

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 14 DECEMBER 2017

Cabinet Members Present:

- Councillor Huw Thomas (Leader)
- Councillor Peter Bradbury
- Councillor Susan Elsmore
- Councillor Russell Goodway
- Councillor Graham Hinchey
- Councillor Sarah Merry
- Councillor Michael Michael
- Councillor Lynda Thorne
- Councillor Chris Weaver
- Councillor Caro Wild

Observers:

- Councillor Joe Boyle
- Councillor Neil McEvoy
- Councillor Adrian Robson

Also:

Officers:

- Paul Orders, Chief Executive
- Christine Salter, Section 151 Officer
- Davina Fiore, Monitoring Officer
- Joanne Watkins, Cabinet Office

Apologies:

57 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2017 be approved

58 DELIVERING CAPITAL AMBITION

Cabinet considered a report which outlined arrangements to support the delivery of Cabinet's Capital Ambition statement of priorities. The report contained details of a four year delivery programme and a rolling programme of fundamental reviews to ensure the appropriate configuration and modernisation of Council services. The letter from the Chair of the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee was circulated to Cabinet.

RESOLVED: that

1. the establishment and implementation of a four-year 'Capital Ambition Delivery Programme', including the projects and initiatives that will serve to accelerate the modernisation of council services and deliver savings in accordance with the Administration's priorities be approved
2. authority be delegated to the Director of Economic Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Investment and Development, to develop a business case for the introduction of new arrangements that will ensure the Council is operating from modern, cost effective and fit for purpose premises;
3. authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to develop the Council's proposals for collaboration, including the business case for delivering transactional services on a regional footprint;
4. a rolling programme of Fundamental Reviews to ensure the optimal configuration of council services be implemented;
5. the initiation of an immediate review of the Council's ICT services, including hardware, software and resources, led by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance be approved, in order to underpin the successful implementation of the Council's Digital agenda;
6. the Chief Executive be authorised to re-allocate staff resources within the budgetary framework for 2017/18 to give priority to the proposals outlined in the report.

59 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE

Cabinet considered a report containing details of an application from Dragon Taxis to vary the current rate of hackney carriage fares in Cardiff. The application proposed an increase in the charge for the first 103 yards by 20p to £2.50 and after 103 yards, 20p would be charged for each subsequent 195 yards, decreased from 207 yards. It was noted that the proposed increase would be subject to a public notice in the local newspaper.

RESOLVED: that

1. the issues and impacts to taxi fares as set out in the report be noted
2. the application put forward by Dragon Taxis with an implementation date of 1st February 2018 (provided that there are no objections) be approved
3. the advertisement of the variation in a local newspaper be authorised

60 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS - CARDIFF COUNCIL'S BAND B PRIORITIES

*Councillor Bradbury declared a personal interest as Governor at Ty Gwyn School
Councillor Elsmore declared a personal interest as Fitzalan High School is located within her ward*

Councillor Merry declared a personal interest as Cathays High School is located within her ward

Councillor Thomas declared a personal interest as Governor at Willows High School

Councillor Weaver declared a personal interest as a Governor at Cathays High School

Councillor Wild declared a personal interest as a Governor at Kitchener Primary School

Cabinet received a report containing details of the priority schemes to be undertaken as part of Cardiff's Band B 21st century schools programme. It was noted that the submission to Welsh Government had been undertaken using a methodology aligned to Welsh Government's strategic objectives and as funding was only available to address the most acute sufficiency and condition issues in Cardiff, identified the schools in most need of investment.

RESOLVED: that

1. the prioritised schemes under Band B of the 21st Century Schools Programme be approved
2. the approval in principle of Cardiff Council's Band B Strategic Outline Case by Welsh Government be noted and the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning be authorized to secure Welsh Government approval in principle for the schemes within the programme.
3. a subsequent report to Cabinet will propose arrangements to secure sufficient capacity and appropriate governance in order to deliver the Cardiff Band B 21st Century Schools Programme.

61 **CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE**

A report outlining the Council Tax base calculation for 2018/19 was received. It set out the methodology used to calculate the Council tax base and assumed a collection rate of 98.5%.

RESOLVED: that

- (1) the calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 2018/19 be approved;
- (2) pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995, as amended, the amount calculated by Cardiff Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2018/2019 shall be 143,453;
- (3) pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995, as amended, the amounts calculated by the Council as the Council Tax Base for the year 2018/19 in the community areas subject to a precept shall be as follows:-

Lisvane	2,350
Pentyrch	3,263

Radyr	3,709
St. Fagans	1,311
Old St. Mellons	1,543
Tongwynlais	823

- (4) the arrangements for the payment of precepts in 2018/19 to the South Wales Police Authority be by equal instalments on the last working day of each month from April 2018 to March 2019 and the Community Councils be by one payment on 1 April 2018, be on the same basis as that used in 2017/18 and the precepting authorities be advised accordingly.

62 CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT MID YEAR POSITION 2017/18

The Corporate risk register was considered by the Cabinet. It outlined the strategic risks facing the Council and mitigating actions in place. It was reported that a risk around 'Air Quality' had been added to the Corporate Risk Register.

RESOLVED: that the content of the Corporate Risk Register and the continued development of risk management within the Council be noted

63 THE ACQUISITION OF NEW BUILD HOUSING SCHEME AT FORMER WALTERS BUILDING, BUTETOWN FOR COUNCIL HOUSING

Appendices 2 & 3 to this report are not for publication as they contain exempt information of the description contained in paragraph 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

The press and public were excluded from the meeting during discussion around this item

The Cabinet considered entering into a package deal with Cadwyn Housing Association, for the acquisition of 50 flats for council rent which would help meet the Council's target of delivering at least 1000 new Council homes within 5 years.

RESOLVED: that authority be delegated to the Director for Communities, Housing & Customer Services to enter into a contract with Cadwyn Housing Association for the acquisition of 50 flats subject to Heads of Terms being agreed including all due diligence and viability approval.