

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, 27 July 2020

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole (Chair);

Councillors:

C.A. Campbell, 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;

G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services;

R. Mullen, Director of Environment;

J. Jones, Head of Regeneration;

L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law;

P.R. Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance);

G. Ayers, Corporate Policy and Partnership Manager;

D. Hockenull, Marketing and Media Manager;

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 10.00 am - 10.30 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Davies and P. Hughes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. MINUTES - 13TH JULY 2020

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 13th July, 2020 be signed as a correct record.

4. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

6. RESUMPTION OF CAR PARKING CHARGES

The Executive Board considered a report detailing options for resuming car parking charges in town centres. It was noted that charges had been suspended for Council operated Town Centre Car Parks since the outset of the Covid 19 Pandemic and continued to be suspended to encourage tourist and visitor activity over the summer. Should charges be reintroduced it was recommended that any increase be delayed until further recovery of town centres.

It was suggested that the parking charges in town centre car parks be reintroduced with effect from Tuesday 1st September 2020 as opposed to Monday 31st August 2020.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

6.1 to approve the reintroduction of parking charges in town centre car parks with effect from Tuesday 1st September 2020;

6.2 that the proposed 20p increase in charges at town centre car parks be postponed until Monday 4th January 2021.

7. ARMED FORCES (AF) COVENANT AND DEFENCE EMPLOYER RECOGNITION SCHEME (DERS) BRONZE AWARD

[NOTE: This item was withdrawn from the agenda.]

8. NOTICES OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL (12TH FEBRUARY 2020 AND 8TH JULY 2020) ADDRESSING RACISM IN CARMARTHENSHIRE

The Executive Board considered a report setting out its proposals following Council's endorsement of the two Notices of Motion on racism in Carmarthenshire on the 12th February 2020 (7.1) and the 8th July 2020 (7.1). The Board was of the view that the concerns raised by each Motion should be addressed in conjunction with each other and that a politically balanced Task and Finish Advisory Panel should be established, as suggested, to listen to the voice of BAME communities in Carmarthenshire. Accordingly, and in order for the work of the Panel to commence as soon as possible, the report detailed arrangements for its membership and proposed terms of reference.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the membership and terms of reference of the cross-party Task and Finish Advisory Panel (Cross Party BAME Review) set out in the report.

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Chair reported 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. FORMER GRILLO SITE, BURRY PORT

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 10 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 put the

authority at a material disadvantage in any subsequent negotiations with third parties and potentially harm the public purse.

The Executive Board considered a report on the possible acquisition of the site of the former Grillo zinc oxide production factory at Burry Port which could not only promote and facilitate its development together with adjoining Council owned land but also support the Council's regeneration aspirations for Burry Port and delivery of the Burry Port Masterplan. It was deemed that development of this site would bring forward much needed housing in an area of high demand together with some 30 new jobs being created by the commercial element of the development.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

11.1 that the former Grillo Site, Burry Port, be purchased on the basis of Option 3 detailed in the report;

11.2 that the funding be provided from the Development Fund on the basis of an invest to save principle. [The repayment of the Development Fund will occur when the Land is sold on, therefore other conditions of the Development will be set aside in this instance.]

CHAIR

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