

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MONDAY, 13TH MAY, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole [Chair]

Councillors:

G. Davies, H.A.L. Evans, L.D. Evans, P.M. Hughes, P. Hughes-Griffiths, D.M. Jenkins, L.M. Stephens and J. Tremlett

Present as Observers:

Councillors D.M. Cundy, J.S. Edmunds and J.D. James.

The following Officers were in attendance:

Mr M. James	-	Chief Executive
Mr C. Moore	-	Director of Corporate Services
Mr J. Morgan	-	Director of Communities
Mr G. Morgans	-	Director of Education & Children
Ms R. Mullen	-	Director of Environment
Ms W. Walters	-	Director of Regeneration & Policy
Mr S. Davies	-	Head of Access to Education
Ms L. Rees Jones	-	Head of Administration & Law
Ms D. Hockenhull	-	Media & Marketing Manager
Mr J. Jones	-	Property & Major Projects Manager
Mrs M. Evans Thomas	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen : 10.00 a.m. - 11.10 a.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C.A. Campbell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
E. Dole	11 – Disposal of Land with Associated Risks	His property borders one of the identified sites.

3. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS

The Chair advised that no questions on notice had been submitted by members.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

5. WELSH PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS 2017-2020

The Board considered a report on the Carmarthenshire Library Services' Annual Assessment 2017/18 produced in accordance with the requirements of the Public

Libraries and Museums Act 1964 which placed a statutory duty on all Public Library Authorities “to provide a comprehensive and efficient library service” and on Welsh Ministers “to superintend and promote the improvement” of public library services in Wales.

In accordance with these requirements, the Welsh Government had completed its assessment of Carmarthenshire’s Library Service for the period 2017/18.

It was pleasing to note that Carmarthenshire met all of the 12 core entitlements in full and of the ten quality indicators which had targets, Carmarthenshire achieved nine in full and one in part.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received.

6. MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NATURE OF PROVISION AT YSGOL RHYS PRICHARD

The Board considered a proposal to change the nature of provision at Ysgol Rhys Pritchard in Llandovery.

In order to deliver the vision for a bilingual Carmarthenshire, as set out in Welsh Government Strategic Plans and Carmarthenshire’s Welsh in Education Strategic Plan, the Authority will need to deliver significant growth in Welsh medium education to increase the number of children and young people who are fluent in both Welsh and English.

In order to be able to increase the provision of Welsh medium education it was one of the Authority’s objectives to support current dual stream and transitional schools to become Welsh medium schools. Due to the increasing demand for Welsh medium education places in the Llandovery area, it was proposed that from 1st January, 2020 the nature of provision of Ysgol Rhys Pritchard changes to Welsh medium.

The consultation period for the proposal will commence on 20th May, 2019 and end on 30th June, 2019.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- 6.1 that the proposal to change the nature of provision at Ysgol Rhys Pritchard, as detailed in the report, be approved;**
- 6.2 that officers initiate formal consultation on the proposal during the summer term 2019;**
- 6.3 that a further report be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration following the end of the consultation period.**

7. MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NATURE OF PROVISION AT YSGOL Y DDWYLAN, YSGOL GRIFFITH JONES, YSGOL LLANGYNNWR AND YSGOL LLYS HYWEL

The Board considered a proposal to change the nature of provision at Ysgol y Ddwyllan, Ysgol Griffith Jones, Ysgol Llangynnwr and Ysgol Llys Hywel.

In order to deliver the vision for a bilingual Carmarthenshire, as set out in Welsh

Government Strategic Plans and Carmarthenshire's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan, the Authority will need to deliver significant growth in Welsh medium education to increase the number of children and young people who are fluent in both Welsh and English.

In order to be able to increase the provision of Welsh medium education it was one of the Authority's objectives to support current dual stream and transitional schools to become Welsh medium schools. It was proposed therefore, to change the nature of Foundation Phase provision at Ysgol y Ddwylan, Ysgol Griffith Jones, Ysgol Llangynnwr and Ysgol Llys Hywel to Welsh medium with the choice of language medium being introduced at Key Stage 2, with effect from 1st September, 2020.

The consultation period for the proposal will commence on 20th May, 2019 and end on 30th June, 2019.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- 7.1 that the proposal to change the nature of provision at Ysgol y Ddwylan, Ysgol Griffith Jones, Ysgol Llangynnwr and Ysgol Llys Hywel, as detailed in the report, be approved;**
- 7.2 that officers initiate formal consultation on the proposal during the summer term 2019;**
- 7.3 that a further report be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration following the end of the consultation period.**

8. SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL

The Board considered a report detailing the findings and implications of the recent reviews undertaken in relation to the Swansea Bay City Deal.

In December 2018 the UK and Welsh Governments announced that an independent review would be carried out in relation to the Swansea Bay City Deal. In addition, the Swansea Bay Joint Committee, at its meeting held on 14th December, 2018, resolved that an internal review into the Swansea Bay City Deal governance arrangements would also be undertaken in parallel with the UK and Welsh Government Independent Review. It was agreed that Pembrokeshire County Council would lead the Internal Review, supported by a nominated Senior Auditor from Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea Councils.

The Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee formally considered and accepted the findings of both the Independent UK and Welsh Government and Internal Joint Committee reviews at its meeting held on 26th March, 2019. The Programme Board has been tasked with developing an implementation and action plan to progress the recommendations and report back to the next Joint Committee scheduled to be held on 28th May 2019.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- 8.1 that the UK and Welsh Government Review and the Swansea Bay Joint Committee Review be received;**
- 8.2 to continue to review progress in relation to the Swansea Bay City Deal;**

8.3 to delegate to the Leader, in conjunction with the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, authority to agree changes, where considered appropriate, to the Joint Committee Agreement (JCA) in line with the recommendations of the reviews. The changes would not apply to any material change to the Council's legal and financial obligations under the JCA, as such matters are reserved for members' decision.

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR DECIDES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 100B(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972.

The Chair advised that there were no items of urgent business.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

11. DISPOSAL OF LAND WITH ASSOCIATED RISKS

Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute 10 above, to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as disclosure of the contents of the report would weaken the position of the Authority in discussions with potential purchasers and potentially result in reduced capital receipts to public finances than would otherwise be the case. The public interest in maintaining the exemption therefore outweighed the public interest in disclosing the contents of the report.

[NOTE: Councillor E. Dole had earlier declared an interest in this item.]

The Executive Board considered a report detailing offers received for surplus sites which have potential risks and high maintenance costs associated with previous and current uses.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the 9 sites identified be disposed of in line with the recommendations as detailed in the report.

12. DEVELOPMENT LAND, TROSTRE, LLANELLI

Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute 10 above, to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as disclosure of the contents of the report would put the Authority at a material disadvantage in any subsequent negotiations with third parties and potentially harm the public purse. The public interest in maintaining the exemption therefore outweighed the public interest in disclosing the contents of the report.

The Executive Board considered a report detailing offers received for 3 plots of development land in Trostre.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- 12.1** that plot 1 be disposed of in line with option D, as detailed in the report;
- 12.2** to continue marketing plots 2 and 3.

CHAIR

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