



## CABINET

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY 2015 AT 2.00 P.M.

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#### PRESENT:

Councillor K.V. Reynolds - Chair

#### Councillors:

Mrs C. Forehead (HR and Governance/Business Manager), D.T. Hardacre (Performance and Asset Management), Mrs B. Jones (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services), G. Jones (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing), K. James (Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development), Mrs R. Passmore (Education and Lifelong Learning), D.V. Poole (Community and Leisure Services), T.J. Williams (Highways, Transportation and Engineering), R. Woodyatt (Social Services).

#### Together with:

C. Burns (Interim Chief Executive), Mrs S. Aspinall (Acting Deputy Chief Executive), N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services and S.151 Officer), D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services).

#### Also in Attendance:

C. Jones (Head of Performance and Property), P. Elliott (Head of Regeneration and Planning), C. Campbell (Transportation Engineering Manager), S. Couzens (Chief Housing Officer), R. Kyte (Team Leader Strategic and Development Plan Team), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. CABINET

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meetings be approved and signed as a correct record: -

1. Cabinet held on 10th December 2014.
2. Special Cabinet held on 17th December 2014.

## **MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED**

### **4. CYD CYMRU COLLECTIVE ENERGY SWITCHING SCHEME**

The report sought approval to sign up to the Cyd Cymru Charter "A Collective Energy Scheme For Domestic Homes In Wales". Details were received of the potential benefits to households and how the scheme can be communicated to residents within the County Borough.

Currently for each household that switches its supplier through Cyd Cymru, a fee is paid by the energy provider into a community fund. This fund is redistributed to local authorities across Wales based on the number of fuel switches in each area. The fund should be donated to local charities and in this respect a further report would be presented to Cabinet following the end of the financial year to determine how and which local charities would benefit.

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, Cabinet endorsed the report and agreed to sign up to the Cyd Cymru Charter.

### **5. UPDATE REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODEL FOR INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVISION**

Richard Mann, Director of Development United Welsh Housing Association, attended the meeting for this item.

The report was considered by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 20th January 2015.

Following Member approval on 22nd January 2014 to progress with the model, the report provided details of the proposed sites, indicative numbers of houses to be provided, expected returns and a description of success measures. A Cabinet decision was required to progress with the model on the sites identified in the report in an effort to increase housing supply within the County Borough

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations 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:-

1. The development of the leased model on the following sites be approved:
  - Watford Road, Caerphilly
  - Windsor Colliery, Abertridwr
2. A further report be submitted to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet on the actual results of the pilot exercise.

### **6. LAND AT DYFFRYN STREET, YSTRAD MYNACH**

The report sought Cabinet approval to surrender the leasehold interest in land at Duffryn Street, Ystrad Mynach as shown edged black on the plan at Appendix 1.

The Council leases the land from the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO) for a term of 125 years from 25th March 1997. The lease restricts the use of the land to a children's playground. The formal play equipment was removed from the site in 1999 as part of the playground rationalisation programme and the land is surplus to the requirements of the Parks Division. The proposal will release the Council from ongoing liabilities in respect of inspecting, maintaining and insuring the site until the lease expires in 2122.

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 Council surrender its leasehold interest in the land to CISWO.

## **7. NOTICE OF MOTION - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CINEMA IN BARGOED**

The following Notice of Motion was presented to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 9th December 2014.

"This Council requires that a new business case and returned tenders for the proposed development of a new cinema in Bargoed is considered in detail by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee, prior to a decision being taken by officers, Cabinet or full Council to commit any financial support to the project".

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Notice of Motion be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the Notice of Motion "that a new business case and returned tenders for the proposed development of a new cinema in Bargoed be considered by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee prior to a decision being taken by officers, Cabinet or full Council to commit any financial support to the project", be endorsed.

## **8. CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

Details were received of the proposed Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period January to April 2015.

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 Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period January to April 2015 be approved.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

### **9. CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (FIRST REVIEW) UP TO 2031: DRAFT PREFERRED STRATEGY**

The report was considered by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 9th December 2014.

The report outlined stakeholder engagement undertaken to date for the first review of the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan (LDP) up to 2021 and how this work has influenced the Draft Preferred Strategy up to 2031. Members' views were sought on the Draft Preferred Strategy, as a basis for the first statutory consultation stage of the plan review

process scheduled for early 2015.

The report also set out the next stage of the LDP Review Process, together with an extract from the Review Report, which detailed the consideration given to undertaking a joint review of the LDP with Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen Councils.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the following recommendations be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RECOMMENDED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report:-

1. The Authority's commitment to progress with a single review of the Adopted Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan be reconfirmed.
2. The draft strategy, as outlined, which will be exhibited at Pontllanfraith House and at venues in the five principal towns in the County Borough as part of the consultation process, be approved.

## **10. ADOPTION OF SOUTH EAST WALES VALLEYS LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN**

The report, which had been considered by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 9th December 2014, sought Members' views on the draft South East Wales Valleys Local Transport Plan (LTP) and set out the responses from statutory and public consultation

Welsh Government requires all local authorities in Wales to produce LTP's in accordance with WG LTP guidance, which will replace the 4 Regional Transport Plans (RTP's) currently in place across Wales. It was noted that the LTP has to be submitted to WG by 31st January 2015.

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.

RECOMMENDED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, subject to amendments to the LTP, as outlined, the South East Wales Valleys Local Transport Plan be adopted.

## **EXEMPT ITEM**

Members considered the public interest test and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was: -

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **11. LAND NORTH OF DARRAN ROAD, RISCA**

The report sought approval to the sale of land north of Darran Road, Risca to enable the redevelopment of the former quarry.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the report be approved subject to planning. By a show of

hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the recommendations contained in paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2 of the report be approved, subject to planning.

The meeting closed at 3.08 p.m.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 4th February 2015.

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CHAIR