

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD HYBRID IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2 AND 3 - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2024 AT 14:30

Present

Councillor HJ David – Chairperson

JC Spanswick
HM Williams

N Farr
JPD Blundell

W R Goode

J Gebbie

Officers:

Carys Lord
Claire Marchant
Janine Nightingale
Kelly Watson
Julie Ellams
Mark Shephard
Lindsay Harvey
Michael Pitman
Anya Richards

Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change
Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing
Corporate Director - Communities
Chief Officer Legal, HR and Regulatory Services
Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Chief Executive
Corporate Director Education and Family Support
Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services
Interim Group Manager Communications and Public Affairs

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Neelo Farr declared a personal interest in item 13, Home to School/College Transport Policy

301. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	The minutes of the 20/02/2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

302. Outcome of the Consultation on the Draft Participation and Engagement Strategy

Decision Made	Cabinet noted the outcome of the consultation and approved the Engagement and Participation Strategy attached as Appendix B to the report for publication
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

303. Housing And Homelessness Position Statement

Decision Made	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the contents of the report; • approved the acquisition of Housing in Multiple Occupation (HMO) style properties which were within the Council’s approved capital estimates for the purpose of providing temporary accommodation subject to all reasonable due diligence and legal advice; • agreed to suspend the relevant parts of the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) with regards to the requirement to tender for a contract and delegated authority to the Head of Partnerships and Housing to enter into Service Level Agreements with existing accommodation providers for a period of ‘up to’ 12 months in order to continue the provision of additional temporary accommodation as necessary to meet the Council’s statutory duties; • delegated authority to the Head of Partnerships and Housing to approve the final terms of the Service Level Agreements on behalf of the Council and to arrange execution of the agreements on behalf of the Council in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal and Regulatory, HR and Corporate Policy; • noted that a further report will be presented to Cabinet to update on the position regarding temporary accommodation. • requested that a further report on the Social Housing Grant be submitted to Cabinet.
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

304. Local Housing Market Assessment 2024

Decision Made	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved the LHMA 2024 (Appendix 1 to the report) for submission to Welsh Government. • requested an update on the progress of the submission, to a future meeting.
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

305. Non-Domestic Rates: Discretionary Relief: Retail, Leisure And Hospitality Rates Relief Scheme 2024-25

Decision Made	Cabinet adopted the Non-Domestic Rates Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief Scheme for 2024-25 as detailed within Appendix A of the report.
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

306. Proposed Use Of Land Transaction Transfer Protocol With Cardiff Capital Region for Land At Brynmenyn & Bryncethin

Decision Made	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the contents of this report and the statutory requirements for planning consent and various licences and permits, that sat outside of the Land Transaction Transfer Protocol. 2. Delegated authority to Corporate Director – Communities, in consultation with the Chief Officer - Legal & Regulatory Services, HR & Corporate Policy and the Chief Officer, Finance, Housing & Change, to draft and enter into the Option Agreement with the CCR/CJC based on the principles set out in this report, and agreed the valuation of the land and conditions. 3. Agreed that any capital receipt received by the Council, is afforded a ring-fenced protection until such time as it is clear that the project will proceed, to ensure that there are funds available should the land be returned to the Councils ownership. 4. Agreed that a subsequent report will be brought back to Cabinet should the Option Agreement or project not proceed, in order the land can be returned to the Council for the agreed value at which it was disposed and that a decision on the future of the two parcels of land can be agreed
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

307. Welsh Public Library Standards

Decision Made	Cabinet considered and noted the content of the report and Appendices 1 and 2, recognising the positive work that Bridgend's library services had delivered to date in regard to the Welsh Public Library Standards.
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

308. Procedure for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors

Decision Made	Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved the procedure for the appointment and removal of local authority governors as summarised in paragraphs 3.1-3.5 and detailed in Appendix A to the report • approved the amendment to the Scheme of Delegation of Functions as detailed in paragraph 3.6. • agreed that details of the applicants should be anonymised.
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

309. Appointment Of Local Authority Governors

Decision Made	Cabinet approved the appointments detailed at paragraph 3.1 of the report.
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

310. Schools Admissions Policy 2025-2026

Decision Made	Cabinet approved the Schools Admissions Policy 2025-2026 at Appendix A to the report.
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

311. Home-To-School/College Transport Policy

Decision Made	Cabinet approved a 12-week consultation on the following proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdrawal of legacy transport for all learners benefitting from an identified and available (safe) walking route to school, to fall in line with the statutory distances of two miles for primary school-age pupils and three miles for secondary school-age pupils.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of legacy 'sibling' protection for pupils. • Removal of all transport for nursery pupils (excluding pupils attending their nearest suitable Welsh-medium or faith school). • Removal of all Post-16 transport excluding pupils attending the following schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd; o Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School; and o The Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School. • The offer to parents/carers of pupils with ALN the option of a 'personal transport budget' providing a mileage allowance of 45p per mile.
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

312. Information Report for Noting

Decision Made	Cabinet acknowledged the publication of the report referred to in paragraph 3.1 of the report.
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

313. Cabinet, Council And Overview And Scrutiny Committees Forward Work Programmes

Decision Made	Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period 1 March 2024 to 30 June 2024 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	12 March 2024

314. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	12 March 2024

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click [this link](#)

The meeting closed at 17:44.