



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN ON WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor K.V. Reynolds - Leader

Councillors:

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

Together with:

C. Burns (Interim Chief Executive), Mrs S. Aspinall (Acting Deputy Chief Executive), Mrs N. Scammell (Acting Director Corporate Services and S.151 Officer), Mr D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services).

Also in Attendance:

J. Dix (Policy & Research Manager), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor R. Woodyatt (Cabinet Member for Social Services).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G. Jones declared an interest in agenda item 4 as he is employed by GAVO.

3. CABINET

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2014 (minute nos. 1-7) be approved and signed as a correct record, subject to part 2 of Minute No. 5 being amended as follows: -

Cabinet agreed that the IGPB should continue to ensure that the follow up CGI is effectively coordinated but determined that the IGPB should also continue to monitor the remaining outstanding WAO recommendations and actions, rather than pass this function over to other suitable monitoring bodies.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

4. CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

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The report was presented to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 30th September 2014. The views of the Scrutiny Committee were reported to Cabinet.

Jackie Dix, Policy and Research Manager, presented the report, which outlined the work undertaken around the Council's partnerships and collaborative work and sought Members' endorsement of the proposed Collaboration and Partnership Protocol and Partnership Governance Toolkit.

Following recommendations made by the WAO on the partnership and collaborative work of the Council, an exercise commenced in October 2013 to identify the Council's partner organisations, significant partnerships and collaborations. The total number of significant partner organisations for the Council is 146, with 35 formal partnerships and 25 collaborations. The Council leads in 8 of the collaborative arrangements.

The aim of the proposed Partnership Governance Toolkit is to provide partnership leads with guidance on ensuring effective and purposeful partnership, achieving intended outcomes, with robust scrutiny and governance arrangements in place, which is also called for in the Local Government White Paper.

During the course of the ensuing discussion, a Member queried whether the EAS Board should have been included in the list of partnerships and collaborations. It was reported that whilst the EAS is a collaborative arrangement between five local authorities, officers had strictly adhered to working definitions during the course of the review. The Interim Chief Executive confirmed that the matter would be closely monitored by Corporate Management Team and expressed his appreciation of all the work that had been undertaken in this respect. It was noted that there would be regular monitoring and review of progress of the action plan by the Corporate Governance Review Panel and the Improving Governance Review Panel with regular reports to CMT.

RESOLVED that for the reasons set out in the officer's report, Cabinet endorsed the Collaboration and Partnership Protocol and Action Plan for delivery, together with the Partnership Governance Toolkit, subject to minor consultative changes.

5. CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The report sought Members' approval of the updated Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period October to December 2014.

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

RESOLVED that for the reasons set out in the officer's report, the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period October to December 2014, be approved.

The meeting closed at 2.19 pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on
29th October 2014.

CHAIR