EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, 13 July 2020

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole (Chair)

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

Also in attendance:
Councillor D.M. Cundy.

The following Officers were in attendance:
W. Walters, Chief Executive;
C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services;
J. Morgan, Director of Community Services;
G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services;
R. Mullen, Director of Environment;
P.R. Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance);
L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law;
J. Jones, Head of Regeneration;
G. Morgan, Head of Democratic Services;
D. Hockenhull, Marketing and Media Manager;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 10:00am - 10:22am

1.   **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

      An apology for absence was received from Councillor P. M. Hughes.

2.   **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST.**

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
G. Davies (raised declaration separately under item 8)	8 – Business Tenants Rent Concession	He is a Director of a company based in a building owned by Carmarthenshire County Council.

3.   **TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HELD ON THE 29TH JUNE 2020**

      UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 29th June, 2020 be signed as a correct record.

4.   **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

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Carmarthenshire
County Council

5. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS

The Chair advised that no questions on notice by Members had been received.

6. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

7. 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.

8. BUSINESS TENANTS - RENT CONCESSION

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 7 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 respect of this report outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information contained therein as disclosure would harm the businesses to which the report applies, undermining their position in the marketplace and potentially put jobs at risk and cause harm to the local economy.

[Note: At this point in the proceedings Councillor G. Davies declared a personal interest in this item, he remained in the meeting during its determination and voted.]

The Executive Board noted, as previously reported at its meeting on the 29th June 2020, the COVID 19 pandemic has had a significant negative impact on the business economy in Carmarthenshire. In view of the likelihood that businesses would continue to struggle financially in the foreseeable future, the Executive Board considered a report which provided detailed options open to the Authority for continuing to assist with rent concessions for its business tenants.

With Carmarthenshire Council having a significant business portfolio with one of the highest tenancy occupation rates in Wales, members also considered the potential revenue implications for the Authority as set out in the report.

RESOLVED that Council business tenants are offered a 50% rental concession for July and a further 25% concession for August. The concession would only apply to those tenants who are able to evidence hardship, which will be assessed on a 50% reduction in turnover for July.

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CHAIR   **DATE**