

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 2020

TO: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **10.00 AM**, ON **TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2020** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

Wendy Walters

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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A G E N D A

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

2. DECISION RECORD 27TH FEBRUARY, 2020

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3. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AND FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER MAY CONSIDER THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION AS IT CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF PART 4 OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) (WALES) ORDER 2007

4. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS - HOUSING BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS

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5. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS

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6. COUNCIL TAX - DISCRETIONARY DISCOUNTS

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Note:- The press and public are not entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

THURSDAY, 27 February 2020

PRESENT: Councillor: D.M. Jenkins (Executive Board Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

A Thomas, Benefits and Council Tax Manager

L. Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer

Regeneration Meeting Room, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP. - 10.00 - 11.03 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISIONS RECORD 13TH JANUARY 2020

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 13th January 2020 be signed as a correct record.

3. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS - NON-DOMESTIC RATES

The Executive Board Member considered a report which contained a detailed schedule of Non-Domestic Rates which had been identified as being irrecoverable. Recovery procedures, where appropriate, had been exhausted and there was no likelihood of payment being secured. It was therefore considered appropriate to write-off those accounts.

RESOLVED that the Non-domestic Rates arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable

4. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

RESOLVED pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

5. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 4 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest in maintaining the exemption referred to above outweighs the public interest in disclosing the contents of this report as disclosure would result in the unwarranted and disproportionate disclosure of sensitive information about the persons concerned into the public domain.

The Executive Board Member considered a report which contained a detailed schedule of accounts which had been identified as being irrecoverable. Recovery procedures, where appropriate, had been exhausted and there was no likelihood of payment being secured. It was therefore considered appropriate to write-off those accounts.

RESOLVED that the arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable

6. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS - HOUSING BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 4 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

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RESOLVED that the arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable

7. NON-DOMESTIC RATES - HARDSHIP RELIEF

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 4 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

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disclosure would result in the unwarranted and disproportionate disclosure of sensitive information about the persons concerned into the public domain.

Under the provisions of Section 49, Local Government Finance Act 1988 billing authorities have the discretionary power to grant rate relief in cases of hardship. The Council may reduce, or remit in full, the rates payable, but must also be satisfied that such action is in the interest of the local Council Taxpayers. The Executive Board Member considered a report which contained a detailed schedule of requests for hardship relief in relation to Non-Domestic Rates

RESOLVED that in the case of Applicant 1 – to award 15% relief on the outstanding balance of 2018/19 and 2019/20. In the case of Applicant 2 – to award full relief of balance as outlined within the report.

8. COUNCIL TAX DISCRETIONARY DISCOUNTS

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The public interest in maintaining the exemption referred to above outweighs the public interest in disclosing the contents of this report as disclosure would result in the unwarranted and disproportionate disclosure of sensitive information about the persons concerned into the public domain.

The Executive Board Member considered a report detailing applications which had been received for discretionary reduction of Council Tax.

It was noted that regulations had been introduced with effect from April 2004 giving Local Authorities discretionary powers to grant locally determined Council Tax discounts or reductions, over and above existing statutory reductions.

RESOLVED to grant relief for Applications 2 and 3 as listed in the report, and not to grant relief for Applications 1 and 4.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE

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Agenda Item 4

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