



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

CABINET MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor B Toomey (**In the Chair**)

Councillors H R Jones, L A Matthews and K Moran

Officers

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), Ellis Cooper (Deputy Chief Executive), Steve Jones (Head of Finance), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Lisa Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), Alyn Owen (Chief Officer (Community Regeneration)), Chris Hole (Head of Community Wellbeing), Cheryllee Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)) and Beth Melhuish (Corporate Communications Officer) Matthew Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
803	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Phil Williams and Councillor Chris Barry.
804	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
805	Council Priorities and Budget Consultation 2017/18	Councillor Brendan Toomey referred the committee to Table 4 in the updated report which had been distributed due to discrepancies in the percentages contained in the original report. Resolved that: The results of the Council Priorities and the Budget Consultation exercise be received.

806	Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2020/21 - Progress Update February 2017	<p>Councillor Brendan Toomey referred the committee to the Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2020/21 – Progress Update February 2017 and recommended under paragraph two the following changes to the recommendations</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The Corporate Management Team recommended gross budget reduction proposals of £1.548 million for 2017/18, detailed in Appendix 1, be accepted and recommended to Council for approval subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee, public and trade unions engagement and consultation • Any recommendations received from Joint Scrutiny / Audit Committee <p>With the exception of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Family Community Services • Early Years – Integrated Children’s Centre • Youth Services – Youth Services Street Based • Youth Services – Participation and Youth Support Services • Learning School Support Services – Youth Orchestra Services • Learning Special Educational Needs - School Transport • Neighbourhood Services – Grounds Maintenance and Bereavement Services • Neighbourhood Services – Street Cleansing • Neighbourhood Services – Refuse Collection • Neighbourhood Services – Street Lighting • Finance – Procurement <p>In total £162,000 of the recommendations that were proposed are not accepted.</p> <p>(b) The Medium Term Financial Plan revisions detailed in Table 2 and paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 be accepted and recommended to Council for approval.</p> <p>(c) Cabinet’s recommended for approval to Council of 2nd March 2017 a Council Tax increase of 2.9% for 2017/18.</p> <p>The Chair advised this increase of 2.9% will bring a further deficit of £152,000.</p> <p>(d) In relation to recommendation (d), Cabinet resolved that the revised deficit will now be £829,000 for 2017/18, which takes into account the exceptions</p>
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		outlined in recommendation (a) and the additional deficit outlined in recommendation (c).
807	Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2020/21	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The revised Capital Programme for 2017/18 to 2020/21 of £9.462 million for 2017/18 and £25.938 million for the four year period be agreed and recommended for approval to Council of 2nd March 2017 as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2020/21 document.</p> <p>(b) Continued discussions with external providers to support the required Regeneration Programme be noted.</p>
808	Education Workforce Council (EWC) Registration	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The contents of the report and the areas that are areas that are covered by this new legislation be noted.</p> <p>(b) The registration costs as outlined in 4.5 of this report be agreed.</p>
809	Allowances for Foster Carers	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The contents of the report be noted</p> <p>(b) Payments be aligned to the Welsh National Minimum Allowances for April 2016.</p> <p>(c) Holiday, festival/Christmas, permanency bonus and birthday payments cease from April 2017. The report outlines the measures that will be applied to any carers who experience financial detriment as a result.</p> <p>(d) Mileage expenses for foster carers be standardised to those set by HMRC from April 2017.</p>
810	Any Other Business Deemed Urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.