

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, 23 November 2020

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole (Chair);

Councillors:

C.A. Campbell, G. Davies, H.A.L. Evans, L.D. Evans, P.M. Hughes, 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;
J. Morgan, Director of Community Services;
R. Mullen, Director of Environment;
G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services;
R. Hemingway, Head of Financial Services;
S. Pilliner, Head of Transportation & Highways;
L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law;
P.R. Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance);
D. Hockenhill, Marketing and Media Manager;
G. Morgan, Democratic Services Manager;
J. Corner, Technical Officer;
S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer;
K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer;
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 4.00 pm - 4.30 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interests.

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. EXTENDING FREE PARKING DAYS INTO DECEMBER 2020

The Executive Board considered a report on proposals to permit free parking days to be taken in the month of December in 2020 as an exception to support the economic recovery of towns during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Council's current policy provided for five free parking days each year to support town centres but excluded the trading period of December. Some town

centres had approached the Council to request that December be included in the offer this year due to the exceptional circumstances caused by the COVID19 pandemic. The Council had supported town centres with free parking from March to September this year and with the continuation of the free parking pilots in place at each town. The latest request would help provide further support at this difficult time.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the extension of free parking in December during 2020 only.

6. URGENT ITEM - TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PAYMENT FOR CARE STAFF (TO SUPPORT STAFFING IN PRIVATE CARE HOMES)

The Chair advised that pursuant to Section 100B (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 he had decided to allow this item to be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency as action was required to be taken prior to the next meeting of the Board. The report had been included on an amended Agenda published prior to the meeting.

Accordingly, the Executive Board considered a report seeking authority to implement a temporary emergency payment arrangement to support private care homes which were facing short notice staffing shortages as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. This emergency payment would only be applicable where there were specific instances where the staffing complement of Private Care homes was compromised due to the statutory self-isolation and Covid19 Positive results of the private care home staff, where there is insufficient cover to deliver care. It was clarified that the Executive Board Member portfolios had been inadvertently inserted next to the wrong Executive Board Member and that the reference in the report to 'ICF capital' should read 'ICF revenue'.

It was noted that there would be no additional cost to the Authority, as these would be fully reclaimed from the relevant Private Care home that required support. Members welcomed the report and again paid tribute to all care home staff.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the temporary emergency payment arrangement for care staff to support private care homes facing short notice staffing shortages as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic.

7. 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.

CHAIR

DATE