

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 3 DECEMBER 2015

Cabinet Members Present: Councillor Phil Bale (Chair)
Councillor Sue Lent
Councillor Peter Bradbury
Councillor Dan De'Ath
Councillor Bob Derbyshire
Councillor Graham Hinchey
Councillor Susan Elsmore
Councillor Sarah Merry
Councillor Ramesh Patel

Observers: Councillor Dianne Rees
Councillor Judith Woodman

Officers: Paul Orders, Chief Executive
Christine Salter, Section 151 Officer
Marie Rosenthal, Monitoring Officer
Joanne Watkins, Cabinet Office

69 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2015

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 November 2015 be approved

70 LLANEDEYRN HUB AND THE MAELFA REGENERATION SCHEME

Appendices 5 & 6 to this report are exempt from publication because they contain information of the kind described in paragraphs 14 and 21 of Parts 4 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Cabinet received a report which outlined the results of recent community consultation on the proposed Community Hub in Llanedeyrn and updated plans for the Maelfa redevelopment. Community feedback on the proposals was positive.

RESOLVED: that

1. Agreement be given to proceed with the extension to the Powerhouse to create the Llanedeyrn Community Hub;

2. the progress on the Maelfa regeneration scheme be noted and authority be delegated to the Director of Economic Development to the dispose of land for the purposes of enabling the redevelopment, in accordance with the received valuation advice;
3. authority be delegated to the Director of Communities, Housing and Customer Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise and the Leader as appropriate,
 - a) to agree the detailed plans and undertake all matters relating to implementation of the Llanedeyrn Community Hub and the Maelfa Regeneration Scheme
 - b) to obtain all necessary permissions and consents, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance, as required;

71 CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL LIBRARIES STOCK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND LOCAL STUDIES SERVICE

The Cabinet considered a report outlining an approach to the Library Service Stock Management Strategy which supported the Council's commitment to achieve stock related Welsh Public Library Standards.

RESOLVED: that

1. the approach outlined in the report and the adoption of the Libraries Stock Management Strategy, including the creation of the Stock Management Advisory Group be agreed
2. a further report be presented to cabinet that will make recommendations on the future location of the Council's stock and collections informed by the views of the Stock Management Advisory Group.
3. consultation take place on the transfer of the Local Studies service to Cathays.
4. authority be delegated to the Director for Communities, Housing and Customer Service in consultation with Cabinet Member for Community, Development, Co-operatives & Social Enterprise to decide on the permanent location of Local Studies informed by the results of the consultation.
5. Agreement in principle be given to discontinue the use of the current stock storage facility at Dominions Way subject to the appropriate relocation of all stock and collections.

72 COUNCIL TAX - DISCRETIONARY RELIEF POLICY

The Cabinet considered approving the Discretionary Relief Policy for Council Tax which had been created to provide assistance to council tax payers where there is clear evidence that an individual or group of individuals have exceptional circumstances which are not as a result of negligence on their part.

RESOLVED: that

- (1) the Discretionary Relief Policy for Council Tax, attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved
- (2) the policy be implemented with effect from 1st January 2016
- (3) the power to determine an application for discretionary relief from council tax be delegated to the Revenues Services Manager and that the Corporate Director Resources will determine any appeals.

73 SCHOOL ORGANISATION PROPOSALS: SPECIALIST PROVISION FOR PRIMARY AGED PUPILS WITH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES, AND WITH BEHAVIOURAL EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

A report outlining proposals to re-shape specialist education provision was considered due to the falling demand for speech and language places, and increased demand for provision for children with behavioral social and emotional needs. It was proposed that a public consultation be held on proposals to remodel SEN provision through the closure of Meadowbank Special School, increase the capacity for mainstream support for children with speech and language needs, change the use of the Allensbank SRB to provide additional places for pupils with severe and complex learning difficulties and increase the number of Nurture/Revolving Door classes in mainstream schools across the city

RESOLVED: that:

1. Officers be authorised to consult on the proposal to remodel SEN provision specifically to respond to the falling demand for speech and language places and increased demand for provision of children with behavioural social and emotional needs through:

- The closure of Meadowbank Special School by August 2017.

This will be supported by the following proposed changes:-

- An Increase in the capacity for mainstream support for children with speech and language needs
- A change in the use of the Allensbank SRB to provide additional places for pupils with severe and complex learning difficulties
- An increase in the number of Nurture/Revolving Door classes in mainstream schools across the city

2. prior to implementation of the proposal a further report will be provided to the Cabinet providing details of any objections received, the responses to those objections and recommendations for implementation or otherwise of the proposal.

74 SCHOOLS ORGANISATION PLANNING: THE PROVISION OF WELSH-MEDIUM AND ENGLISH-MEDIUM PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN AND AROUND LLANDAFF NORTH

A report containing details of the responses received following consultation regarding the provision of Welsh-medium and English-medium primary school provision in and around Llandaff North was considered. It was reported that the majority of repondees preferred Option 3 which would consolidate Gabalfa Primary School at 1FE with 48 part-time nursery places from September 2017, permanently establish Ysgol Glan Ceubal on its existing site at Colwill Road, Gabalfa, CF14 2PQ at 1FE from September 2016 and extend the age range of Ysgol Glan Ceubal from 4-11 to 3-11 from September 2016. This option would also retain flexibility around options to address any changes to future demand for English-medium and Welsh-medium primary school places in the area.

RESOLVED: that

1. Authorisation be given to the publication of a Notice to:
 - Consolidate Gabalfa Primary School at 1FE with 48 part-time nursery places from September 2017
 - Permanently establish Ysgol Glan Ceubal on its existing site at Colwill Road, Gabalfa, CF14 2PQ at 1FE from September 2016
 - Extend the age range of Ysgol Glan Ceubal from 4-11 to 3-11 from September 2016
2. the statutory notice will set out Option 3 as the recommended delivery option should the proposal proceed to implementation and subject to securing WG funding at the business case stage.
3. prior to implementation of the proposal a further report will be provided to the Cabinet providing details of any objections received, the responses to those objections and recommendations for implementation or otherwise of the proposal.

75 AMENDMENTS TO THE JOINT SCHEME FOR THE ALLOCATION OF SOCIAL HOUSING

A report providing an update on the operation of the joint Cardiff Housing Allocation scheme was received. The scheme was implemented in January 2015 and it was reported that the changes had resulted in improved advice to applicants with 1,674 housing solutions interviews carried out in the first 6 months of operation and the scheme had been successful in identifying those applicants who are most in housing need and prioritising them accordingly. In

light of operational experience a number of amendments were proposed around homelessness, overcrowding and local connections. Comments from the Community & Adult Scrutiny Committee were circulated to the Cabinet.

RESOLVED: that the amendments outlined in the report be approved in order to further enhance the joint Cardiff Housing Allocation Scheme.

76 CARDIFF CENTRAL TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE

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The Cabinet received an update on the Central Transport Interchange project which confirmed the delivery timetable including the anticipated timing of key decisions. The report also provided an update on the Central Square regeneration scheme following the signing of an Agreement to Lease by BBC Wales for a new headquarters building at Central Square. Comments from the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee were circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that

- (1) the recent progress made with the Central Square regeneration scheme be noted
- (2) the indicative timetable for the construction of the new Central Transport Interchange building as presented in paragraphs 13-18 of the report be noted
- (3) the costs outlined for the delivery of public realm improvements and other enabling costs related to the Masterplan Agreement to support the delivery of the new Central Transport Interchange building as detailed in confidential Appendix 3 be approved
- (4) authority be delegated to the Director of Economic Development, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance, the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability, the Section 151 Officer and the Director of Legal and Governance to consider in detail options for funding the new Central Transport Interchange and to return to Cabinet with a final recommendation.