

**CABINET**

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

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Present: Councillor N. Moore (Chairman); Councillor L. Burnett (Vice-Chairman); Councillors B.T. Gray, P.G. King, K.F. McCaffer, Mrs. M.R. Wilkinson and E. Williams.

**C410            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

No declarations of interest were received.

**C411            STATEMENT –**

The Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources stated that figures available today showed that Wales had the highest rate of cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 in the UK. There had been criticism of Welsh Government regarding recent restrictions, however actions needed to be taken considering the numbers of rising cases in the hope of being able to spend time together over Christmas. Figures available today had shown that the numbers of cases had gone up again over the weekend with 68 new cases on Friday, 52 on Saturday and 57 on Sunday, taking the total to over 220 cases per 100,000 and the highest proportion of the population of the Vale of Glamorgan to date.

The Leader urged the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan to take care, not to mix unless absolutely necessary, keep to household bubbles, wear a mask, wash your hands regularly, use hand gel if unable to wash hands and remain socially distanced at 2 metres apart from others. The disease can be transmitted before individuals even know they have contracted COVID-19 and before any symptoms appear, so everyone should be careful and think about protecting themselves, their families and the community in the hope of having a good Christmas.

**C412            COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) -**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to confirm the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2021/2022 based on regulations and to reconfirm the Council's discretions.

The report set out the limited discretions available to the Council for consideration when re-adopting the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2021/2022.

The report proposed that Cabinet recommend to Full Council the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2021/2022 together with the limited discretions available to the Council.

The Leader referred to the use of the urgency decision procedure set out at Section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be used in respect of Recommendations (1) – (3) in order that the report be considered at Full Council at its meeting later the same day on 7th December, 2020.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein resolved:

(1) T H A T it be recommended to Full Council that the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations SI 2013/3029 (“the Prescribed Requirements Regulations”) and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 SI 2014/66 be adopted.

(2) T H A T any amendments to Regulations made by the Welsh Government be reflected in the scheme.

(3) T H A T the national scheme be adopted with the following discretions:

- That the Council should continue to allow Extended Payments up to a maximum of 4 weeks
- That the Council should continue to disregard War Widow and War Disablement pensions in assessing income for Council Tax Reduction
- That the Council should continue to allow Backdated Reductions for a period up to 26 weeks.

(4) T H A T the urgent decision procedure set out at Section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be used in respect of Resolutions (1) – (3) above.

#### Reason for decisions

(1-4) To enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by Council by 31 January 2021 and be in place for implementation from 1 April 2021.

### **C413 COUNCIL TAX BASE: 2021-2022 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) -**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to approve the Council Tax Base for 2021-22 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995 (SI 1995/2561 as amended by SI 1999/2935 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) and Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004) SI 2004/3094.

The draft Council Tax Base had been submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government in line with their initial deadline of 13th November, 2020. The figure

needed to be confirmed by the Executive in order to meet the deadline of agreeing the final Council Tax Base by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. The final ratified Tax Base has to be returned to the Welsh Government by 4th January, 2021.

It was assumed that the collection rate would remain at 97.1%, a reduction on the current financial year as it considered the reduced collection rate in 2019/20 and the likely impact of COVID-19 on some residents' ability to meet the full cost during the current financial year.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

**RESOLVED – T H A T** pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations, the amount calculated by The Vale of Glamorgan Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2021-2022 be as follows:

- For the whole area: 61,412

For the area of Town and Community Councils

|                             |        |                                    |       |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|-------|
| Barry                       | 20,666 | Pendoylan                          | 346   |
| Colwinston                  | 377    | Penllyn                            | 1,061 |
| Cowbridge with Llanblethian | 2,724  | Peterston-Super-Ely                | 552   |
| Dinas Powys                 | 3,943  | Rhose                              | 3,153 |
| Ewenny                      | 444    | St. Athan                          | 1,516 |
| Llancarfan                  | 483    | St. Brides Major                   | 1,420 |
| Llandough                   | 958    | St. Donats                         | 196   |
| Llandow                     | 436    | St. Georges & St. Brides-Super-Ely | 235   |
| Llanfair                    | 384    | St. Nicholas & Bonvilston          | 709   |
| Llangan                     | 457    | Sully & Lavernock                  | 2,531 |
| Llan-maes                   | 255    | Welsh St. Donats                   | 314   |
| Llantwit Major              | 4,287  | Wenvoe                             | 1,564 |
| Michaelston                 | 233    | Wick                               | 541   |
| Penarth                     | 11,627 |                                    |       |

#### Reason for decision

It is essential that the Council Tax Base is set in order that it can be submitted to the Welsh Government and used by Councils and levying bodies to set precepts.

**C414 REGIONAL TECHNICAL STATEMENT ON AGGREGATES - NORTH AND SOUTH WALES (SECOND REVIEW) (LRPS) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) -**

The Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the Second Review of the Regional Technical Statement (RTS) prepared by the South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party and sought its endorsement by Cabinet.

Minerals Technical Advice Note 1: Aggregates (2004) (MTAN 1) required the preparation of Regional Technical Statements (RTS) for the areas covered by both the South Wales and North Wales Regional Aggregates Working Parties (RAWPs). Forward planning for minerals formed an intrinsic part of the Local Development Plan (LDP) process. LDPs had benefited from the clear technical direction the RTS had provided on the sustainable approach to mineral development in Wales. The principal objectives of the RTS were to inform the provision of adequate reserves of aggregates in the LDPs in order to ensure sufficient provision for construction and other industries in the most sustainable manner reasonably achievable.

As the RTS first review was now outdated a second review had been prepared. The second review provided updated projections and amended the methodology in relation to the forecast consumption of aggregate as well as the historic pattern of supply. This meant that the Vale of Glamorgan had an apportionment to provide 0.67 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) of aggregate through the LDP review process (due to commence before June 2021). A new sub-regional approach towards aggregate provision had been introduced to reflect the fact that aggregates only occurred in certain locations which might not reflect the areas with the highest levels of consumption. All local authorities within the designated sub-regions would be required to agree a Statement of Sub Regional Collaboration (SSRC) to address the aggregate needs identified in the RTS. In exceptional circumstances, alternative patterns of supply could be agreed, provided there were sustainability benefits and the approach would not undermine the overall RTS strategy.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

**RESOLVED – T H A T** the Regional Technical Statement (Second Review) attached to the report be endorsed and the next steps in meeting the apportionment set out in the Regional Technical Statement (RTS) through the LDP Review process at a sub-regional level be agreed.

Reason for decision

To enable the Council to use the Regional Technical Statement (Second Review) for minerals planning purposes

**C415            OBJECTION REPORT: BEACH ROAD, SOUTHERNDOWN – PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (NST) (SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) -**

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of an objection received and to propose an appropriate way forward.

Beach Road, Southerndown was a narrow rural lane which led to the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Cymlau car park and Dunraven Estates car park for visitors to Dunraven Bay beach and the Glamorgan Heritage Coast.

There were a number of residential properties on the northern part of Beach Road which suffered from obstructive and extraneous parking due to visitors to the area parking on the carriageway instead of in the designated car parks.

Due to the lane being narrow these vehicles were causing obstructions to the free flow of vehicles which was a road safety risk and furthermore caused damage to the grass verges along the route. Site observations had confirmed these problems.

Consequently, in order to improve road safety in the area the Council was promoting a scheme to introduce a new Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time Traffic Regulation Order.

The statutory legal consultation had begun on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 and concluded on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, during that period of time a formal objection to the proposal had been received.

Cabinet was required to consider the objection and decide whether the Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time Traffic Regulation Order should be implemented.

The Cabinet Member added that the report was linked to earlier proposals to introduce car parking charges and reduce capacity at the Rivermouth Car Park as a necessary protection to residents.

It was noted that Cabinet had received a response from the local Ward Member who had referred to an issue within the Key Issues section, paragraph 2.6; he had agreed there was available parking for Frolics on the straight section of road going towards the premises for the Institute for the Blind and opposite the entrance to the Golden Cups Camp Site, but not Southerndown Farm as it had been stated in the report. Other than that small amendment to the wording, the local Ward Member was in agreement with the proposal, as indeed were most of the residents of Beach Road.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein and with the amendment to the wording within Paragraph 2.6 subsequently

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the objection to the proposals for the reasons contained in this report be rejected and that the proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time Traffic Regulation Order be implemented.

(2) T H A T the objector be advised of this decision.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To allow the Traffic Regulation Order to be made and implemented.

(2) To confirm the Council's position.