

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 17 NOVEMBER 2022

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
Councillor Peter Wong (Minute no 48)

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

47 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2022

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 October 2022 were approved

48 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ENTITLED SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

Attending on behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Peter Wong, presented the Environmental Scrutiny Committee report entitled 'Supplementary Planning Guidance'. He outlined the nature of the inquiry, including the evidence and witnesses used and detailed the findings and recommendations.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and responded to within the usual timescales

49 SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - UPDATE

Councillor Caro Wild declared a personal interest in this item as his partner worked for one of the projects listed. He advised that he would take no part in the discussion.

Cabinet considered a report which provided an update on the Shared Prosperity fund and included details of the approach to managing and delivering the fund in Cardiff. It was reported that confirmation of funding was still awaited however it was important an initial position was adopted given that funding was annual and that further reports would be brought to Cabinet at the appropriate time.

RESOLVED: that

- a) the update on the development of Shared Prosperity Fund proposals be noted
- b) Subject to recommendation (c) approval be given to the draft Shared Prosperity Fund Programme and associated Governance arrangements.
- c) Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make amendments to the Shared Prosperity Fund Programme following consultation with the partners set out in paragraph 29 to this report.
- d) Subject to recommendation (e) approval be given to the Year One Delivery Plan.
- e) Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to vary the Year One Delivery Plan when appropriate to do so in line with paragraphs 35 to 38 to this report.

50 FAIRWATER CAMPUS BAND B REDEVELOPMENT

Appendix 2 to this report is exempt from publication on the basis that it contains information of the description set out in paragraphs 14 and 21 of Part 4 of schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and is exempt from disclosure as it contains information pursuant to paragraph 16 of the Local Government Act 1972

Councillor Peter Bradbury declared a personal interest in this item as a governor at the Western Learning Campus.

The Cabinet received an report outlining a request to authorise funds from the Sustainable Communities of Learning Band B programme to enable commencement of work to progress Fairwater Community Campus. It was reported that this was subject to Ministerial approval of the Final Business

Case. The proposed Fairwater Community Campus would provide 21st Century educational facilities in new build schools on the existing site of Cantonian High School. It was reported that there had been a number of budgetary pressures resulting in cost increase since the design stage, mainly due to inflation increases and design development.

RESOLVED: that

- (i) Authorisation be given to the total funds required as this stage from the Council's Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B Programme, subject to Ministerial approval of the Final Business Case, to enable commencement of the enabling works required to progress the Fairwater Community Campus.
- (ii) the commitment required for the early works orders to progress the project at risk ahead of entering into contract be noted

51 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REPORT**

Annexes B & C to Appendix 1 to this report are not for publication as they contain exempt information of the description in Paragraphs 14 and 21 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Treasury Management report was considered by Cabinet. The report provided an update on the Council's Treasury Management activity since 1 April 2022 and provided details of the Council's borrowing and investments. It was reported that no policy changes or changes to limits were required at this stage.

RESOLVED: that the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2022-23 be noted, prior to its submission to Full Council in November 2022 (Appendix 1).

52 **NON DOMESTIC RATES - WRITES OFFS**

Appendices A and B to this report are exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

The Cabinet considered a report seeking authorisation to write off Non-Domestic Rate debts which exceed £100,000 in value. It was reported that Business rates were collected on behalf of the Welsh Government with the cost of all write offs borne by the pool, and not directly by the Council.

RESOLVED: that authorisation be given to write off the debts set out in **Appendix A**, amounting to £1,282,187.71

53 BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 6

Details of the projected 2022/23 financial monitoring position as at the end of September 2022 (Month 6) against the 2022/23 budget were received. It was reported that the overall monitoring position, as at Month 6, reflected a total projected net annual Council overspend of £7.394 million, this took into account the impact of the pay award of £4.961 million which had been agreed since the last considered monitoring position at month 4. Given the impact of the pay award, the corrective action and additional savings identified by directorates had already had an impact on the budget position.

RESOLVED: that

1. the projected revenue financial outturn based on the projected position at Month 6 2022/23 be noted
2. the capital spend and projected position at Month 6 2022/23 be noted

54 A NEW HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Appendix B to this report is not for publication as it contains exempt information of the description contained in paragraph 14 and 16 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

The Cabinet received a report outlining proposals for a second Cardiff Housing Partnership. It was reported that the first programme, Cardiff Living, had delivered a significant high quality, energy efficient homes across the city to help increase the supply of affordable housing and the partnership approach had demonstrated a better use of resources, certainty of delivery and a consistency of quality. The report detailed the options available to the Council in developing a second partnership and included options for collaboration with other Local Authorities.

RESOLVED: that

1. approval in principle be given to the implementation of a second Cardiff Housing Partnership Programme including the commencement of a procurement exercise to appoint a development partner.
2. Approval be given to the list of development sites currently proposed to be included within a second partnership programme and approval that more suitable sites can be added into the programme, subject to complying with financial parameters including viability assessments and working within the HRA Business plan.
3. authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for People and Communities in consultation with the Cabinet member for Housing and Communities, to manage all matters relating to the procurement process including agreeing the procurement route, agreeing the

parameters and delivery model of a second partnership programme, agreeing the procurement documents, agreeing the evaluation criteria and the evaluation of the bids.

4. It be noted that a subsequent report will be presented to Cabinet following the conclusion of the procurement process seeking approval to appoint the preferred Bidder.

55 **SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22**

The Shared Regulatory Services Annual Report for 2021-22 was received. It outlined the performance of the SRS for 2021-22, highlighting in particular the work of the service during the COVID19 pandemic. The Cabinet Member expressed his thanks to SRS staff for their work during this time.

RESOLVED: that the Shared Regulatory Services Annual Report for 2021-22 be noted