



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL 2015 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor K.V. Reynolds - Chair

Councillors:

Mrs C. Forehead (HR and Governance/Business Manager), G. Jones (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing), D.T. Hardacre (Performance and Asset Management), Mrs B.A. Jones (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services), 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), 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:

E. Lucas (Head of Procurement), B. Hopkins (Assistant Director 21st Century Schools), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

SANDRA ASPINALL, ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chair advised that this was Sandra Aspinall's last Cabinet meeting. Members paid tribute to the manner in which Mrs Aspinall had carried out her duties during the last 6 years and referred to the high esteem in which she was held by Members and Officers. All those present wished her every success and happiness for the future.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Having previously tendered his apologies for absence, Councillor K. James was able to attend the meeting during consideration of agenda items 4, 5 and 6.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. CABINET – 18TH MARCH 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2015 (minute nos. 1-10) be approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

4. JOINT SUPPLIES SERVICE – CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

Mrs E. Lucas, Head of Procurement, presented the report which advised Members of the proposed amendments to the Joint Supplies Services Constitution and made recommendations to Cabinet in respect of the changes proposed.

The service, which was established in 1996, has been subject to change and now requires approval in respect of the next steps of the organisation's development. This includes a detailed 5 year business plan and a change in location as the current building and operational site is no longer fit for purpose. A new legal agreement will be entered into which reflects the changes. Whilst there will technically be a new Joint Committee under this agreement, membership of the committee will remain the same. The main changes to the current constitution are set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report.

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 completion of the revised constitution of the Joint Supplies Service on terms to be approved by the Acting Director of Corporate Services and Head of Procurement in consultation with the Cabinet Member, be authorised.
2. The power to incur capital expenditure of up to £100,000 in any one purchase subject to the funds being available in cash reserves, be remitted to the Joint Committee of the Joint Supplies Service.

5. CONSULTATION – PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2016/2017

The report, which was considered by the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee on 24th February 2015, informed Members of the proposed changes to the schools admission arrangements for the 2016/17 academic year. The Assistant Director 21st Century Schools advised that the only significant changes proposed for 2016/17 related to Secondary Schools Rationalisation Phase 1 – Islwyn West.

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 proposed changes to the schools admission arrangements for the academic year 2016/17 be endorsed.

6. CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The report sought approval of the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period April to June 2015. The Forward Work Programme is updated on a monthly basis to reflect any changes that are made to it.

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 April to June 2015, be approved.

The meeting closed at 2.12 pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 15th April 2015.

CHAIR