

DECISION RECORD OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD IN REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2022 AT 14:30

Present

Councillor HJ David – Chairperson

JC Spanswick
JPD Blundell

N Farr

W R Goode

J Gebbie

Apologies for Absence

HM Williams

Officers:

Alex Rawlin	Corporate Policy & Public Affairs Manager
Carys Lord	Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change
Claire Marchant	Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing
Janine Nightingale	Corporate Director - Communities
Kelly Watson	Chief Officer Legal, HR and Regulatory Services
Andrew Rees	Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Lindsay Harvey	Corporate Director Education and Family Support
Michael Pitman	Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Helen Picton	Head of Shared Regulatory Services

Gareth Denning	Policy Team Leader
Richard Matthams	Development Planning - Team Leader
Jonathan Parsons	Group Manager Development
Adam Provoost	Senior Development Planning Officer

CABINET DECISION RECORD – 19 JULY 2022

Title of Report	BUDGET MONITORING 2022-23 – QUARTER 1 REVENUE FORECAST
Decision Made	Cabinet noted the projected revenue position for 2022-23 recommend that Cabinet approved the virements over £100,000 as outlined in paragraph 4.1.9 and 4.1.10 of the report.
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	The allocation of budget determines the extent to which the Council's well-being objectives can be delivered and to provide to provide Cabinet with an update on the Council's revenue financial position as at 30th June 2022.
Personal Interests Disclosed	None.
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None.
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Title of Report	CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2021-22 AND QUARTER 1 UPDATE 2022-23
Decision Made	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the capital outturn for 2021-22 (Appendix A) • noted the Council's Capital Programme 2022-23 Quarter 1 update to 30 June 2022 (Appendix B) • agreed that the revised Capital Programme (Appendix C) be submitted to Council for approval • noted the projected Prudential and Other Indicators for 2021-22 and 2022-23 (Appendix D)

Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	Capital investment in the Council's assets is a key factor in meeting the Council's well-being objectives as set out in the Council's Corporate Plan.
Personal Interests Disclosed	None.
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None.
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Title of Report	AWARD OF FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS PROJECTS VIA THE HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT
Decision Made	Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the award Welsh Government Housing Support Grant project funding to Wallich, in order to continue delivery of their Rough Sleepers Intervention Team and Solutions Centre/Worker project. • Approved the award Welsh Government Housing Support Grant project funding to Llamau, in order to continue delivery of their Bridgend Family Mediation project.
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	The Housing Support Grant is an early intervention grant programme to support activity which prevents people from becoming homeless, stabilises their housing situation, or helps potentially homeless people to find and keep accommodation. The Welsh Government has announced the transfer of elements of the Homelessness Prevention Grant to the Housing Support Grant for the ring fencing of funding to continue existing projects for a two year period.
Personal Interests Disclosed	None.
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None.
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Title of Report	THE UNITED KINGDOM SHARED PROSPERITY FUND
Decision Made	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council assume the role of the ‘Lead Local Authority’ for the UKSPF for the Cardiff Capital Region. • Delegated authority to the Corporate Director Communities to submit to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council the Bridgend County Borough Local Page 86 Investment Plan information (July 2022), Appendix 1, for delivering the Bridgend County UKSPF funding allocation to feed into the development of the CCR Local Investment Plan submission to UK Government. If amendments are required prior to 1 August 2022 as a result of further information and guidance from UK Government that impact upon finances and/or legal procedures these are to be agreed in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal, and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy and Chief Officer – Finance, Performance and Change. • Delegated authority to the Corporate Director Communities, in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal, and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy, Chief Officer – Finance, Performance and Change and the Corporate Director – Education and Family Support to negotiate and enter into a CCR regional funding agreement with RCTCBC acting as lead authority and to enter into any further deeds and documents which are ancillary to the agreement or that are necessary to deliver the UKSPF. • Subject to the internal governance requirements of the Council agreed that the Economic Partnership and Economic Programme Board be involved in the local governance and oversight of the UKSPF programmes within Bridgend County Borough.
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	<p>Following the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is the UK Government’s replacement for the European Structural Investment Funds. The UKSPF is a key part of the UK government’s Levelling Up agenda, forming part of complementary funding, including the Levelling Up Fund and Community Ownership Fund. The primary aim of the fund is to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK. Underpinning this aim are three investment Priorities: communities and place; supporting local business and people and skills.</p>
Personal Interests Disclosed	None
Dispensation Granted by the Council’s Standards Committee	None.

Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.
Title of Report	REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMISSION DOCUMENT
Decision Made	<p>Cabinet:</p> <p>a) Noted the Deposit Plan Consultation Report Summary Document (Appendix 1) and agree the submission version of the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) and recommended to Council that the RLDP as set out in Appendices 2&3 (subject to the amendment at recommendation c) be submitted to Welsh Government and PEDW for independent examination.</p> <p>b) Authorised the Corporate Director Communities and Group Manager - Planning & Development Services Development to make any refinements to the RLDP, supporting background papers and technical evidence required prior to reporting to Council.</p> <p>c) agreed the removal of a housing allocation at Heol Fach, North Cornelly as a candidate site as it was confident that the minimum 10% flexibility allowance housing requirement could be achieved in the replacement Local Development Plan.</p>
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	An up-to-date Local Development Plan (LDP) is an essential part of a plan-led planning system in Wales. It sets the framework to ensure that the planning system contributes towards the delivery of sustainable development in a co-ordinated manner, enabling a wider, problem-solving outlook than would be possible by dealing with local issues in isolation. Without an up-to-date LDP, it would become progressively difficult for the Council to focus on integrating and addressing multiple land use concerns and the local planning process would become fragmented, un-coordinated and reactive.
Personal Interests Disclosed	Cllr JP Blundell declared a prejudicial interest following advice from the Monitoring Officer and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item as he had co- authored a template response to the consultation.
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None.
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Title of Report	2020 – 2023 CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING PROGRAMME
Decision Made	Cabinet approved the contract modification in accordance with rules 3.3.6 and 3.6 of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	The procurement of resurfacing of the Highway Network was undertaken through South East Wales Highway Framework, via a mini-competition and tender process in March 2021. The contract was awarded to Centregreat Limited running from April 2021 to March 2022 with an option to extend the contract for a further 12 months to March 2023 on the parties' mutual agreement. The contractor has approached the authority in light of exceptional inflationary increases requesting an uplift to the fee rates to enable them to maintain the same levels of performance during the extension period.
Personal Interests Disclosed	None.
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None.
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Title of Report	ALLOCATIONS UNDER TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL CAPITAL GRANT SCHEME 2022-23
Decision Made	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved allocation of capital funding within the existing Capital Programme of £14,583.00 to Town and Community Councils (T&CC) to develop projects in line with the specific allocations detailed at 8.2 from the Town and Community Council Capital Grant Scheme; 2. Noted that funding of £50,419.57 will be rolled forward to support projects in 2023-24; 3. authorised officers to communicate with the T&CC listed in Table 3, section 8.4, and requested an update on proposed delivery and expenditure. It is proposed that if Town and Community Councils respond indicating that projects are either no longer taking place or cannot be delivered within the 2022-23 financial year then funding offers are withdrawn for the specific applications listed above. If this does happen then any funding associated will be returned to the T&CC Capital Grant Scheme and be available for future rounds of applications for new proposals; 4. recommended that a report be submitted to the next Town and Community Councils Forum to offer support and advice to Town and Community Councils in order that they submit bids for funding under the Capital Grant Scheme in 2023-24.

Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	Funding under the Town & Community Council Capital Grant scheme has prioritised applications supporting projects directly linked to the Council's Community Asset Transfer (CAT) programme in recognition of reducing Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC's) resources and the options available to T&CCs to deliver alternative services. Increasingly the scheme will seek to support proposals that align with the BCBC's Decarbonisation, Net-Zero 2030 agenda.
Personal Interests Disclosed	Councillor HJ David declared a prejudicial interest as a member of Cefn Cribwr Community Council and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None.
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Title of Report	THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES 2022
Decision Made	Cabinet supported the signing of the Declaration to inform the Conference of Parties 2022 and authorised the Cabinet Member – Communities to sign the Declaration on behalf of the Council.
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	To update Cabinet on work to support the Conference of Parties 2022 and to support Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) signing a Declaration to inform the Conference of Parties in 2022. In partnership with the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, the Scottish Government are leading on the 'Edinburgh Process', an online, global consultation with sub-national and local governments around the world on their role in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and targets. A key outcome of the Edinburgh Process is the Declaration which is intended to demonstrate the commitment of subnational authorities across the world to deliver for nature over the next decade.
Personal Interests Disclosed	None
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.

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Title of Report	APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS
Decision Made	Cabinet approved the appointments detailed at paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the report.
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	School governing bodies have a strategic role in running schools and ensuring that all pupils are supported to learn and achieve so that they can access opportunities for further learning and employment, know how to maintain their wellbeing, can play active roles in their communities and can contribute positively to society as a whole.
Personal Interests Disclosed	Cllr WR Goode declared a prejudicial interest in this item as he was an applicant for one of the vacancies referred to in the report and withdrew from the meeting for consideration of this item.
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None.
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Title of Report	FOSTER CARER ALLOWANCES UPLIFT
Decision Made	Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the proposal to offer all foster carers two weeks paid respite per annum, financed as indicated from within existing budget. • Approved the proposal to increase foster carer allowances as set out in 8.2 of this report.
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	Foster Carers play a significant role for the Council, providing care within a family to children and young people who cannot live at home with their birth families. There are not enough foster carers and one of the "key themes" identified within the Placement Commissioning Strategy completed in April 2021 was an insufficient number of in- house foster carers. To address this area of concern Bridgend has engaged with regional colleagues to support recruitment of foster carers. In April 2022 BCBC entered

	into a Regional Front Door with Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr County Borough Councils to support one point of contact for all foster carer enquiries and initial visits.
Personal Interests Disclosed	None.
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None.
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Title of Report	LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT SECTION 65: POWER TO FIX FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES. APPLICATION TO VARY THE HACKNEY CARRIAGES FARES TARIFF
Decision Made	Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the issues and impacts to taxi fares set out in the report. 2. Approved the application put forward by the Bridgend County Hackney Association with an implementation date of 26 September 2022 (provided that there are no objections). 3. Authorised the advertisement of the variation in a local newspaper.
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	The Council may fix or vary the rate of fares for the hire of a hackney carriage under the provisions of Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976 and an application to increase the rate of hackney carriage fares was submitted to the Licensing Department by the Chairman of the Bridgend County Hackney Association.
Personal Interests Disclosed	Councillor JC Spanswick declared a prejudicial interest as his brother is a taxi driver in the County Borough and he withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item. Councillor N Farr declared a prejudicial interest as her husband is a taxi driver and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member

Title of Report	CABINET, COUNCIL AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMMES
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Decision Made	Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 October 2022 at Appendix 1; • Noted the Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees Forward Work Programmes for the same period, as shown at Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 of the report, respectively.
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	In order that Council business going forward is scheduled in a timely manner to allow for preparation of reports for submission to Committees, which in turn, then supports the effective decision-making processes of the Authority.
Personal Interests Disclosed	None
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member

Title of Report	INVITEES ON CABINET COMMITTEE CORPORATE PARENTING AND CABINET COMMITTEE EQUALITIES
Decision Made	Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted and approved the Invitees for the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting as outlined in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 and that Councillor JE Pratt was nominated by Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 as an invitee; 2. Approved the nominated invitees to the Cabinet Committee Equalities on the basis of 5 Labour Members, 3 Bridgend Independent Members and 2 Democratic Alliance Members, details of which are shown in paragraph 4.5 of the report.
Date Decision made	19 July 2022
Reasons for that decision	To confirm the process for nomination of Champions from each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to the Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting and receive these nominations. To seek approval of the invitees to attend meetings of the Cabinet Committee Equalities as nominated by each of the political groups represented on the Council.
Personal Interests Disclosed	None
Dispensation Granted by the Council's Standards Committee	None
Consultation undertaken prior to the decision	Legal, Finance and the relevant Cabinet Member