

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 2PM

PRESENT:

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

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
1.	Apologies for absence.	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E. Forehead and D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services and Housing)	N/A
2.	Declarations of Interest.	None	N/A
3.	Minutes.	The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 7 th September 2022 were approved.	Unanimously
4.	Cabinet Forward Work Programme.	The Cabinet Forward Work Programme was noted.	Unanimously
EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN			
5.	Caerphilly County Borough Council Car Parks Task and Finish Group	<p>Subject to the inclusion of 2 additional recommendations at 3.5 and 3.6 of the Officers report to read that the implementation of the new charges be delayed until Monday 2nd January 2023 to allow the 8 – 10 weeks for the charging machine and software amendments to be made, and</p> <p>That the £150,000 lost income from the Highways budget for the 3 months from October 2022 to January 2023 be funded from the earmarked Covid Reserve.</p> <p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To reduce the initial hourly charge at Caerphilly County Borough Council car parks to the First hour at 40p with subsequent hours at the existing tariff be endorsed. 2. The continued suspension of car parking charges until the car park ticket machine software can be amended, and to allow sufficient time for this to be undertaken, to agree that the re-introduction of charges in accordance with above be implemented from January 2023 be endorsed. 	Unanimously

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Additional funding for the Highway Services budget to meet the shortfall as outlined in the Financial Implications based on the estimated annual income loss of £83k be endorsed. 4. An impact report be provided to Scrutiny 12 months after the implementation of the changes be approved. 5. The implementation of the new charges be delayed until Monday 2nd January 2023 to allow the 8-10 weeks for the charging machines and software amendments to be made be approved. 6. The £150,000 lost income from the Highways Budget for the 3 months from October 2022 to January 2023 be funded from the earmarked Covid Reserve. 	
6.	Caerphilly County Borough Council – Response to the Cost-of-Living Crisis	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An amendment to the previously approved discretionary element of the WG Cost of Living Support Scheme which will allow Post Office vouchers to be issued to those households that have not registered for payments under the Main Scheme be approved. 2. The recommendation in the 2021/22 Provisional Revenue Budget Outturn Report to set aside one-off funding of £3m from surplus General Fund balances to create a Cost-of-Living Hardship Fund to support a range of initiatives that will assist our communities be noted. 3. Decisions with regard to the use of to the Cost-of-Living Hardship Fund be delegated to the Corporate Director for Social Services & Housing in conjunction with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Education and Communities. 	Unanimously
7.	UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund –	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report:-	

	Caerphilly Local Investment Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The detail of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the opportunities for the Funds to contribute significantly to the Council's own Place Shaping, Community resilience, Transformation and Regeneration agendas be considered. 2. That the CCR Investment Plan has been submitted to UK Government for consideration by RCT be noted. 3. The Caerphilly Local Investment Plan comprising an overview of the Caerphilly Specific Proposed SPF interventions attached at Appendices 2 and 3 be considered and endorsed. 	
8.	Provisional Revenue Budget Outturn for 2021/22	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The provisional 2021/22 revenue budget outturn position be noted. 2. That the £878k Council Tax Collection grant received from the Welsh Government (WG) in 2021/22 be set aside in an earmarked reserve to help mitigate the financial impact of a potential further shortfall in Council Tax collection rates in the 2022/23 financial year be agreed. 3. A recommendation to Council to maintain the General Fund balance at £11.852m, representing 3% of the 2022/23 net revenue budget be endorsed. 4. The proposed use of the surplus General Fund balances totalling £14.333m as detailed in section 5.10 of the report, prior to consideration by Council on 4th October 2022 be endorsed. 5. The use of service reserves totally £2.414m that have been agreed by Officers using delegated powers as detailed in Appendix C be noted. 6. The proposed use of service reserves totalling £3.498m as set out in section 5.11 of the report be approved. 	

9.	Bryn Carno	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The business plan funding bid to Welsh Government be noted. 2. The revised scheme, costs, delivery timeline and match funding contribution from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) in respect of Council owned properties, to deliver the tenure neutral scheme by Caerphilly Homes be approved. 	
10.	Transitional Accommodation Capital Programme	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The bids submitted under the TACP acknowledging the timelines for delivery be noted and the indicative level of contribution from the HRA be agreed. It be noted that none of the submissions have been formally agreed and could change. 2. That, if the funding bid is successful, that the block of commercial and residential accommodation at 1 to 6 The Grove, Fochriw, be refurbished and the residential brought back into use, rather than demolished, as previously agreed by Cabinet in 2018. 3. Delegation to the Corporate Director of Social Services and Housing and Head of Financial Services/S151 Officer in consultation with the lead Cabinet Member for Housing. As Welsh Government make decisions on existing submissions that may require variation and encourage additional bids under the fund this year and into next financial year, this enables autonomy of decision making acting quickly, up to a financial threshold, particularly where there are market opportunities be approved. 4. The total combined funding envelope and threshold for which the delegation may not exceed is £4,447,031 all be which comes from the Housing Revenue Account be approved. 	

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

5.00PM on Thursday, 28th September 2022