



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MULTI-LOCATIONAL MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH JUNE 2022 AT 2PM

PRESENT:

Councillor S. Morgan – Chair

Councillors:

J. Pritchard (Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration & Climate Change), N. George (Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property), C. Andrews (Cabinet Member for Education & Communities), S. Cook (Cabinet Member for Housing), J. Simmonds (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation), E. Forehead (Cabinet Member for Social Care), P. Leonard (Cabinet Member for Planning & Public Protection) and C. Morgan (Cabinet Member for Waste, Leisure & Green Spaces).

Together with:

C. Harray (Chief Executive), D. Street (Corporate Director - Social Services and Housing), M. S. Williams (Corporate Director – Economy and Environment), and S. Harris (Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer).

Also in Attendance:

R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), A. Cullinane (Senior Policy Officer), K. Peters (Corporate Policy Manager), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer), J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer) and M. Afzal (Committee Services Officer).

RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Leader reminded those present that the meeting was being live streamed, and a recording would be made available to view via the Council's website, except for discussions involving confidential or exempt items. [Click Here To View](#).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs E. Stenner (Cabinet Member Finance & Performance) and R. Edmunds (Corporate Director – Education and Corporate Services).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME – TO NOTE

Cabinet was provided with the Cabinet Forward Work Programme, which detailed the scheduled reports until the 29th of June 2022. Members were reminded that the Cabinet Forward Work Programme is a working document and therefore subject to change.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Forward Work Programme be noted. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Forward Work Programme be noted.

4. CABINET – 6TH APRIL 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2022 be approved as a correct record.

5. CABINET – 13TH APRIL 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2022 be approved as a correct record.

6. WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022.

Consideration was given to the report which informed Members and sought their endorsement of the progress made during the financial year 2021-2022 against four specific areas of Welsh language work, as required under the regulatory framework for implementing the Welsh Language Standards. Members were advised that the report will be published online by the deadline date of 30 June 2022, as required by Welsh Language Standard 158.

The Cabinet Member highlighted the specific areas the authority must report on, in relation to Welsh language work and was pleased to note that good progress had been made. It was hoped that collaboration with partner organisations and advice and best practice from the Welsh Language Commissioner would make way for further progress.

Clarification was sought in relation to the recruitment of essential Welsh language speakers to specific posts and what, if any possible impact that this might have on non-Welsh speaking applicants from a particular age demographic, which might not have benefited from any form of Welsh language education.

The Officer outlined the requirements of the Council's compliance notice which sets out a number of Standards that the Council must comply with. This included the recruitment of Welsh speakers into post where Welsh was considered to be essential. Assurances were given that the Council has a comprehensive training programme in place for anyone who wished to learn Welsh, and this was supported by excellent ties with educational institutions that would facilitate the recruitment of Welsh speakers. The Member thanked the Officer for the clarification.

Cabinet congratulated Menter Iaith Caerffili and the Equalities and Welsh Language Team on Ffiliffest and paid a special tribute to everyone involved in making the celebration of Welsh language and culture a huge success.

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 for the reasons contained in the Officer's report the content of the report be noted and the publication of the information as a record of progress towards, and compliance with, the relevant Welsh Language Standards be endorsed.

The meeting closed at 14:22.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 29th June 2022.

CHAIR