

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE SPECIAL HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: J. Bevan, D. Cushing, C. Elsbury, Mrs C. Forehead (Vice Chair), R. W. Gough, L. Harding, G. Kirby, Ms P. Leonard, B. Owen, Mrs D. Price, Mrs M. E. Sargent, A. Whitcombe (Chair), W. Williams, B. Zaplatynski

Cabinet Member: Cllr. S. Morgan (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise)

Officers: Mark S. Williams (Interim Corporate Director - Communities), R. Kyte (Head of Regeneration and Planning), R. Thomas (Planning Services Manager), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer), R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Councillors: A. G. Higgs, Mrs G. D. Oliver, L. Phipps (Cabinet Member for Housing and Property)

The decisions and declarations of interest are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant report.

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.	
3.	Planning Services Staffing and Budget Report	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officers report:-</p> <p>3.1 The Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>a) Endorsed the creation of 2 No. full time permanent entry level Planning Officer posts (Grade 8, £84.4k per annum with on costs) partly funded from the unallocated £31.4k staff budget following restructure and partly from staff budget growth from 2021/22. If recruited during 2020/2021 the part year funding required for the posts could be financed from increased fee income from the 20% increase in fees and/or unallocated staff budget.</p> <p>b) Endorsed the creation of 1 No. full time permanent Principal Enforcement Officer (Grade 10, £52.3k) and 2 No. full time permanent Enforcement Officers (Grade 8, £84.4k). If recruited during 2020/2021 the part year funding required for the posts could be financed from increased fee income from the 20% increase in fees and/or unallocated staff budget.</p>	13 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

		<p>c) Endorsed the creation of a Trainee Building Control Officer post (Grade 5-7, £29.2k-37.5k) part funded by the existing staff budget for the apprentice post of £12.2 and part funded from staff budget growth from 2021/22.</p> <p>d) Endorsed a reduction in the Building Control fee income target of £100k from 2021/22.</p> <p>e) Endorsed a reduction in the Land Charges fee income target of £20k from 2021/22.</p> <p>f) Endorsed the creation of a permanent full time CIL officer post funded by staff budget growth of £46.7k per annum in 2021/22. If recruited during 2020/2021 the part year funding required for the posts could be financed from CIL administration fee income generated in 2020/2021 and/or unallocated staff budget.</p> <p>g) Endorsed staff budget growth of £46.7k per annum in 2021/2022 to cover the costs of a Strategic Planning Officer (Grade 9). This post was originally planned to be a 2 year fixed term post funded from approved use of Communities Directorate ring fenced reserve agreed by Council in October 2019. If budget growth is provided in 2021/2022 the ring-fenced reserve funding would no longer be required and could be reutilised for other initiatives. Alternatively, budget growth for this permanent post could be delayed until 2023/2024 and the ring fence reserve utilised for the first 2 years.</p> <p>3.2 The Scrutiny Committee agreed that these proposals are included as part of the budget proposals for 2021/22 to be considered by full Council and the resultant recruitment progresses once the 2021/22 budget has been agreed.</p>	
4.	<p>Review of Service Levels and Decision-Making Processes for the Development Management and Planning Enforcement Functions of the Planning Service.</p>	<p>It was proposed and seconded to amend the recommendations to exclude the following recommendation:</p> <p>3.1 (d) To endorse changes to the Scheme of Delegation to provide Planning Committee with a more strategic role and focus.</p> <p>Subject to the exclusion of recommendation 3.1 (d) it was RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officers report:</p> <p>3.1 The Scrutiny Committee:</p>	<p>10 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Endorsed the output driven service delivery model proposed for the development management and enforcement function, with a focus on the delivery of its statutory obligations, frontloading, further commercialisation and the delivery of major and strategically significant schemes underpinned by the introduction of a new Wellbeing local performance indicator.b) Endorsed amendments to the Enforcement Charter.c) Endorsed changes to the Planning Committee structure with a reduction from 20 to 16 Members.e) Endorsed the Non-Planning Committee Member Protocol for Ward Members.	
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