

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>NOTICE OF CABINET DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 1PM</b>
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### PRESENT:

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

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 S. Morgan (The Leader of Council), C. Harry (Chief Executive) and G. Jenkins (Interim Director for Social Services).	Not Applicable
2.	Declarations of Interest.	The Corporate Director for Corporate Services and Education, R. Edmunds declared a personal interest in <u>Agenda Item 11 - UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund - Virements and Project Approvals</u> in that he is a Governor at Coleg Y Cymoedd.	Not Applicable
3.	Minutes – Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	The minutes of Cabinet held on the 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024 were approved as a correct record.	Unanimously
4.	Minutes – Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	The minutes of Special Cabinet held on the 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved as a correct record.	Unanimously
5.	Cabinet Forward Work Programme.	The Cabinet Forward Work Programme was noted.	Unanimously
<b>EXECUTIVE DECISIONS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO CALL-IN</b>			
6.	Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2024/25	Considered by the Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.  RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officers report consideration was given to the 2024/25 HRA Business Plan and its submission to Welsh Government be approved.	Unanimously
7.	Private Sector Housing Renewal and Adaptation Policy	Considered by the Housing and Environment Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.  RESOLVED that for reasons contained in the Officers report:  1. The comments of the Housing	Unanimously

		<p>and Environment Scrutiny Committee of the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 be noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. The change in approach to delivering financial assistance from a mainly grant-based policy to a more sustainable repayable loan-based policy in relation to property maintenance and regeneration be noted.</li><li>3. The Private Sector Housing Renewal and Adaptation Policy 2024 be approved.</li><li>4. Continuing to deliver medium adaptations via means tested mandatory DFGs in line with statute, noting that this recommendation does not comply with the formal request of the Welsh Government Minister for Housing and Local Government, Julie James of the 10.03.2021 with regards to medium adaptations be approved.</li><li>5. The proposed policy be introduced with immediate effect, that discontinued products cease to be offered from 31 March 2024 with new financial products introduced from 1 June 2024 to allow for implementation planning and training be approved.</li><li>6. Applicants with active enquiries for discontinued products be given a time limited opportunity to progress applications to formal approval be approved.</li><li>7. The introduction of targeting of the In-House Agency Service to vulnerable households and amendments to Agency fees be approved.</li><li>8. Realignment of the Private Sector Housing annual capital budget of £2,167,000 and associated slippage monies £6,916,280 (as at period 9 monitoring report 2023/24) to deliver the proposed Policy in agreement with the Section 151</li></ol>	
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		<p>Officer and Cabinet Member for Housing. The slippage money and agency income to be ringfenced for a period of 5 years to allow the effective implementation of the proposed Policy be approved.</p> <p>9. Assignment of £322,019 of the Private Sector Housing slippage monies referenced in 3.8 to support the delivery of the Bryn Carno Targeted Regeneration scheme be approved.</p>	
8.	Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B Programme - Statutory Objection Report: Ysgol Y Lawnt and Upper Rhymney Primary School.	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officers report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consideration was given to the information contained in the Objection Report</li> <li>2. Proceed to Planning Application stage and subsequent Welsh Government business case approvals be approved.</li> </ol>	Unanimously
9.	School Organisation Code 2018 - Statutory Objection Report: Proposal for The Closure of Cwm Glas Infants School.	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officers report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consideration was given to information contained in the update report.</li> <li>2. Proceed to full implementation be approved.</li> </ol>	Unanimously
10.	Post 16, Single Sex and Surplus Places Board - Further Recommendations to Cabinet.	<p>Considered by the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The unanimous support from the Post 16, Single Sex and Surplus Places Board (the Board) on the proposals set out in within 5.7(1), 5.7(2) and 5.18(1) of this report be noted.</li> <li>2. Proceed to consultation as outlined in the report be approved.</li> </ol>	Unanimously
11.	UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund - Virements and Project Approvals.	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officer report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The progress made on the delivery of SPF be noted.</li> </ol>	Unanimously

		<p>2. The 2 proposed funding virements in respect of the following interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W03 Cleaner and Greener - £995,000</li> <li>• W24 Retrofit Hub, Coleg Y Cymoedd - £1,000,000 be approved.</li> </ul> <p>3. Officers to develop a funding agreement with Coleg Y Cymoedd to support the transfer of grant funds as determined in recommendation 2 be Authorised.</p>	
12.	Caerphilly Ffos Caerffili - WEFO Funding Update	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officer report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The WEFO submission has been successful be acknowledged.</li> <li>2. Up to £2m will be drawn down from WEFO for the project, releasing initial core contributions from both CCBC and WG Regeneration be acknowledged.</li> <li>3. The use of the released CCBC element, which could stand at £1.1m, to be reinvested into the Caerphilly Town 2035 programme be approved.</li> </ol>	Unanimously
13.	Resourcing Mobilising Team Caerphilly – Delivery	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officer report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transfer £897k of uncommitted capital earmarked reserves into the Invest to Save Reserve to support the Council's Mobilising Team Caerphilly transformation programme be agreed.</li> <li>2. Delegated authority on the use of the Invest to Save Reserve continues to be granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, relevant Cabinet Member and Section 151 Officer be approved.</li> </ol>	Unanimously
14.	Refurbishment Of Twin Pack Organics Collection Vehicles	<p>RESOLVED that for reasons contained within the Officer report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The request for funding of £148,253.84 for refurbishment of</li> </ol>	Unanimously

		<p>the existing twin pack collection fleet for the reasons outlined in the report be approved.</p> <p>2. The cost of £148,253.84 should be funded from unallocated capital earmarked reserves be agreed.</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, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**