



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor G. Jones - Deputy Leader (Presiding)

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), D.V. Poole (Community and Leisure Services), 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:

J. Morgan (Trading Standards, Licensing and Registration Manager),
S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors K. James (Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development), Mrs R. Passmore (Education and Lifelong Learning), K.V. Reynolds (Leader) and T.J. Williams (Highways, Transportation and Engineering).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. CABINET

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

4. SCRAP METAL DEALERS LICENSING FEES 2015/16

The report sought approval for a revised fee structure for Scrap Metal Dealer licences for 2015/16.

The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 was enacted on 1st October 2013 and introduced a new licensing system to control site operators and itinerant collectors. The Act and supporting regulations are silent upon the issue of the responsibility for exercising the function under the Act. Consequently the provisions of S 9 (D) of the Local Government Act 2000 are triggered and by default the function is exercised by the Executive.

It was anticipated that further regulations would be implemented making it a Local Choice function i.e. a function that can be exercised by the Council or the Executive. Ideally this regime should be administered in the same way as the other licensing functions of the Authority, a Council function delegated to the Licensing Committee. To date such regulations have not been implemented so the function remains the responsibility of the Executive.

The Act requires that each local authority set fees on a cost recovery basis for each category of Scrap Metal Dealer licences. Existing fees have been reviewed in line with the guidance and the levels set out in paragraph 4.5 of the report are proposed in order to cover the cost of providing the function. The increase is mainly due to the review of on costs and incorporation into the hourly rates applied of officers involved in the process. The fees are for a three-year period.

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 fee structure set out at paragraph 4.5 of the report be approved.

5. CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The report sought approval of the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period February to May 2015. The Forward Work Programme is updated on a monthly basis to reflect any amendments that are made to it since it was first agreed on 22nd January 2014.

Following consideration and discussion, during which a Member sought information on a report on a strategy for open spaces, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation in the report be approved, subject to the Cabinet Member responsible for the report on the Anti Poverty Strategy being amended to Councillor G. Jones (Anti Poverty Champion). 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 outlined in Appendix 1 to the report be approved, subject to the Cabinet Member responsible for the report on the Anti Poverty Strategy being amended to Councillor G. Jones (Anti Poverty Champion).

The meeting closed at 2.08 pm.

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

CHAIR