

COUNCIL:

23 JULY 2015

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL
SERVICES**

URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN IN RESPECT OF:

- (1) CANTONIAN HIGH SCHOOL; AND**
- (2) UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINALS 2017**

Reason for this Report

- 1. In accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13(a), urgent officer decisions taken in respect of (i) Cantonian High School; and (ii) UEFA Champions League Finals 2017, are being reported to Council for information.

Issues

Cantonian High School

- 2. An Officer Decision – 'Intervention in Cantonian High School' was taken on 23rd June 2015 by the Director of Education as an urgent decision. The decision was to:
 - (i) Intervene in Cantonian High School pursuant to the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 ('the SSOW Act 2013');
 - (ii) Suspend the right of the Governing Body to a delegated budget pursuant to Section 8 of the SSOW Act 2013; and
 - (iii) Appoint 3 Additional Governors (Derek Mutlow, Gary Brace and Mary Campbell) and nominate one of those governors, Derek Mutlow, to be the Chair of the governing body pursuant to Section 6 of the SSOW Act 2013.
- 3. The reason for the decision was that, pursuant to the SSOW Act 2013, one or more of the statutory grounds for intervention by the Council existed, and the exercise of one or more of the Council's powers of intervention was necessary in order to address the concerns and secure improvement.
- 4. The Decision was taken in consultation with the Cabinet Member with portfolio responsibility for Education and local ward Members.

5. It was noted that any delay in implementation of the decision would impede the achievement of the necessary improvements and was not therefore in the public interest. For these reasons, the Monitoring Officer and the Chair of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee agreed the decision should be taken on an urgent basis.

UEFA Champions League Finals 2017

6. An Officer Decision – 'Bid to host the UEFA Champions League Finals 2017' was taken on 23rd June 2015 by the Chief Executive as an urgent decision. The decision was to:

- (i) Support the Football Association of Wales (FAW) bid to host the UEFA Champions League Final and UEFA Women's Champions League Final ('the UCL Finals') in Cardiff in 2017;
- (ii) Subject to the execution of a Heads of Terms agreement with the FAW setting out the scope of the Council's support and associated financial obligations and in consultation with the City and County Solicitor and the Section 151 Officer, to sign the formal 'Declaration of the Host City Authority', as required by UEFA in support of the FAW bid; and
- (iii) If the bid is successful, to take all necessary actions to arrange for the discharge of the Host City Authority's obligations in order to ensure the successful organisation of the UCL Finals 2017 in Cardiff.

7. The reason for the decision was to facilitate the successful staging in Cardiff of the UEFA Champions League Final and UEFA Women's Champions League Final in 2017 in order to:

- Attract significant economic benefits for Cardiff, estimated at £40m
- Compliment Cardiff's sporting event portfolio
- Provide an international media platform that promotes the reputation of Cardiff and Wales.
- Support the development and sustainability of Cardiff's cultural, creative, event and tourism sectors.
- Showcase Cardiff's heritage, venues, parkland and waterfront.
- Support and promote health and wellbeing by expanding the opportunity to participate in sport and physical activity and seeking to significantly increase the number of people wanting to play, coach or volunteer within Welsh Football

8. The decision was taken in consultation with the Leader, and the Cabinet Members with portfolio responsibility for Finance and Sport, who were all fully supportive of the decision.
9. The decision was certified as urgent, in recognition of the significant opportunities and benefits which a successful bid would bring to Cardiff, and the fact that the Council had been asked to confirm its support for the bid by 23rd June 2015, in advance of consideration by the UEFA Executive Committee in Prague on 29th / 30th June. On this basis, it was noted that any delay in implementation of the decision was not in the public interest. For these reasons, the Monitoring Officer and the Chair of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee agreed the decision should be taken on an urgent basis.

Financial Implications

10. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

11. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Legal implications were considered and included as part of the Officer Decision process.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report for information.

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Background Papers

Officer Decision, 23 June 2015 – 'Intervention in Cantonian High School'
Officer Decision, 23 June 2015 - 'Bid to host the UEFA Champions League Finals 2017'