

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2019 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: C.J. Cuss, N. George, C. Gordon, Mrs B. A. Jones, P. Marsden, S. Morgan, L. Phipps, D. V. Poole and Mrs E. Stenner.

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	
1.	Apologies for absence.	Apologies for absence had been received from M. S. Williams (Interim Corporate Director – Communities).
2.	Declarations of Interest	Councillors B. A. Jones and N. George declared personal interests in relation to agenda item 6 - Housing Revenue Account Charges 2019-2020. They were not required to leave the meeting when the report was presented and could take part in the debate and vote.
3.	Minutes – 16th January 2019.	The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 16th January 2019 were approved.
EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN		
4.	Wales Audit Office WHQS Review.	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, the WAO reports and the Officers responses to the reports and the proposals for improvement, be noted.
5.	WHQS Progress Report - Final Stages.	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, the Welsh Housing Quality Standard Progress Report – Final Stages, be noted.
6.	Housing Revenue Account Charges 2019-2020.	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, the increase of 3% per property to comply with the Welsh Government's Rent Policy and Housing Business Plan be applied from April 2019.
7.	Whole Authority Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2018/19.	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, Directors and Heads of Service continue to review expenditure and income levels in order to ensure that annual budgets and in-year savings are achieved.
8.	Update on Reserves.	RESOLVED that subject to an amendment at paragraph 10.1.4. to now read <i>funding totalling £16m rather than the £20.08m (minus the £1m approved by Council as a contingency for the outcome of the Brexit process and £3m to hold back due to uncertainties around Brexit and Band B terms and conditions) be released from the various reserves as detailed throughout the report and set aside in the balance sheet for one -off expenditure and an additional recommendation to include that £6.2m be</i>

		<p><i>allocated from the £16m towards, £5m Band B 21st Century Schools Programme, £1.2m Regeneration Board Projects and the remaining £9.8m be subject to detailed reports to the relevant Committees and for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</i></p> <p>(i) the contents of the report be noted;</p> <p>(ii) the accumulated underspend reserves above the 3% cap for Corporate Services and Education and Lifelong Learning be utilised as detailed in 4.9.2 of the report;</p> <p>(iii) specific reserves relating to the Directorate of Education and Corporate Services totalling £1.5m be released and allocated towards 21st Century Schools Band B match funding;</p> <p>(iv) funding totalling £16m rather than the £20.08m (minus the £1m approved by Council as a contingency for the outcome of the Brexit process and £3m to hold back due to uncertainties around Brexit and Band B terms and conditions) be released from the various reserves as detailed throughout the report and set aside in the balance sheet for one-off expenditure;</p> <p>(v) that £6.2m be allocated from the £16m towards, £5m Band B 21st Century Schools Programme, £1.2m Regeneration Board Projects and the remaining £9.8m be subject to detailed reports to the relevant Committees.</p>
9.	CCBC Communication and Engagement Strategy.	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, the draft Communications and Engagement Strategy 2019 –2022, be approved.
EXEMPT MATTER		
10.	Funding for Settlement of Contract Claim.	<p>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: -</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report, the recommendation at 10.1. be endorsed.</p>

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

5.00 pm on Monday 4th February 2019