

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023 AT 1PM

#### PRESENT:

Councillors: C. Andrews, S. Cook, E. Forehead, P. Leonard, C. Morgan, S. Morgan, J. Pritchard, 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.	No apologies for absence were received Councillor Nigel George.	N/A
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received.	N/A
3.	Minutes.	Subject to the inclusion of Councillor C. Andrews to the list of those in attendance, The minutes of Cabinet held on 19th April 2023 were approved as a correct record.	Unanimously
4.	Cabinet Forward Work Programme.	The Cabinet Forward Work Programme was noted.	Unanimously
<b>EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN</b>			
5.	Violence at Work Policy	RESOLVED that for reasons contained in the Officers report Cabinet the Violence at Work Policy be approved.	Unanimously
6.	Youth Forum Priority Issues	RESOLVED that for reasons contained in the Officers report;  1. The Youth Forum be supported in its work to address the overall priority issue.  2. How to support the Youth Forum in addressing their priority issue was considered.  3. Due regard be given to issues raised within the report by Children and Young People when making decisions which impact upon their lives.	Unanimously
7.	Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2022-23	RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report the content of the annual 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.	Unanimously

8.	Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B Proposal - Update on Pupil Referral Unit, Pontllanfraith (Centre for Vulnerable Learners).	RESOLVED that for reasons contained in the Officers report Cabinet approved a further £2,150,739.40 be set aside from the Authority's Place-Shaping Reserve to fund the cost of the creation of a new Pupil Referral Unit, at Pontllanfraith be agreed.	Unanimously
9.	Proposed changes to the Operation of the Welsh Church Acts Fund and the Small Grants to the Voluntary Sector Fund.	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained in the Officers report Cabinet approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Welsh Church Acts Fund will not provide funding for revenue costs.</li> <li>2. The maximum level of future grants under the Welsh Church Acts Fund be £7,500 until the underspend is fully utilised.</li> <li>3. The General Criteria amounts for the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Fund be uplifted by 20% from the 2023/24 financial year and then in line with CPI inflation in future years.</li> <li>4. The list of proposed General Criteria for the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Fund covers all the categories required.</li> <li>5. A new set of terms of reference will be agreed at the next available Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub-Committee to allow this to happen and put in place a post-meeting with Elected Members <u>only</u>, to consider applications that fall outside the General Criteria or relate to 'exceptional individuals' seeking financial support.</li> <li>6. That the application form and criteria for the Welsh Church Acts Fund be published on the Council's website.</li> <li>7. That the minimum amount of grant funding to be awarded to voluntary organisations be increased to £200.</li> <li>8. That future decisions in relation to the management and operation of the Welsh Church Acts Fund and Grants to the Voluntary Sector Fund be delegated to the Head of Financial Services &amp; S151 Officer.</li> </ol>	Unanimously
10.	Update On Decarbonisation Action Plan And Proposed Future Approach	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officers report;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Progress made to date on the actions</li> </ol>	Unanimously

		<p>set out in the Decarbonisation Action Plan be noted and the following recommendations be approved;</p> <p>Recommendation 1: That the CCBC Decarbonisation Action Plan is reviewed and updated to focus on the 2030 organisational requirements, to align with the WG route map and timeframes, and that a separate action plan for the county borough as a whole in accordance with the 2050 targets, is developed and considered.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: That each Directorate and Service area is given a copy of their carbon baseline, and that during 2023/24 financial year work is done to support them to fully understand and analyse those emissions and to identify priority areas for reduction.</p> <p>Recommendation 3: That from 2024/25 carbon budgets, with identified reduction targets, are agreed with CMT for each service area, and reported via Directorate Performance Assessments.</p> <p>Recommendation 4: That a working group for each of the 4 pillars of Reduce, Produce, Offset and Buy is established to co-ordinate the work on each area.</p> <p>Recommendation 5: That the following 5 corporate commitments are agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Net zero carbon considerations should be included in all major decisions as part of the Integrated Impact Assessment process</li><li>• All new corporate buildings and schools will be designed to net zero carbon standards where possible.</li><li>• All new heating systems will transition to low carbon heat with appropriate insulation upgrades where possible with fossil fuels will be used only as a last resort</li><li>• A low carbon travel hierarchy should be developed and implemented for business travel which accelerates the transition to low carbon transport.</li><li>• We will aim to plant 300,000 new trees before 2030 where land availability allows.</li></ul> <p>Recommendation 6: That a programme of skills development, awareness raising and behaviour change is</p>	
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		<p>developed alongside detailed support for specific roles, including technical knowledge</p> <p>Recommendation 7: That we continue our work to develop specific renewable energy projects that contribute to our overall programme.</p> <p>Recommendation 8: That detailed land mapping and evaluation is undertaken to protect existing habitats and to identify land for tree planting. Further work should be undertaken to assess the feasibility of a potential Caerphilly Forest programme and the potential for growing our own trees.</p> <p>Recommendation 9: That low-carbon procurement policies be embedded through procurement frameworks forming a key part of cost-benefit analysis and contract appraisal. Suppliers and services are challenged to identify and make significant supply chain emissions reductions.</p> <p>Recommendation 10: That progress is monitored and evaluated on an annual basis with an Annual Decarbonisation Report prepared each November.</p>	
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All Members and Appropriate Officers

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

**5.00PM on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023**