

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 17 JUNE 2021

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 Keith Parry
Councillor Adrian Robson
Councillor Rhys Taylor

Officers: Paul Orders, Chief Executive
Chris Lee, Section 151 Officer
Davina Fiore, Monitoring Officer
Joanne Watkins, Cabinet Office

1 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2021

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 May 2021 were approved as a correct record.

2 WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS: ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

The Cabinet received the Welsh Language Standards Annual Report for 2020-21 which reflected the work completed by the Council to fulfil the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards and progress made towards implementing the Bilingual Cardiff Strategy.

RESOLVED: that Council be recommended to approve the Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2020-21 (attached as **Appendix A**) prior to formal publication in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards (Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011).

3 **LEVELLING UP FUND AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND APPLICATIONS**

Appendix 1 of the Cabinet Report is not for publication as it contains exempt information of the description contained in paragraphs 14 and 16 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It is viewed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Councillors Goodway, Merry and Weaver advised that potential projects within this report were within their wards.

Councillor Adrian Robson declared a personal interest in this item as a member of friends of Forest Farm

The Cabinet considered a report outlining potential projects for submission as bids for the Levelling Up Fund and Community renewal Fund. It was proposed that the Council support five proposals in relation to the Levelling Up Fund, with the Cardiff Market proposal being submitted as the first bid as the project met the first round criteria of delivering substantial spend within the current financial year.

In relation to the Community Renewal Fund it was reported that the Council had put a public call to organisations for submissions and following a review process based on the UK Government guidelines and alignment with the Council's Capital Ambition it was proposed that a total of 14 projects with a value of £860,200 be submitted. The projects were focused on enterprise support, employment support and investment in communities and place

RESOLVED: that

- a) the details of the Community Renewal Fund applications for submission to the UK Government to be submitted by 12pm on 18 June 2021 be noted
- b) the proposal for investment in Cardiff Market to be submitted to the UK Government by 12pm on 18 June 2021 in the first round of Levelling-Up Fund applications be noted
- c) the proposed additional projects for the Levelling-Up Fund be noted, and it be agreed that the Leader of the Council, in consultation with relevant Members of Parliament, will write to the UK Government signalling the ambitions for the use of the Levelling-Up Fund.

4 **COASTAL RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME - PROCUREMENT OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO DELIVER THE COASTAL DEFENCE IMPROVEMENTS**

The Leader advised that part of this project was within his ward.

A report outlining details of the principle design for the coastal protection scheme and the requirements within the draft full business case to be submitted to Welsh Government for the Coastal Risk Management Programme was received by Cabinet. The report also outlined the proposed procurement approach including the evaluation criteria and weightings for the construction contract.

RESOLVED: that

1. the principle design for the coastal protection scheme and the requirements within the draft full business case to be submitted to Welsh Government for the Coastal Risk Management Programme be noted
2. the procurement approach and evaluation criteria/weightings set out in the report be approved
3. the commencement of procurement for the construction contract to deliver the coastal defence improvements estimated at £23.5M be approved
4. a further report be presented to Cabinet with the final Full Business Case, including final tender costs, project risks and mitigations.

5 THE EXPANSION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF CATHAYS HIGH SCHOOL

Councillors Merry and Weaver advised that this report school was within their ward

Council Weaver declared a personal interest as an LEA appointed governor at Cathays High School

The Cabinet received a report outlining the responses received following the consultation on the proposal regarding the expansion and redevelopment of Cathays High School. 494 responses were received and were detailed within the Cabinet report.

RESOLVED: that

1. Officers be authorised to issue a statutory notice to:
 - Expand Cathays High School from 1,072 places (5.5 Forms of Entry with 247 sixth form places) to 1,450 places (8 Forms of Entry with 250 sixth form places), from September 2023
 - Replace the Cathays High School buildings with new build accommodation on the Maindy Centre site adjacent to Crown Way and North Road
 - Expand the current Specialist Resource Base (SRB) for learners with Autism Spectrum Condition from 16 to 50 places in purpose-built accommodation in the new school buildings

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

6 SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLANNING: PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES TO SERVE CATHAYS AND PARTS OF GABALFA, HEATH, LLANDAFF NORTH AND PLASNEWYDD

Council Weaver declared a personal interest as an LEA appointed governor at Gladstone Primary School

Councillor Taylor declared a personal interest as an LEA appointed governor at Ysgol Mynydd Bychan

The Cabinet considered a report containing details of the responses received following consultation on proposals regarding primary school provision to serve Cathays and parts of Gabalfa, Heath, Llandaff North and Plasnewydd. The consultation sought the views of stakeholders on an interim proposal to expand Ysgol Mynydd Bychan to 315 places and potential long term solutions to ensure an appropriate balance of English-medium and Welsh-medium primary school places. A total of 209 responses were received. It was reported that whilst there was support for the development of Welsh-medium education to support progress toward Cymraeg 2050 and support specifically for the expansion of Ysgol Mynydd Bychan, the interim proposal as set out in the consultation was not supported. Therefore it was proposed that the proposal should not be progressed.

RESOLVED: that

1. It be agreed to not progress the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Mynydd Bychan from c0.9 Forms of Entry (FE) (192 places) to 1.5 FE (315 places) from September 2022
2. Officers be authorised to bring a further report to Cabinet for consideration, setting out details of revised proposals for permanent changes to primary school places serving Cathays and parts of Gabalfa, Heath, Llandaff North and Plasnewydd
3. It be noted that the agreed School Admission Arrangements 2022/2023 as set out in the Admissions Policy 2022/2023 includes an Admission Number of 30 for Allensbank Primary School.
4. That it be noted that the proposed increase in the Admission Number to 45 places at Ysgol Mynydd Bychan in the Admissions Policy 2022/2023 will not be implemented.

Appendix 8 of this report is not for publication as it contains exempt information of the description in paragraphs 14 and 21 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Cabinet received the Outturn report for 2020/21 financial year which provided an assessment of the Council's financial position for that year. The report compared the outturn for the financial year ending 31st March 2021 with the budget for the year, for both revenue and capital expenditure. The report also provided a summary Treasury Management Statement in respect of investments and borrowing. It was reported that a balanced position had been achieved following transfers to and from earmarked reserves and that £165.709 million on capital expenditure compared to a budget of £213.108 million, with the variance primarily relating to the slippage of schemes into 2021/22, in part impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESOLVED: that

1. the report and the actions taken in respect of the Council's accounts for 2020/21 be approved
2. this report will form an appendix to the Financial Statements report to be considered at a Council meeting in the autumn of 2021.

8 RE-PROCUREMENT OF THE COLLABORATIVE SOUTH EAST WALES HIGHWAYS AND CIVILS CONSTRUCTION FRAMEWORK (SEWH3)

The Cabinet considered a report requesting approval for a new procurement to enable the Council to maintain a compliant procurement route for Highways and Civils projects third party spend. In order to meet the needs of Cardiff and its South East Wales public sector partners there was a need to run a restricted tender process to appoint suitably qualified contractors onto a collaborative framework hosted by Cardiff Council's Commissioning and Procurement team.

RESOLVED: that

1. Agreement in principal be given to the commencement of the re-procurement of the current South East Wales Collaborative Civils Engineering and Highways Construction Framework and
2. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Modernisation, to carry out all aspects of the procurement, (including setting the evaluation methodology, commencing procurement and award of successful contractors to the framework) and thereafter to host and deal with the operation of the framework arrangements, including any ancillary matters relating thereto.

9 ACCEPTANCE OF THE DELEGATION OF THE MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCUREMENT FUNCTION

Cabinet considered a report containing a proposal to accept an executive delegation from Monmouthshire County Council to deliver their Procurement Function as part of the Council's agreed 2021/22 Budget Strategy. The proposal had been formally approved by Monmouthshire County Council as part of their 2021/22 budget setting process.

RESOLVED: that Council be recommended to

1. Accept an Executive Delegation from Monmouthshire County Council to carry out their Procurement Functions, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the Delegation Agreement referred to in 2 below.
2. Delegate authority to the Corporate Director Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Modernisation to conclude a Delegation Agreement in a form to the satisfaction of the Council and complete all arrangements to carry out the delegated procurement functions.
3. Subject to the conclusion of the proposed Delegation agreement in 2 above, agree that the day to day responsibility for carrying out the delegated procurement functions sit with the Operational Manager, Commissioning and Procurement.

10 NORTH WEST CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY UPDATE

The Cabinet received an update on the transportation study work that will identify the short-term and long-term public transport options that offer the best business cases in order to improve access through North West Cardiff towards the City Centre. The proposals were following the Welsh Government WelTAG approach and it was reported that Stage 1 had been completed for the North West Cardiff Corridor Transportation Study and it was now intended to take the business case for the Phase 1 proposals drawn-up forward to Stage 2 for the short-term options short-listed.

RESOLVED: that

1. the outcome to date of the North West Cardiff Corridor Transportation Study be noted
2. the next stage in progressing this study – WelTAG Stage 2 be noted

11 CITY CENTRE NEXT STEPS: CASTLE STREET AND CITY CENTRE EAST (PHASE 1 + CANAL)

Appendix 6 of this report is not for publication as it contains exempt information of the description in paragraphs 14 and 21 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Councillors Merry and Weaver advised that this project was within their ward.

A report detailing the outcome of the public consultation and modelling work on modifications to the current road layout to Castle Street was received. The report also contained an analysis of the impact of the modifications on clean air, congestion and wider city recovery and renewal.

As a result of traffic and air quality monitoring, the public consultation, and further analysis of the COVID-19 recovery period, it was proposed that modifications to the current scheme on Castle street should be put in place to allow all vehicles (including cars) to access two lanes of Castle Street, with a westbound bus lane and two-way segregated cycleway retained.

It was proposed that the City Centre East scheme, as consulted on, be approved for delivery.

RESOLVED: that

1. the outcome of the public consultation and modelling work carried out on the future of Castle St be noted
2. the implementation of the adjustment to the current road layout on Castle Street to allow all traffic as outlined in Appendix 2 be approved
3. the intention to undertake further modelling and analysis of the impact of the scheme on clean air, congestions and wider city recovery and renewal be noted
4. authority be delegated to the Director of Planning, Transport & Environment in consultation with the Corporate Director of Resources to deal with all aspects of the procurement process (including approving the evaluation criteria to be used and authorising the award of the proposed contract) and all ancillary matters pertaining to the procurement for the construction of City Centre East + Canal Phase 1.