

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 1/2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 5 JULY 2016 AT 2.30 PM

Present

Councillor MEJ Nott OBE – Chairperson

HJ David
HM Williams

CE Smith

HJ Townsend

PJ White

Officers:

Randal Hemingway	Head of Finance & Section 151 Officer
Deborah McMillan	Corporate Director Education & Family Support
Susan Cooper	Corporate Director - Social Services & Wellbeing
Andrew Jolley	Corporate Director Operational & Partnership Services
Andrew Rees	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Zak Shell	Head of Neighbourhood Services

935. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor CL Reeves and the Chief Executive.

936. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was made:

Councillor PJ White declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 9 – Appointment of Local Authority Governors as he is listed in the Governor appointments to Maesteg Comprehensive School and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

937. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet of 7 June 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

938. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2015-16

The Head of Finance presented the report of the Chief Executive which provided an update on the Council's financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2016.

He informed Cabinet that Council on 25 February 2015 had approved a net revenue budget of £252.201 million for 2015-16 along with a capital programme of £36.441 million. This was revised in the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-17 to 2019-20 in March 2016 to £31.689 million, and in May 2016 to £26.698 million. He reported that the overall outturn at 31 March 2016 shows a balanced position, with Directorate budgets provided a net underspend of £1.639 million and corporate budgets a net underspend of £7.553 million. The under spend on Directorate net budgets for the year is as a result of a number of factors including the maximisation of grant and other income, strict vacancy and sickness management, increased productivity on some trading accounts and savings resulting from improved systems and processes and delays in implementing some Directorate schemes. The sum of £2.002 million was drawn down in year from approved earmarked reserves to meet specific one off pressures identified. He stated

that the under spend masks underlying budget pressures in some service budgets, mainly in the service areas of Looked After Children and Adult Social Care.

The Head of Finance stated that the budget approved for 2015-16 included savings proposals of £11.225 million, (5.27% of net service budgets), £1.909 million of these proposals were not realised in 2015-16, but the expenditure associated with them had been offset by vacancy management and other savings elsewhere in the budget. There remained a recurrent pressure on 2016-17 budgets which will need to be addressed by implementing the budget reduction proposals or identifying and delivering alternatives.

The Head of Finance reported on the Capital Programme outturn for 2015-16, the budget for which had been revised in the MTFS in March 2016 and updated by Council in March 2016 totalling £26.698 million, taking into account new schemes and projected slippage into 2016-17. He stated that the total budget for 2016-16 was £27.312 million, which takes into account additional approvals of £614,000 which generally comprised schemes funded by external grant and other funding sources not previously indicated. He informed Cabinet that total expenditure at 31 March 2016 is £26.047 million, resulting in an over spend of £27,000 on BCBC resources.

The Head of Finance also reported that a review of the Council's earmarked reserves had been undertaken which identified the need for £9.597 million to create new or enhance existing corporate reserves to meet the cost of future service reconfigurations, the Council's Digital Transformation Programme, the estimated demolition costs of four Council buildings, potential costs from recent case law and inescapable capital investment works required to mitigate against health and safety risks. He stated that Directorates were able to submit applications for new earmarked reserves. Total Directorate earmarked reserves including carry forward reserves amount to £3.271 million, of which new Directorates' reserves total £1.193 million. He stated that during the year, Directorates had drawn down £524,000 from specific earmarked reserves; a balance of £792,000 was unwound as Directorates were able to meet the costs of the proposed earmarked expenditure from within their own budgets. He informed Cabinet that new Directorate specific reserves of £1.193 million were created, which left a balance on Directorate specific earmarked reserves of £1.367 million. He stated that Directorates also drew down £1.246 million from Corporate Reserves including the Major Claims Reserve and the Change Fund. The remaining under spend of £154,000 would be transferred to the Council Fund.

The Cabinet Member Resources congratulated the Finance Department for bringing the budget in with an under spend. The Deputy Leader commended officers on increasing the level of reserves which was prudent to do so given the uncertainty in the economy as a result of the decision to leave the European Union.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet noted the revenue and capital outturn position for 2015-16.

939. **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2017-18 TO 2020-21**

The Section 151 Officer reported on an update on the development of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2017-18 to 2020-21.

He stated that the MTFS is set within the context of UK economic and public expenditure plans, Welsh Government priorities influencing settlements and legislation which defines the scope the Council has to raise income from council tax and to borrow for capital expenditure. It also includes all elements of the Council's financial strategy for the next four years, with emphasis on planned budget reductions and encompasses the Capital Strategy to ensure that capital investment proposals are prioritised and evaluated in

accordance with asset management principles and contribute towards the Council achieving its strategic and service priorities.

The Section 151 Officer informed Cabinet that following the Welsh Assembly elections a minority government has been formed, which includes the appointment of a new Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government. Against this background and with no clarity over Local Government Reform there remained uncertainty over local government funding. He stated that in the absence of further information on likely future settlements, the Council would continue to work towards a most likely scenario in the MTFS of a reduction of -3.2% in Aggregate External Financing. He also informed Cabinet that in pursuance of improvements to its Financial Strategy development, it had expanded the budget development process to include the best case scenario of a reduction in AEF of -1.5% and worst case scenario of a reduction in AEF of -4.5%. He stated that the Council would be required to make budget reductions of £25 million given the best case scenario. This would rise to over £45 million in the worst case scenario and given the most likely scenario would result in budget reductions of over £36 million having to be delivered which would require changes to the level of scope of discretionary services which the Council provides and involving difficult choices on service delivery. The Section 151 Officer reported that a key planning assumption which influenced the Financial Strategy and Budget Reductions development is schools' protection whereby schools' delegated budgets were afforded protection. He informed Cabinet that under current MTFS assumptions there is no protection afforded to schools and the budget reductions included a 1% efficiency saving from schools' delegated budgets from 2017-18 to 2019-20. He stated that if the Welsh Government continues to afford protection to schools this will put more pressure on other service areas.

The Section 151 Officer reported that the Corporate Plan will direct the allocation of resources in the MTFS and all areas will be set a 1% annual efficiency target with further reductions over and above this targeted more heavily towards budget areas that contribute less towards the Council's objectives. He stated that Directors are reviewing existing budget proposals to confirm their current status and achievability. The remaining revenue budget shortfall under a most likely scenario over the four years of the MTFS was currently estimated at £27.371 million.

The Section 151 Officer reported that the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel had determined to focus research on strategic or large scale budget reductions and had agreed to invite the Cabinet Member Resources to its future meetings to strengthen the link between the BREP and Cabinet. Budget options, once developed, would be the subject of public consultation in the autumn.

The Cabinet Member Resources informed Cabinet of the challenges which lay ahead of the Council and stressed the need to impress on the Welsh Government for money to be spent on early intervention. The Deputy Leader also impressed on the need for early intervention to reduce demand on services and reflected on the increasing uncertainty about the future financial outlook particularly following the UK Government abandoning its target for a public sector budget surplus by 2020.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. Noted the work being undertaken in MTFS development strategy;
2. Noted the requirement for further budget reduction proposals totaling over £27 million over the term of the MTFS which are under development.

940. CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL

The Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services reported on an update on progress made with the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. He stated that the Leaders of the respective Councils had signed the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Agreement (City Deal) with the Welsh and UK Governments in March 2016 with the Councils working together to develop the detailed City Deal proposals and put in place all arrangements and documentation required to finalise the City Deal. The Councils now have to develop a robust business case that will enable each of the ten Councils to undertake their own assessment as to whether they commit to the financial terms and conditions of the City Deal.

He reported that the next stage of the process requires the establishment of robust governance arrangements in shadow form and to develop the City Deal Agreement. He stated that the Councils have agreed to enter into a further Memorandum of Understanding to undertake the project work and how resources would be allocated and the project co-ordinated.

The Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services outlined the governance structure which will include a shadow joint committee to be known as the Cardiff Capital Region Shadow Joint Committee; the Chief Executive's Board and the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Officers Group which will carry out the day to day activities to progress the project. He stated that it was proposed that the Leader and appointed deputy be given delegated power to make any decisions on behalf of this Council, provided it was within the remit of the Shadow Joint Committee.

The Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services informed Cabinet that the Councils had created a fund of £500,000 based on population share to meet the costs of preparing the City Deal bid. To date £332,000 of this fund had been spent or committed. He stated that additional costs would need to be incurred and it was proposed that the individual contributions be apportioned on the same basis as before, which for Bridgend would equate to expenditure of £47,034, which would be met from corporate contingency. If costs and expenditure exceed the financial contributions of each of the individual Councils, they would be apportioned between the Councils on the percentage of population across the City Region. He also informed Cabinet that to ensure the governance arrangements are sufficiently strong, that the ten local authorities procure and appoint specialist legal advisors to draft all appropriate and necessary documents for the City Deal from the Crown Commercial Services Framework Agreement, to be met from within the £500,000 fund.

The Cabinet in commending the proposals to progress the City Deal commented that a significant element of the Deal is its relationship with the Metro scheme and given the uncertainty in the economy following the referendum result to leave the European Union requested that representations be made to the UK and Welsh Governments that they honour their commitment to the City Deal Region and that the funding remain in place.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

- a) noted the content of the report and in particular the progress being made to progress the City Deal Agreement, and to approve the establishment of the bodies outlined in Appendix 1 and 5 of the report,
- b) approved the execution of a further Memorandum of Understanding by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of

the Council. The final terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding are to be agreed by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Corporate Director - Operational and Partnership Services and the Section 151 Officer,

- c) appointed the Leader of the Council to the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Shadow Joint Committee, and if the Leader is unavailable for any reason appoint the Deputy Leader as the deputy to that Joint Committee
- d) delegated to the Leader power to make any decision within the terms of reference of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Shadow Joint Committee, and if the Leader is unavailable, the Deputy Leader can exercise such powers.
- e) appointed the Chief Executive Officer to the Chief Executives Board and if the Chief Executive is unavailable for any reason appoint the Corporate Director – Communities as the deputy to that Chief Executives Board.
- f) delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the power on behalf of the Council to make any decision within the terms of the reference of the Chief Executives Board, and if the Chief Executive Officer is unavailable for any reason, such powers to be exercised by the Corporate Director- Communities. The Chief Executive Officer and the Corporate Director- Communities also to have the additional power to nominate officers to the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Officers Group and any sub-groups.
- g) approved the appointment of a Project Director and any ancillary staff on behalf of the participating Councils.
- h) committed a further sum of £47,034, from available resources, representing the Council's contribution to a regional fund of £500,000 to continue to fund the development of the City Deal, and that Cabinet note that any expenditure or costs in addition to this amount incurred by the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff on behalf of the participating Councils, will be apportioned to individual Councils on the basis of their percentage share of the population across the City Region.
- i) approved the procurement and appointment of specialist advisors by the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff on behalf of the participating Councils.
- j) approved that representations be made on behalf of the ten local authorities to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Wales seeking assurances that the funding for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal is still in place and to honour its commitment to the Region in light of the recent result of the Referendum to leave the European Union.

941. SPORTS PAVILION KEY HOLDER ARRANGEMENTS 2016

The Head of Neighbourhood Services reported on proposals for key holder arrangements for sports pavilions in light of the outcome of consultation which had taken place and sought approval for a proposed payment structure and fees for the 2016/17 season.

He reported that the parks pavilions review formed part of the Communities Directorate response to reconciling the current financial settlement with operational levels of service and savings had been identified in the MTFs of £437k in 2015/16 and £100k in 2016/17. He stated that consultation with pavilion caretakers was concluded and changes to the caretaking arrangements for pavilions are being implemented.

The Head of Neighbourhood Services reported that the new arrangements for cleaning and the users becoming key holders would be introduced as soon as is practical following the end of the 2015/16 winter outdoor sports season. He stated that to enable users to become key holders, the Council would need to regularise and formalise arrangements in order to protect the interests of the Council and clubs and to compliment the key holder agreement, it was proposed to introduce a new charging structure for the use of sports pitches and pavilions, along with amended frequency of billing being adopted. He informed Cabinet that monthly bills have historically been calculated using caretaker records on which every formal use made of the sports pitches and pavilions is recorded, which are cross-referenced / reconciled against league fixture reports. He stated that this process is resource intensive and it was proposed to introduce a charging structure on a single annual fee, with the fee varying dependent on the sports played and for the use made of the sports pavilions. The cost of the new scale of charges would be cost be neutral assuming the full take up of the key holder arrangement and that the current levels of use continue.

In response to a question from the Cabinet Member Children's Social Services and Equalities, the Head of Neighbourhood Services undertook to liaise with the Child Care Team in relation to the charges to be implemented for the annual use by playgroups.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet:

- i. noted the proposed timescales for the introduction of the new cleaning arrangements for sports pavilions and key holder arrangements for users, and
- ii delegated to the Corporate Director Communities the power to finalise the terms of the Key Holder Agreement in consultation with the Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services and to enter into a Key Holder Agreement with the relevant key holders, making such additional amendments and modifications to the Agreement as the Corporate Director Communities believes is appropriate in individual cases in consultation with the Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services
- iii approved the introduction of a new charging structure for club use of sports pitches and pavilions as detailed in the report, following the changeover to key holder arrangements and Cabinet approve the fees detailed in Appendices 1 & 2.

942. ESTABLISHMENT OF WESTERN BAY REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD AND UPDATE OF PROGRAMME OF WORK

The Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing reported that the Western Bay Regional Partnership Forum was established on a non-statutory footing in 2014 to progress and oversee the Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme. She stated that the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 has introduced new requirements on local authorities and the Local Health Board (LHB) to establish Regional Partnership Boards on LHB footprints. This was designed to secure strategic planning and partnership working between local authorities and the LHB to ensure effective services, care and support are in place to best meet the needs of their population.

The Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing outlined the objectives of the Regional Partnership Boards together with its responsibilities and the role and function of the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board. She stated that each member of the Regional Partnership Board would be responsible for ensuring any strategic decisions and plans made by the Board have Partner Body support and are considered through their respective governance arrangements.

The Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing reported that implementation of the Act built on considerable progress made across Western Bay. Implementation of the Act was in two stages, namely Immediate, to ensure compliance with key requirements of the Act by April 2016, and Medium Term which ensures working across the partnership to develop and enhance arrangements as well as ensuring that the spirit as well as the letter of the Act are reflected in how services are planned and delivered from April 2016 onwards.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet:

- 1) Considered and adopted the Terms of Reference and supported the establishment of the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board;
- 2) Delegated power to the Corporate Director of Social Services and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Director of Operations and Partnerships and the s151 Officer, to make any future amendments to the Terms of Reference which have been recommended by the Partnership Bodies;
- 3) Noted the position statement that provides a summary of the Western Bay programme of work;
- 4) Agreed the nomination of the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, the Cabinet Member, Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, and the Cabinet Member, Children's Social Services and Equalities to represent Bridgend County Borough Council on the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board;
- 5) Delegated the appointment of remaining non local authority and non LHB members of the Regional Partnership Board to the Members nominated in accordance with recommendation 4, in conjunction with representatives of the other Local Authorities and the

Local Health Board, such appointment to be reported back to Cabinet.

943. APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS

The Corporate Director Education and Family Support sought approval for the appointment of Local Authority Governors to the school governing bodies listed.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet approved the appointments listed.

944. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE MISSING EDUCATION

The Corporate Director Education and Family Support sought approval for revised guidance for schools and other partner agencies linked with children and young people missing education.

The Corporate Director Education and Family Support reported that Section 4 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 placed a duty on all Local Education Authorities requiring that they make arrangements to enable them to establish (so far as it is possible to do so) the 'identities of children in their area who are not registered at school and are not receiving a suitable education'. The purpose of the guidance is to provide advice and make recommendations as to how to meet the standards. It sets out arrangements for local authorities that will enable them to establish the identities of children residing in their area who are not receiving a suitable education.

The Corporate Director Education and Family Support reported that the guidance is intended to inform all schools and partner agencies about the protocols and processes to be followed to: ensure that all children and young people have access to appropriate education; identify, maintain contact and re-engage children living in Bridgend who are missing education (or are at risk of missing education) and to track children that move out of Bridgend until such a time as they are in a known destination.

The Deputy Leader in commending the revised guidance stated that this is also a very important part of the safeguarding agenda ensuring the safety of children.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agreed the revised guidance.

945. SCHOOL MODERNISATION PROGRAMME: MYNYDD CYNFFIG PRIMARY SCHOOL - OUTCOME OF FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PROPOSAL TO CONSULT ON THE RELOCATION AND ENLARGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL

The Corporate Director Education and Family Support reported that Cabinet in December 2006 approved the 3 phase School Modernisation Programme and that one of the three elements of phase 2 of the of the programme is 3 – 18 learning provision in the Cefn Cribwr, Cornelly, Kenfig Hill and Pyle area. She stated that Cabinet in October 2007 approved an options appraisal to determine how 3 – 18 learning education provision might best be organised to meet the future needs of learners in this area. The options appraisal outlined a number of recommendations for the appropriate number of primary schools and their location with the main recommendation being the establishment of a programme of work for the area. She stated that Cabinet in April 2009 approved a number of individual projects, one of which was 3 – 11 provision in the Kenfig Hill area and the development of a primary school to provide sufficient new or modernised accommodation to cater for a proposed amalgamation of the then Mynydd Cynffig Infant School and Mynydd Cynffig Junior School. During the consultation, it was requested Cynffig Comprehensive School be further investigated as a potential site for 3 – 11 provision. The Mynydd Cynffig Primary School project was put forward to the

Welsh Government in Band A of the 21st Century Schools Funding Programme and a feasibility study undertaken to determine the preferred site, which was that of the Junior School. Consultation subsequently took place to close Mynydd Cynffig Infants School and to make a regulated alteration to Mynydd Cynffig Junior School by extending the age range from 7 - 11 to 3 – 11 with effect from 1 September 2015 operating on a split site.

The Corporate Director Education and Family Support reported that the junior site is experiencing overcrowding and by contrast, Cynffig Comprehensive School has 416 surplus spaces. She stated that a feasibility study had been conducted to examine two options for utilising accommodation at the Cynffig site for primary provision. Evaluation workshops were held to determine the preferred option and to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the Cynffig Comprehensive School site or the junior site for replacement primary provision. The Corporate Education and Family Support informed Cabinet that the study showed that Cynffig Comprehensive presents the most appropriate and beneficial location for the development of the primary school, allowing a 2 form entry school of projected growth in the area was realised and removing surplus spaces at the comprehensive school. She stated that in comparison, the junior site presented serious obstacles for the development of a suitable scheme.

The Corporate Director Education and Family Support reported that site access issues at the Cynffig Comprehensive site had been revisited and appropriate measures to ensure the safety of pedestrian, cycle and vehicular traffic through the industrial estate and Heol Mostyn have been identified. She stated that Highway and Transportation Officers have confirmed that they would be satisfied for the Primary School to be located on the Comprehensive School site providing the mitigation works are undertaken.

The Corporate Director Education and Family Support informed Cabinet that the cost of the proposed scheme at the Cynffig site is estimated to be £7.05 million, an increase of £2.55 million on the original approved scheme by the Welsh Government. She stated that there was currently an allocation in the capital programme of £4.9 million for the new school and it was proposed to vire £150,000 from the School Modernisation Retentions budget, leaving a shortfall of £2 million. The Strategic Outline Plan submitted to the Welsh Government has received approval in principle for additional match funding of £1 million, with the Council providing the remaining £1 million. Council would be requested to make a change to the capital programme to reflect the new proposed costs £7.05 million. The Corporate Director Education and Family Support informed Cabinet that relocating the Primary school allowed for the disposal of both Mynydd Cynffig Primary School sites and that there may be revenue savings arising from the transfer of the split site school onto the single site at Cynffig Comprehensive School.

The Deputy Leader in commending the proposals for the relocation and enlargement of Mynydd Cynffig Primary School stated that the proposals had been the subject of a detailed feasibility study and proposed highway improvement works to enable access through the industrial estate. He stated that the proposal had the benefit of allowing for the disposal of both the primary school sites with the capital receipt being used as match funding. He added that the location of the primary school at the secondary school site will enable enhanced continuing education when children are transitioning between phases and the primary school will be able to utilise the comprehensive school's resources that would not be available at the junior school site, e.g. the comprehensive school's indoor and outdoor facilities.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. approved Cynffig Comprehensive School site as the preferred location for an enlarged Mynydd Cynffig Primary School, and;

2. approved the commencement of consultation on the proposal to relocate Mynydd Cynffig Primary School as a 2 form entry school plus 60 place nursery to the Cynffig Comprehensive School site with effect from September 2018.
3. approved that the revised capital programme be presented to Council to reflect the increased budget for the proposed replacement of Mynydd Cynffig Primary School.

946. **OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PIL PRIMARY AND THE CLOSURE OF THE MLD AND LRC**

The Corporate Director Education and Family Support reported on the statutory objections received by the Authority during the objections period on the proposal to close the Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) learning resource centre provision at Pil Primary School.

The Corporate Director Education and Family Support informed Cabinet that in order to progress the proposal to close the MLD resource centre at Pil Primary School, consultation exercises were carried out between 16 March 2016 and 28 April 2016 with staff, governors, parents and pupils of the school and also the wider community in accordance with the Statutory School Organisation. No objections were received during the Public Notice period and therefore the proposal can be implemented with the approval of Cabinet.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet noted there were no objections to the public notice and approved the implementation of the proposal.

947. **PARTICIPATION IN THE UK GOVERNMENT'S SYRIAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME**

The Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services sought approval to participate in the UK Government's Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme; endorse the planning assumptions for delivery of the Programme and to secure support for the families in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

He reported that the UK Government has committed to resettling 20,000 Syrian refugees in the lifetime of this Parliament and is seeking local authorities to participate in the Programme. The Programme prioritises help for survivors of torture and violence, women and children at risk, and those in need of medical care. Local authorities who choose to participate in the scheme take the lead in working with other key local partners to ensure that arrivals are provided with suitable accommodation and the specific needs of these vulnerable individuals are met.

He reported that the Chief Executive had chaired a multi-disciplinary / multi-agency meeting to assess the appropriateness, accessibility and availability of key services in delivering the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme within the County Borough. He stated that the key themes discussed at the meeting were Housing & Support; Education; Community Cohesion; Social Services / Safeguarding; DWP / Job Centre Plus; Health; Interpretation / Translation and; Communication. He outlined the approach to be taken and the minimum support requirements to be provided, as specified by the Home Office. He also outlined the planning assumptions agreed for the delivery of the Programme which see 2 families being resettled in 2016-17 and 4 four families resettled in 2017-18. He stated that the number of families and individuals to be resettled in

subsequent years of the Programme would be the subject of review in 2017-18 and dependent on the availability of housing, school capacity and access to GP surgeries.

The Cabinet Regeneration and Economic Development stated that he was proud of the County Borough's participation in the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme. The Children's Social Services and Equalities in also commending participation in the Programme and welcoming Syrian refugees to the County Borough hoped that the police would monitor community tension that may occur.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. Approved participation in the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme;
2. Approved the planning assumptions in section 4.4 for delivery of the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme;
3. Approved support for the families as outlined within the report in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

948. **INFORMATION REPORTS FOR NOTING**

The Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services presented a report, the purpose of which was to inform Cabinet of the Information Reports and minutes of Joint Committee that had been published since the last meeting.

The Deputy Leader congratulated the staff, pupils and governing body of Corneli Primary School on the strong progress made against the post action plan drawn up in response to the Estyn inspection.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet acknowledged the publication of the documents listed in the report:-

Title	Date Published
Corneli Primary School Post Inspection Action Plan	29 July 2016
Minutes of the Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee of 4 March 2016	29 July 2016

949. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

950. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as it contained exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and 16 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local

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Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

Following the application of the public interest test it was resolved that pursuant to the Act referred to above, to consider the under-mentioned item in private with the public being excluded from the meeting as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information as stated above.

951. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet of 7 June 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

The meeting closed at 4.05 pm