



CABINET

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, TREDOMEN ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH APRIL 2015 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor K.V. Reynolds - Chair

Councillors:

D.T. Hardacre (Performance and Asset Management), K. James (Regeneration, Planning and Sustainable Development), 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), D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services).

Also in Attendance:

K. Cole (Chief Education Officer), G. Willington (Company Secretary/Head of Business Intelligence EAS), P.G. Davy (Head of Programmes), E. Lucas (Head of Procurement), G. Hardacre (Head of Workforce and Organisational Development), P. Elliott (Head of Regeneration and Planning), C. Campbell (Transportation Engineering Manager), P. Hudson (Events and Marketing Manager), S. Pugh (Communications Manager), S.M. Kauczok (Committee Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs C. Forehead, Mrs B. Jones and G. Jones.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D. Hardacre declared an interest in agenda item 4 in that he is a Director of the EAS Board.

3. CABINET – 15TH APRIL 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2015 (minute nos. 1-6) be approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ON WHICH EXECUTIVE DECISIONS WERE REQUIRED

4. THE EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE (EAS) BUSINESS PLAN

Members congratulated Keri Cole on her recent appointment as Chief Education Officer, Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Councillor D.T. Hardacre declared an interest in this item as a Director of the EAS Board. Councillor Hardacre took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The Education Achievement Service (EAS) is required to produce and submit a detailed Business Plan to Welsh Government. The plan sets out the main priorities and actions to be taken during the coming year.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendation in the officer's report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the officer's report, the content of the EAS Business Plan be endorsed.

5. WHQS AND SHELTERED HOUSING COMPLEXES

The report, which sought the views of Members on a proposed WHQS programme delivery change relating to the sheltered housing complexes, had been considered by the Caerphilly Homes Task Group on 2nd April 2015 and the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 14th April 2015. The views of the Task Group and the Scrutiny Committee were reported to Cabinet.

Following consideration and discussion, It was moved and seconded that the recommendations at 1.9 and 1.10 in the covering report to Cabinet be endorsed. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

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

1. Subject to the removal of the option to outsource the tenant liaison role, the sheltered complexes be packaged into a separate programme and the management and delivery be outsourced to a suitable multi-disciplinary consultancy.
2. Consideration of recommendation 9.2 (the removal of 6 complexes from the WHQS Programme until a decision is made on the long-term future of these properties) be deferred pending further information from officers relating to these affected schemes.

6. NATIONAL PROCUREMENT SERVICE (NPS) FOR WALES PROGRESS REPORT

The report was considered by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 14th April 2015. The views of the Scrutiny Committee were reported to Cabinet.

The report advised Members of progress made with the National Procurement Services (NPS) for Wales and sought their views on the proposed future working arrangements.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the officer's report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously be approved.

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

1. The Authority remain opted out of the commodity areas outlined in paragraph 4.2 of the report until such time that officers can demonstrate best value to opting in.
2. The Authority take forward the opportunity to opt in to the Legal Services framework currently being developed by the NPS.
3. The decision to opt in and or out of commodity areas in the future be delegated to the relevant member of CMT for the service area and Head of Procurement in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services.

7. DRAFT SHARED PARENTAL LEAVE POLICY

The report, which sought the views of Members on the introduction of a Shared Parental Leave Policy, was considered by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 14th April 2015. The views of the Scrutiny Committee were reported to Cabinet.

The draft policy, attached as an appendix to the report, outlined the arrangements and notification requirements before a period of Shared Parental Leave (SPL) and the entitlement to pay during the SPL period.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the officer's report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

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

1. Cabinet noted that the Shared Parental Policy is based on the statutory entitlement and in all aspects other than pay it mirrors the Council's Maternity and Adoption Policies.
2. The Council do not adopt an enhanced Occupational Shared Parental Pay Scheme.
3. The Maternity Pay scheme be not reduced to the statutory scheme only.
4. The Shared Parental Leave Policy attached at Appendix 1 to the report be adopted.

8. VELOTHON WALES 2015 – PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES

Following the Cabinet decision on 25th March 2015 to proceed with a public consultation exercise on the proposed road closures, Members were asked to consider the consultation responses and to determine whether or not to proceed with advertising the temporary road closure orders for the event.

A public consultation exercise on the proposed road closures was undertaken between 7th – 24th April 2015. The responses received at the time of preparing the report are attached as an appendix to the report. The additional responses received were circulated at the meeting.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the officer's report be approved with an additional recommendation that a request be passed to the Event Organiser to pay for any additional costs. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

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

1. The Authority proceed to advertise the temporary road closure orders for the event.
2. A request be passed to the Event Organiser to pay for any additional costs.

The meeting closed at 3.11 pm.

Approved and signed as a correct record subject to any corrections made at the meeting held on 20th May 2015.

CHAIR