

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 20 OCTOBER 2022

Cabinet Members

Present: Councillor Huw Thomas (Leader)
Councillors Peter Bradbury/ Julie Sangani (job share)
Councillor Jen Burke-Davies
Councillor Dan De'Ath
Councillor Russell Goodway
Councillors Norma Mackie/ Ash Lister (job share)
Councillor Sarah Merry
Councillor Lynda Thorne
Councillor Chris Weaver
Councillor Caro Wild

Observers: Councillor Joe Carter
Councillor Adrian Robson

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

Apologies:

34 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 21 September 2022 were approved

35 ANNUAL WELLBEING REPORT

The Cabinet considered the Council's Annual Wellbeing Report which represented the annual review of performance and discharged a number of statutory requirements, in particular, the new performance duties introduced by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act. The report represented a balanced assessment of the Council's performance and had been considered by the Council's Performance Panel, Policy

Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee and Governance and Audit Committee.

RESOLVED: that

1. authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance, to make any consequential changes to the Annual Well-being Report 2021/22 following the receipt of any comments from the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee.
2. the Annual Well-being Report 2021/22 be approved for consideration by Council.

36 **REVIEW OF THE LEISURE SERVICES CONTRACT (GLL)**

Appendices 1, 2 and 5 of this report are exempt from publication pursuant to paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Cabinet received details of the contract review of Greenwich Leisure limited (GLL) and outlined the impact of the current increase in energy costs on GLL and a potential relief payment to mitigate the effect. The report also outlined proposals for Pentwyn Leisure centre.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the contract review undertaken by Local Partnerships attached at Confidential Appendix 1 be noted
- ii) Approval in principle be given to a relief payment to GLL to assist with mitigating the rise in energy costs during the current financial year capped as set out in Confidential Appendix 2 and authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance to authorise payments in line with the methodology and due diligence set out in Confidential Appendix 2.
- iii) Agreement in principle be given to the proposal for GLL to acquire energy either directly or indirectly through the Crown Commercial Service and to authority be delegated to the Director of Economic Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure and the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance, the Section 151 Officer and the Legal Officer to consider all of the implications as set out in this report and in Confidential Appendix 2 and if the proposal is beneficial to the Council and GLL to make such variations as required to the lease and or the contract.
- iv) Agreement in principle be given to the proposal to upgrade the energy infrastructure at each leisure centre to provide lower cost renewable

energy subject to approval of a Full Business Case being presented back to a future meeting of Cabinet.

- v) Agreement in principle be given to the approach outlined in this report for the modernisation and future operation of Pentwyn Leisure Centre and authorise the preparation of a full business case detailing final costs to be presented back to a future meeting of Cabinet for authority to proceed.

37 **SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2022 - 2027**

The Socially Responsible Procurement Strategy 2022-2027 was considered by Cabinet. The strategy placed an increased emphasis on delivering community benefits through Council contracts and promoting a fair work agenda.

RESOLVED: that

1. the Socially Responsible Procurement Strategy 2022-2027 be approved.
2. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Resources to approve any updates to the strategy from time to time in line with changes in legislation.

38 **BUDGET 2023/24 - UPDATE**

A report outlining preparations for the 2023/24 budget was received. The indicative budget gap was now estimated at £53million. Cabinet were advised that there were a number of key factors likely to affect the budget such as inflationary pressures across a number of services, rising energy, food and fuel prices and workforce costs. The report also outlined the impact of interest rates, the UK mini budget, income loss, funding and increasing demand in Children's Services. It was reported that work was ongoing to address the predicted gap and that proposals would be subject to consultation.

RESOLVED: that

1. the updated budget reduction requirement of £53 million for 2023/24 be noted
2. directorates continue to work with the relevant Portfolio Cabinet Member(s), in consultation with the Corporate Director Resources and Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance to identify potential savings to assist in addressing the indicative budget gap of £53 million for 2023/24.
3. It be noted that the Chief Executive as Head of Paid Service will be issuing all necessary statutory and non-statutory employment consultation in respect of the staffing implications of budget preparation.

4. It be noted that work will continue to update and refresh the budget gap and that this will be reported to Members as appropriate.
5. consultation on the 2023/24 budget proposals will take place when the detail of options is available in order to inform the preparation of the draft 2023/24 Budget.

39 **REDECLARATION OF CATHAYS ADDITIONAL LICENSING SCHEME**

Councillors Mackie, Merry and Weaver declared prejudicial interests in this item as respondees to the consultation and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

The Cabinet considered a report outlining the results of the consultation exercise on the re-declaration of the Additional Licensing Scheme in Cathays and demonstrating the case for the re-declaration.

RESOLVED: that the Cathays Community Ward be re-declared as an Additional Licensing area with effect from 1 February 2023 to run for a period of 5 years.

40 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RENTING HOMES WALES ACT**

The Cabinet received a report containing details of the implications of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016. The Act was intended to provide more security of tenure for tenants and meant that Council house tenants would become 'contract-holders'. It was also reported that contract-holders would be entitled to two months notice of any rent increase.

RESOLVED: that

1. Approval be given to the proposed approach being taken to respond to the requirements of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 including the changes in the Council's rental agreements and procedures.
2. Authority be delegated to the Director Adults, Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities and Director of Governance and Legal Services, to finalise the new contracts for council tenants and procedures to fully implement the changes introduced in the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016.

41 **LLANRUMNEY REGENERATION SCHEME UPDATE**

Appendices 2 - 4 of this report are not for publication as they contain exempt information of the description contained in paragraphs 14, 16 and 21 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

An update on the Llanrumney Regeneration Scheme was received, including details of the developer's proposal for the delivery of a new road link and bridge connecting the A48 to the Llanrumney ward. It was reported that given the increasing costs of the bridge, a contribution would be required from the Council and it was proposed that this be met through the residual amount of capital receipt from the disposal of the Ball Road and Ball Lane sites and that the costs associated with the enhanced specification for active travel be met with s106 contributions.

RESOLVED: that

- 1) progress on the delivery of the Llanrumney Regeneration Scheme be noted
- 2) authority be delegated to the Director of Economic Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Investment and Development, the Section 151 Officer and the Legal Officer to:
 - i) progress the disposal of the 3 parcels of land in the sequence set out in this report.
 - ii) enter legal contracts for the delivery of the new road link and bridge subject to an independent valuation, the capped contribution set out in Confidential Appendix 4, and the funding being available as anticipated in this report and set out in Confidential Appendix 4.

42 **LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22, INCLUDING MARKET STABILITY REPORT & CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

The Cabinet received the Local Authority's Social Services Annual Report for 2021/22 together with the Market Stability report and the Corporate Safeguarding annual report. The report highlighted progress in Children's and Adults Services and outlined challenges facing Social Services. It was reported that a key priority theme across all services identified for 2022/23 was to progress locality working models, integrating council and partner services to provide support and aligned interventions at the right time to improve outcomes and reduce duplication and gaps in provision.

RESOLVED: that

1. the Local Authority's Social Services Annual Report for 2021/22 (including Appendix 5 MSR) respectively) be approved for consideration by Council.
2. the Corporate Safeguarding report be noted

43 **COMMITMENTS TO UNPAID CARERS**

The Cabinet considered the Unpaid Carer's Charter and Young unpaid Carers Charter. The charters were designed to set out a clear direction for the planning and development of support to all unpaid carers across the Cardiff and Vale region over the next five years and it was intended that the charters would help improve support for unpaid carers and increase accessibility to information and advice.

RESOLVED: that

1. the Unpaid Carers Charter and Young Unpaid Carers Charter be approved
2. the work already underway to improve the support for unpaid carers be noted

44 **CARDIFF ELECTRIC BUS SCHEME**

The Cabinet received a report advising that Welsh Government had allocated £8m of grant funding to support the transition to electric bus on the Cardiff network. It was reported that Welsh Government required the Council to consult with bus operators on approaches to implementing the scheme and that this was underway. The commitment to spend the funding needed to be made by the end of March 2023, with a view to ensuring buses are on the roads and in operation as soon as possible. In order to achieve this, delegated authority to the Director of Planning, Transport and Environment was needed to scope and implement the scheme.

RESOLVED: that

1. It be noted that the Welsh Government has allocated £8m of grant funding to support the transition to electric bus on the Cardiff Network.
2. Authority be delegated to the Director of Planning, Transport and Environment, subject to consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport & Strategic Planning, s.151 Officer and Director Governance and Legal Services, to prepare the scope and method of allocating Welsh Government grant funding to increase the use of electric buses serving Cardiff and to determine, approve and implement the Cardiff Electric Bus Scheme.

45 **SIXTH CARDIFF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT**

The Cabinet received the sixth Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring report which provided a comparison with the baseline data provided by previous AMRs. It was reported that overall the findings of the sixth AMR are positive with the majority of the indicators shown as green indicating that most LDP policies are being implemented effectively

RESOLVED: that Council be recommended to endorse the sixth AMR for submission to the Welsh Government by 31st October 2022.

46 **RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE JOINT TASK AND FINISH GROUP INQUIRY REPORT ON THE REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - STRATEGIC AND DELIVERY OPTIONS**

The Cabinet considered the response to the letter from the Chair of Environmental Scrutiny Committee relating to the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group - Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) – Strategic and Delivery Options. The letter from the Chair of Scrutiny set out a series of findings relating to the consultation process, the strategic and delivery options, accessibility, inclusivity and environmental sustainability issues and further scrutiny involvement in the plan preparation process and contained 6 formal recommendations. Whilst recommendations 2-6 were accepted, recommendation 1 was rejected and details of the consultation processes to date were outlined within the Cabinet report.

RESOLVED: that the response to the recommendations of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee Joint Task and Finish Group on the Replacement Local Development Plan – Strategic and Delivery Options, as set out in appendix 2 be approved