

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

THURSDAY, 27TH APRIL, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor: D.M. Jenkins [Executive Board Member]

The following officers were in attendance:

Mr B. Jenkins	-	Strategy & Implementation Manager
Mrs A. Thomas	-	Benefits & Council Tax Manager
Mr S. Murphy	-	Senior Solicitor
Mrs M. Evans Thomas	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Room 72A, County Hall, Carmarthen : 2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD - 29TH MARCH, 2017

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 29th March, 2017 be signed as a correct record.

3. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and 17 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. CARMARTHEN WESTERN LINK ROAD

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 3 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information that reveals that the Authority proposes to make an order or direction under any enactment (Paragraph 17 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained detailed information about a possible Order to be made by the Council. Although the public interest would normally favour openness and transparency, this was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality because of the need to maintain confidentiality ahead of serving any notices/orders on recipients.

The Executive Board Member considered a report detailing proposals in relation to the Carmarthen Western Link Road.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the recommendations, as detailed within

the report, be endorsed.

5. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 3 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 test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained information about individuals' indebtedness and/or personal information. Although public disclosure of the report would promote accountability for public finances, it would release confidential financial information. On balance, therefore, the public interest in disclosure at this time was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.

The Executive Board Member considered a report detailing three benefit overpayment 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 accounts detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable.

6. COUNCIL TAX - DISCRETIONARY REDUCTIONS

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 3 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 test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained information that identified individuals that were liable to pay Council Tax. Although public disclosure of the report would promote accountability for public finances, it would release confidential financial information that was not in the public domain and would not normally be disclosed to third parties. On balance, therefore, the public interest in disclosure at this time was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.

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

- 6.1 that application reference numbers 60330234, 60245532 and 60323752 be refused;
- 6.2 that application reference numbers 60252206 and 60239291 be awarded a 50% reduction for the 2016/17 financial year and a 50% reduction for the period 1st April, 2017 to 30th September, 2017.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE