

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

16 JULY 2020

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES

URGENT DELEGATED DECISIONS

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To report to Council a number of delegated decisions executed as a matter of urgency under Scheme A1 and B1 of the Scheme of Delegation of Functions.
- 1.2 To report to Council two Scheme B2 delegated decisions which are required to be reported to Council in accordance with paragraph 3.1.1 of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules as a result of an exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules in an emergency situation, in which injury or damage to persons or property is threatened. In such a case the appropriate Chief Officer may take any necessary action, but must report the circumstances of the action taken to the next meeting of Council.

2. Connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:-
 1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focussed on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
 2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** - taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
 3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1 Decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of Council in accordance with Paragraph 18 of the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules which are to be found at Part 4 of the Constitution.
- 3.2 In accordance with paragraph 3.1.1 of the Contract Procedure Rules, any exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules due to an emergency situation in

which injury or damage to persons or property is threatened must be reported to the next meeting of the Appropriate Body.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The urgent decisions taken and therefore by-passing the call-in procedure (as set out in paragraph 19 of Part 4 Rules of Procedure within the Constitution), are summarised below:-

Scheme A 1.1

CMS-PS-20-046 – To release funding to enable the delivery of the Capital Energy Investment Project

CE-HHA-20-381 – Modifying an existing contract with The Wallich for housing related support and out of hours on call Homelessness Duty at Brynmenyn Hostel

CE-LEG-20-263 – Suspension of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules for the requirement to re-tender for Families First Parenting and Disability Support Services.

CE-LEG-20-308 – To approve the release of £50k held in an escrow account to Club Penybont Ltd and the discharge of the legal charge against the club's leasehold interest in the Bryntirion site.

CMM-ED-20-014 – To allocate total funding of £151,162 to Town/Community Councils for projects relating to the T&CC Capital Grant Scheme 2020-21 and the Community Asset Transfer Fund.

CMM-ED-20-015 – To accept an extension to the Communities for Work programme, etc up to 31 March 2023

WEL-ASC-20-038 – To approve the award of a framework agreement for the provision of supported living services for the period to 31 March 2022.

Scheme B1 2.1

CMM-PRU-20-23 – To confirm an Article 4(2) Direction in Nantymoel Conservation Area in line with a previous decision of the Development Control Committee

EFS-EDSU-20-108 – To approve funding of £1.2 million in the capital programme to fund the accommodation and infrastructure works for Mynydd Cynffig Primary School following Heating failure and other works a subsequent inspection had revealed

CE-LEG-20-301 – To grant applications for Private Hire Vehicles

CMM-ED-20-022 – To submit re-profile documentation to WEFO in relation to the Enterprise Hub Development Programme

CE-LEG-20-391 – To enable the Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee Annual meeting to be postponed due to the Covid-19 situation

Scheme B1 2.2

CMM-PS-20-069 – To authorise additional expenditure of £25k from the Capital Programme for Electric Vehicle Charging points at Ravenscourt, Bridgend

- 4.2 Details of the two Scheme B2 delegated decisions taken that are required to be reported to Council in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules as a result of an exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules in an emergency

situation, in which injury or damage to persons or property is threatened are outlined below:

CE-ICT-20-319 – To enable the Authority to make an urgent procurement of Firewalls to support IT systems for home working during the Pandemic at a cost of £190,239.59.

CE-ICT-20-320 – To procure a Storage Array at a cost of £116,490.98 to ensure the Council's ICT working from home equipment remains resilient through the Covid 19 Pandemic.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 This report has no effect on the Council's Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no negative equality implications arising from this report.

7. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial Implications.

8.1 There are no financial implications relating to the report.

9. Recommendation.

9.1 It is recommended that Council notes the report.

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