

**MINUTES**

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**CABINET MEETING: 22 DECEMBER 2022**

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**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 Adrian Robson  
Councillor Rhys Taylor

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

**71 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON 15 AND 22 DECEMBER 2022**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 15 and 22 December 2022 be approved.

**72 WEED CONTROL TRIAL**

The Cabinet received a report containing details of the outcome from the Weed Control Trial which commenced in Spring 2021, including an independent assessment of the process and outcomes. The trial concluded that, based on the key criteria, the glyphosate based product used provided the most effective and sustainable weed control and therefore it was recommended that current approach of integrated weed control management and use of glyphosate based products be continued.

**RESOLVED:** that

1. the content of this report and the content of the Weed Control Trial 2021 - Final Project Report be noted
2. the current approach of integrated weed control management and use of glyphosate based products be continued
3. measures to reduce the use of the glyphosate based products on all Council landholdings, employing alternative control measures as appropriate, be continued
4. the monitoring of product development for the purposes of weed control within the public realm be continued and considered for future use based on environmental, quality, cost and criteria.
5. the role and work of Friends of Groups and volunteers in the management of weeds throughout the city continue to be supported

### **73 ANNUAL REPORT ON INVESTMENT IN THE EDUCATION ESTATE**

*Councillors Bradbury & Weaver declared personal interests in this item as Governors of Schools referenced within the report*

An update on the progress of the School Organisation Programme was received. The report which was intended to become an annual report on progress given the size and scale of the schools programme. The report set out the context for the schools programme together with the varying policies such as one planet Cardiff, the LDP, the Welsh Strategic Education Plan and others which impacted upon the programme

**RESOLVED:** that

1. the matters outlined in this report and considerations for the next 12 months for the School Organisation Programme be noted
2. it be agreed that officers bring forward a School Organisation Strategy within the next financial year that leads to priority projects against the next tranche of funding of the Sustainable Communities for Learning.

### **74 RESPONSE TO THE POLICY REVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TASK AND FINISH GROUP INQUIRY ON HOME AND AGILE WORKING**

The Cabinet received the proposed response to the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group report on Home and Agile Working. It was proposed that all 9 recommendations be accepted or partially accepted.

**RESOLVED:** that the response to the recommendations of the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group on Home and Agile Working, as set out in appendix 1 be approved

## **75 MID YEAR ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE 2022/23**

The mid year performance assessment was received. The assessment provided a performance update for each of the Council's seven Well-Being Objectives, as set out in the Corporate Plan 2022-25. The report highlighted areas of progress and improvement including gaining Child Friendly city status, the improved recycling rate and the progress of the housing building programme. The report also referenced challenges faced by the Council such as financial pressures, demand pressures in Children's services, challenges in recruiting social workers and responding to the cost of living.

**RESOLVED:** that the mid-year assessment of the Council's performance as set out in this report and Appendix A, including the delivery of key commitments and priorities at the end of Quarter 2 of 2022/23, and the actions being taken to ensure the effective delivery of the Corporate Plan 2022-25 be noted

## **76 INTERNATIONAL SPORTS VILLAGE**

The Cabinet received an update on the International Sports Village Development. Following successive Cabinet decisions, the Council had now secured control of all the land required and authorisation was sought for a coordinated disposal strategy. The report also provided an update on progress with the Velodrome facility, details of the closed loop circuit and the ice arena.

**RESOLVED:** that

- 1) Approval be given to the disposal strategy as set out in this report in line with the independent advice attached at Confidential Appendix 2 and 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 develop detailed heads of terms to be approved at a future meeting of Cabinet.
- 2) Approval be given to the preferred operator for the proposed new Velodrome facility at the International Sports Village as set out in Confidential Appendix 5 subject to the detailed due diligence set out in this report and authority be given to the development of a Full Business Case for the whole leisure destination including associated infrastructure in line with the costs set out in Confidential Appendix 10 and as part of this authority be provided to identify an appropriate operator for the Closed Loop Circuit.
- 3) Approval be given to the preferred operator for the Ice Arena as set out in Confidential Appendix 5 including the proposal for the family attraction as set out in this report and illustrated in Confidential Appendix 6, and 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 conclude suitable legal and commercial terms in line with the criteria set out in this report.

- 4) the Strategic Outline Case for the Energy Strategy for the International Sports Village attached as Confidential Appendix 12 be noted and approval be given to the development of an Outline Business Case to be presented back to a future meeting of Cabinet.
- 5) Approval in principle be given to the proposal to establish a single management organisation for the leisure destination at the International Sports Village and authority be given to the preparation of an Outline Business Case in line with the strategy set out in this report and Confidential Appendices 5, 7 and 8.
- 6) Approval be given to the development of an Outline Business Case to consider the options for delivery of the proposed Multi Storey Car Park including an agreement in principle to the introduction of an appropriate charging regime to be approved as part of a Full Business Case to be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet.
- 7) Approval be given to the budgetary spend set out at Confidential Appendix 13 to enable the development of the various Business Cases proposed in this report and to enable the submission of planning applications as required.

## **77 CHILDREN'S SERVICES STRATEGY**

The Cabinet considered the Children's Services strategy. The report set out the issues facing Children's Services, including consistent high levels of demand and complexity with the strategy setting out how the Council would work with partners to address the issues, using the 'Shift the balance' approach which focused on key areas such as place, people and practice. The strategy had been subject to consultation with children and young people.

**RESOLVED:** that approve the Children's Services Strategy and associated appendices be approved