

**CABINET**

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

**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.

**C552 MINUTES –**

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 be approved as a correct record.

**C553 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

No declarations were received.

**C554 STATEMENT –**

The Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources reminded people that the pandemic was still ongoing and encouraged all those who had not attended their appointments for vaccination to please take up the offer in order to protect themselves, their families and the community.

**C555 WELTAG 2 PLUS DINAS POWYS TRANSPORT STUDY (REF) –**

The reference from the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 was presented to Cabinet.

The recommendations of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee were

***“(1) T H A T the progress made on the Dinas Powys Transport Network WelTAG Stage Two Plus study be noted.***

***“(2) T H A T should Welsh Government refuse the funding for the public consultation exercise, Cabinet be requested to find the funding from within the Council’s budget.”***

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport referred to some of the comments made by Members at the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, noting:

- Disappointment in not attracting Welsh Government funding due to publication of a new pathway regarding moving away from road building and more towards tackling climate change;
- The Dinas Powys transport infrastructure study, which embraced other works alongside the Dinas Powys bypass, were not now likely to proceed;
- Conversations had taken place with Officers concerning Recommendation (2) and it was considered to be a time-consuming exercise at an estimated cost of around £20k that could not be justified as Welsh Government were not looking to progress the matter any further.

On that basis, Councillor King asked Cabinet to reject Recommendation (2).

Councillor Gray agreed that as a result of the direction of travel being taken by Welsh Government, it would be a waste of public money to progress the matter any further. There was a step change in how Welsh Government were approaching road building for the next 20 years.

Cabinet, having considered the recommendations of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on the Dinas Powys Transport Network WeITAG Stage Two Plus study be noted.
- (2) T H A T the request for Cabinet to find the funding from within the Council's budget for the public consultation exercise be rejected.

Reason for decision

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and the discussion at the Committee meeting.
- (2) The costs could not be justified as Welsh Government were not looking to progress the matter any further.

**C556 SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE –**

The minutes of the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 as contained within the agenda, were submitted.

The Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services referred to some of the comments made by the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee, noting:

- Challenges for Human Resources to recruit and retain qualified staff where there was often a shortage of qualified candidates;
- The utilisation of graduates from Universities;
- Continued use of apprenticeships;

- A slight over-spend in some areas during Financial Position Quarter 1 as a result of loss of income due to the pandemic;
- Utilisation of staff for Test, Trace and Protect;
- Enforcement teams had been updating business with changes in legislation as a result of the pandemic.

The Deputy Leader said that pre-pandemic, Shared Regulatory Services usually operated in the background across three counties but had been vital during the pandemic, providing advice during an ever-changing situation with constantly changing legalisation.

The Cabinet Member referred to Appendices 3 and 4 which listed the activities undertaken by SRS, including continued enforcement and prosecutions, dealing with scams and animal welfare.

The Leader also referred to the White Paper concerning building safety regime as an important factor.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 be noted.

Reason for decision

In noting the minutes and passing thanks to all at Shared Regulatory Services for all their work.

**C557            BACKUP SYSTEM REPLACEMENT (L / PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The report sought approval to undertake a procurement process on the Crown Commercial Services framework for the replacement of the Council's ageing on-premises backup infrastructure, including the addition of a backup and recovery solution for off-premises data (Office 365).

The Leader said that the use of ICT had expanded as a result of the pandemic which had generated additional requirements for backup and recovery solutions.

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 delegated authority be granted to the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Managing Director and the Leader, to award the tender to the winning supplier.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Head of Finance, to execute a contract with the successful tenderer for the provision of Backup hardware and software.

(3) T H A T a new contract be awarded on the most economically advantageous terms to the Council based on 70% cost and 30% quality.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To allow the award of the contract.

(2) To have an appropriate contract and backup hardware and software in place to comply with the Civil Contingencies Act and ensure the Authority's data is efficiently and safely backed up and is quickly available in the event of a recovery or a disaster.

(3) To have an appropriate contract in place for the cost-effective provision of a new backup system.

**C558 CABINET QUARTERLY WORK PROGRAMMES – JANUARY TO MARCH 2021 AND APRIL TO JUNE 2021 (L / PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –**

The report sought Cabinet approval and any comments in respect of the progress update for the quarter January to March 2021 as well as confirmation of the Quarterly Work Programme for April to June 2021.

The Leader said that additional items would be added to the Quarterly Work Programme as and when required. Most items for the quarter January to March 2021 had been dealt with but had been delayed due to the pandemic. It was noted that on Page 8 of Appendix 1, that the Fees and Charges had been agreed and the 'Proposed Policy for Placing Items on Highways (Table and Chairs)' was a stand-alone item.

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 the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme for January to March 2021 (Appendix 1 to the report) be agreed.

(2) T H A T the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme April to June 2021 attached at Appendix 2 to the report be endorsed.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To monitor progress.

- (2) To approve the Work Programme for April to June 2021.

**C559 CABINET ANNUAL STRATEGIC FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME MAY 2021 TO APRIL 2022 (L / PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –**

The report sought Cabinet approval of the Annual Strategic Forward Work Programme of the Cabinet / Council for the 12-month period May 2021 to April 2022.

The Leader said that additional items would be added to the Annual Strategic Forward Work Programme during the course of the year, as and when required.

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 the Annual Strategic Work Programme for the period May 2021 to April 2022 be approved.

(2) T H A T the Annual Strategic Work Programme for May 2021 to April 2022 (attached at Appendix 1 to the report) be published on the Council's website.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) To comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000, subordinate legislation and the Council's Constitution in setting annual work programmes.

**C560 PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF YSGOL Y DERI TO MEET FUTURE DEMAND FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN (L / PR) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –**

On 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, Cabinet considered feedback submitted during the consultation period on the proposal to transform specialist education by:

- Increasing the capacity of Ysgol Y Deri to accommodate an additional 150 pupils; and
- Constructing a new school building on the preferred site located in Cosmeston, Penarth for September 2023 which would operate as an additional site under the management of Ysgol Y Deri.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, Cabinet determined to progress the proposal through the publication of a statutory notice, which was published on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. In accordance with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, any person could object to the proposal within 28 days from the publication of the statutory notice.

The Council received two objections by the end of the 28 day objection period. The objections had been summarised and responded to in the objection report for Cabinet to consider as part of the decision-making process. The report was attached at Appendix D to the report.

A decision was now required on whether to implement the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Y Deri.

Councillor Gray said the feedback that had been received from the public was positive, as highlighted in the recent documentary at the school. The reasons why the site could not be further away from Ysgol y Deri's core site were explained. It remained important to continue to expand additional learning needs and was not the end of consideration for any future requirements.

The Deputy Leader said that the progress of every single child in the Vale of Glamorgan was celebrated and that learners would be provided with the best possible opportunities and facilities in order to succeed.

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 the report, the consultation document, consultation report, statutory notice, formal objections and objection report be noted.
- (2) T H A T implementation of the proposal to make regulated alterations under section 2.3 of the School Organisation Code 2018 be approved by:
  - Increasing the capacity of Ysgol Y Deri to accommodate an additional 150 pupils; and
  - Constructing a new school building on the preferred site located in Cosmeston, Penarth for September 2023 which would operate as an additional site under the management of Ysgol Y Deri.
- (3) T H A T that the major investment towards a new school building set out in the proposal was subject to the necessary funding being approved by Welsh Government be noted.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure the views of objectors are taken into account in the decision-making process.
- (2) Having regard to the content of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(3) To ensure Cabinet was aware that the full investment in the school building described in the consultation documentation is dependent on Welsh Government funding.