

CABINET - TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2025

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2025 AT 14:30

Present

Councillor JC Spanswick – Chairperson

HM Williams
M Jones

E L P Caparros

P Davies

M J Evans

Present Virtually

N Farr

J Gebbie

Apologies for Absence

None

Officers:

Anya Richards
Oscar Roberts
Nimi Chandrasena
Carys Lord
Claire Marchant
Janine Nightingale
Kelly Watson
Mark Shephard
Lindsay Harvey

Group Manager - Communications and Public Affairs
Business Administrative Apprentice - Democratic Services
Democratic Services Officer - Support
Chief Officer - Finance, Housing & Change
Corporate Director - Social Services and Wellbeing
Corporate Director - Communities
Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy
Chief Executive
Corporate Director - Education, Early Years & Young People

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Declarations of Interest

None

418. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED</u> : Cabinet approved the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19/11/2024 and 10/12/2024
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

419. School Modernisation Programme Heronsbridge School and Harwood House - Procurement

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED</u> : It was agreed that Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved the procurement strategy for the design and build of the replacement school scheme;• Gave approval to proceed with tendering the scheme; Page 33• Gave approval to include the specialist children’s residential provision (Harwood House) in the tender as a separate option, allowing for the scheme to be either included or excluded once contracts are awarded, pending the required capital funding being confirmed;• Noted that Cabinet will be presented with a future report prior to awarding the main construction contract, which sets out the position regarding costs and budget; and• Noted that Cabinet will be presented with a future report to modify the school opening date.
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

420. Regional Advocacy and Independent Visiting Service for Children and Young People

Decision Made	<p>RESOLVED :</p> <p>It was agreed that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved BCBC entering into a regional collaboration agreement with RCTCBC and MTCBC for the provision of an advocacy and independent visiting service for Children and Young People;• Delegated authority to the Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing in consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance, Housing and Change and Section 151 Officer and Chief Officer - Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy, to agree the terms of the regional collaboration agreement and any ancillary agreements and to arrange execution of those agreements on behalf of the Council.• Approved a waiver under Contract Procedure Rule 3.2.12 for RCTCBC to procure the advocacy and independent visiting service for children and young people including entering into a regional contract on behalf of the Council and note that approval to award any contract will be agreed by the parties through the governance arrangement prescribed by the regional collaboration agreement once the procurement process had been completed; and• Delegated authority to the Head of Children and Family Services to represent and make decisions for BCBC as part of the Regional Project Board.
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

421. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 to 2028-29

Decision Made	<p><u>RESOLVED :</u></p> <p>Cabinet agreed to submit for consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees the 2025-26 annual budget and development of the MTFS 2025-26 to 2028-29, as set out in this report, prior to presenting a final version for approval by Council on 26 February 2025.</p>
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

422. Budget Monitoring 2024-25 - Quarter 3 Revenue Forecast

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED</u> : Cabinet noted the projected year end revenue position for 2024-25
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

423. Update to the Council's Financial Procedure Rules

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabinet approved the amendments to the Financial Procedure Rules outlined in Appendix 1;• Cabinet noted that a separate report will be presented to Council to incorporate the revised Financial Procedure Rules into the Constitution, as attached at Appendix 2.
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

424. Urgent/Emergency Works To Culvert At A4061 Bwlch-Y-Clawdd Road, Nantymoel Following Landslide During Storm Bert, 24th November 2024

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED</u> : Cabinet noted the exemption from the requirement to seek quotes, in accordance with Rule 3.1.6 of the Contract Procedure Rules.
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

**425. The Provision Of Beach And Water Safety Services In Partnership With
The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)**

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabinet deferred this item to their next meeting as they felt more information was needed.
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

426. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

427. Exclusion of the Public

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED</u> : <p>The following items were not for publication as they contained exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 and 14 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007. Following the application of the public interest test Cabinet resolved pursuant to the Act to consider these items in private, the public were excluded from the meeting during such consideration.</p>
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

428. Approval of Exempt Minutes

Decision Made	RESOLVED : Cabinet approved the exempt minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 19/11/2024 and 10/12/2024
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

429. Exempt Report - School Modernisation Programme - Bridgend West

Decision Made	This item was exempt.
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

430. SIMS Support Unit (SSU) Agreement Signature Approval to Suspend the Relevant Parts of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR)

Decision Made	This item was exempt.
Date Decision Made	14/01/2025

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click :

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

The meeting closed at 17:02