

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MONDAY, 9TH MAY, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole [Chair]

Councillors:

H.A.L. Evans, L.D. Evans, D.M. Jenkins, G.O. Jones, T.J. Jones, P.A. Palmer, L.M. Stephens and J. Tremlett

Present as an observer:

Councillor P. Hughes-Griffiths

The following officers were in attendance:

Mr M. James	-	Chief Executive
Mr C. Moore	-	Director of Corporate Services
Mr J. Morgan	-	Director of Community Services
Ms R. Mullen	-	Director of Environment
Mr R. Sully	-	Director of Education & Children
Ms W. Walters	-	Assistant Chief Executive
Mr J. Fearn	-	Head of Corporate Property
Mr I. Jones	-	Head of Leisure
Ms L. Rees Jones	-	Head of Administration & Law
Mrs M. Thomas	-	Democratic Services Officer

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen : 9.12 a.m. - 9.50 a.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M. Gravell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were made at the meeting.

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 on notice had been received.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF A CLOSED ROAD CYCLING CIRCUIT

The Executive Board considered a report outlining proposals for the development of a closed road cycling circuit. The Authority was in the process of developing a cycling (and walking) strategy for the county which aimed to make the county the "Cycling Hub of Wales". The strategy included three main focus areas – development pathways, events and infrastructure and would be presented to the Executive Board for consideration over the coming months.

In terms of infrastructure, one of the key areas that both Welsh Cycling and Sport

Wales recognise as vital for the further development of cycling in Wales is “quality closed road circuit facilities”. Closed Road Circuits are used for competitive cycle sports events, road racing, recreational organised events, coaching and training activities and as informal cycling venues that offer a safe traffic free environment.

Welsh Cycling and Sport Wales have given their full backing and support for a purpose built floodlit closed road facility in Carmarthenshire. Funding had been agreed in the Authority’s capital programme, with no future running costs anticipated. The facility would be of British standard and be the best in Wales if not the UK, attracting local, regional and national events, races and training camps.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- 5.1 to advertise for expressions of interest from Carmarthenshire landowners who may be interested in working with the Authority and Welsh Cycling to develop the facility on their land;**
- 5.2 that the Authority takes the lead on the design and construction of the facility, to be procured through the internal framework agreement;**
- 5.3 if a third party site is favoured, the Authority will enter into a head lease with the landowner, with an under-lease to Welsh Cycling to operate the facility, at no cost to the Authority.**

6. 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.

7. THE BEACON, CENTRE FOR ENTERPRISE, DAFEN, LLANELLI

Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute Number 6 above, to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

The Executive Board considered a report on the future of The Beacon Centre for Enterprise, Dafen, Llanelli.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the recommendations detailed within the report be approved.

8. PANTYCELYN SCHOOL SITE, LLANDOVERY

Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute Number 6 above, to

consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

The Executive Board considered a report on the future of the Pantycelyn School Site in Llandovery.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- 8.1 to progress with Option 1, as detailed within the report;**
- 8.2 that the remaining recommendations, as detailed within the report, be approved.**

CHAIR

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