes across the Borough. These proposals would be consolidated under a Traffic Regulation Order in preparation for the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement in April 2019. At its meeting on the 25th July 2018, Cabinet agreed as part of the Decriminalisation of Parking Stage 2 report that all parking permits should be brought in line in accordance with the policy adopted by Cabinet on 31st July 2012.

Cabinet were advised that there are currently 1661 properties that are eligible for resident parking permits across the Borough and 1384 live permits. The Officer referenced the criteria and charges that apply to neighbouring Authorities as a comparison. Members noted that a significant level of objections have been received (appended to the report) in response to the advertisement of the proposed changes to the residents' parking schemes across the

Borough. Cabinet were asked to consider the options and their implications in paragraph 4.6 and 4.7 in light of the objections received.

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

RESOLVED that subject to an amendment in paragraph 10.3. that should read *Option 3* and not *Option 2* and for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, the approved policy with a lesser charge of £15 be adopted and the advertised Order be amended.

## 6. DRAFT LOCAL TOILETS STRATEGY

The report sought Cabinet approval to undertake a public consultation on the draft Caerphilly County Borough Council Local Toilets Strategy. Part 8 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 Provision of Toilets came into force on 31 May 2018 and places a duty on each local authority in Wales to prepare and publish a local toilets strategy for its area, within a year of this date. The Officer explained that Local authorities in Wales now have the responsibility to assess the need for toilet provision for their communities, plan to meet those needs, produce a local toilets strategy, review the strategy and update, and publicise revisions.

Cabinet were advised that the duty to prepare a local toilets strategy does not require local authorities to provide and maintain public toilets directly. The Local Authority must take a strategic view on how facilities can be provided and accessed by their local population. Upon review of this strategy, Caerphilly County Borough Council is required to publish a statement of progress. The strategy should contribute towards achieving accessible and clean toilets wherever people live, work or visit. Members were referred to the draft strategy (Appendix 2) that has been prepared that incorporates feedback following a public consultation as part of the Needs Assessment that was undertaken throughout September 2018. A summary document has been prepared for public consultation, included at appendix 1.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

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

- (i) Consultation on the Draft Local Toilet Strategy be approved;
- (i) Officers raise the need for changes to Planning Policy and legislation in relation to toilet provision and access.

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on the 12th December 2018.

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CHAIR