

CABINET

Monday, 28 February 2022

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole (Chair);

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

Councillor D.M. Cundy and J.S. Edmunds;

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;
N. Daniel, Head of ICT and Corporate Policy;
S. Davies, Head of Access to Education;
R. Griffiths, Head of Place and Sustainability;
L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law;
J. Morgan, Head of Homes & Safer Communities;
P.R. Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance);
A. Williams, Head of Waste and Environmental Services;
H. Morgan, Economic Development Manager;
S. Burford, Project Manager;
D. Hockenhull, Marketing and Media; Manager;
L. Morris, Senior Press Officer;
E. Jones, Licensing Lead;
S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator;
M. Evans Thomas, Principal Democratic Services Officer;
J. Corner, Technical Officer;
L. Jenkins, Cabinet Support Officer;
E. Bryer, Democratic Services Officer;
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer.

Virtual Meeting: 10.00 am - 11.35 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
C.A. Davies	11 – Carmarthenshire Economic Recovery and Delivery Plan Progress Update	Cycle path runs through the farm that is run with her husband;
Officer	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
W. Walters - Chief Executive	13 - Review of Election Fees payable at the County Council and Town/Community Council Elections;	Returning Officer;

C. Moore - Director of Corporate Services	13 - Review of Election Fees payable at the County Council and Town/Community Council Elections;	May be employed by the Returning Officer to support the elections;
N. Daniel - Head of ICT	13 - Review of Election Fees payable at the County Council and Town/Community Council Elections;	Deputy Returning Officer.

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON THE 14TH FEBRUARY 2022.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 14th February, 2022 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. CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT ACT FORWARD PLAN 2020 - 2023

In accordance with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 the Cabinet considered the proposed Carmarthenshire County Council Environment Act Forward Plan 2020 – 2023. It was a statutory requirement that every three years the Council prepared and reported on the delivery of its Environment Act duty to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote ecosystem resilience. The Bio-diversity Team was thanked for its work.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

6.1 to endorse the Carmarthenshire County Council Environment Act Forward Plan 2020 – 2023;

6.2 to endorse the actions set out in the Forward Plan and commit to their delivery across the relevant CCC services.

7. REVIEW OF GAMBLING POLICY

The Cabinet considered a proposed revised Gambling Policy document which reflected the results of the consultation and review process and complied with relevant legislation and guidance. The Council's Licensing Committee had considered the report and unanimously resolved to recommend to Cabinet its approval.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL to approve the amended Gambling Policy.

8. MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NATURE OF PROVISION AT YSGOL Y FELIN

Further to minute 9 of the Cabinet meeting held on the 6th December 2021 consideration was given to an Objection Report which summarised the objections received, and the Local Authority's responses thereto, to the Statutory Notice to

change the nature of Foundation Phase provision at Ysgol Y Felin to Welsh medium education from 1st September 2022.

Being satisfied that there were no other related proposals; that the statutory proposal had been consulted upon and published in accordance with the School Organisation Code and contained all the relevant information and, having considered the consultation document and consultation report, the objections and any responses to the notice in the objection report, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the implementation of the proposal to change the nature of Foundation Phase provision at Ysgol Y Felin to Welsh medium education from 1st September 2022 as laid out in the Statutory Notice.

9. MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE AGE RANGE OF YSGOL SWISS VALLEY FROM 4-11 TO 3-11

Further to minute 8 of the Cabinet meeting held on the 6th December 2021 it was reported that no objections had been received to the Statutory Notice to change the age range of Swiss Valley Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11.

Being satisfied that there were no other related proposals; that the statutory proposal had been consulted upon and published in accordance with the School Organisation Code and contained all the relevant information and having considered the consultation document and consultation report, and that no objections had been received in response to the Statutory Notice, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the implementation of the proposal to change the age range of Swiss Valley Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11 from 1st September 2022 as laid out in the Statutory Notice.

10. MODERNISING EDUCATION PROGRAMME PROPOSAL TO RECONFIGURE AND REMODEL BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT SERVICES AT YSGOL RHYDYGORS TO IMPROVE PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Further to minute 10 of the Cabinet meeting held on the 6th December 2021 it was reported that no objections had been received to the Statutory Notice to reconfigure and remodel Behaviour Support Services at Ysgol Rhydygors to improve provision for children and Young People.

Being satisfied that there were no other related proposals; that the statutory proposal had been consulted upon and published in accordance with the School Organisation Code and contained all the relevant information and having considered the consultation document and consultation report, and that no objections had been received in response to the Statutory Notice, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the implementation of the proposal to reconfigure and remodel Behaviour Support Services at Ysgol Rhydygors to improve provision for children and Young People.

**11. CARMARTHENSHIRE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DELIVERY PLAN
PROGRESS UPDATE**

[NOTE: Councillor C. A. Davies reiterated her earlier declaration of interest.]

In accordance with Minute 8 of the Executive Board [now Cabinet] meeting held on the 21st June 2021 the Cabinet considered a report, and received a presentation, detailing progress in relation to meeting the key outcomes of the Carmarthenshire Economic Recovery and Delivery Plan.

It was noted that current indicators suggested that the economic outlook for Carmarthenshire was not as stark as had been previously envisaged when the Economic Recovery Plan was being developed. There was confidence, however, supported by activity to date and proposed, that the overall ambitious outcomes of the Plan were achievable. All opportunities to draw down additional external, including UK and Welsh Government, funding would be explored to add value to activity already planned or being undertaken to ensure that economic growth opportunities were maximised.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to note the report.

**12. REDEVELOPMENT OF FORMER PROVISIONS MARKET LLANDEILO (THE
OLD MARKET HALL)**

The Cabinet considered a report detailing proposed revised car parking provision associated with the redevelopment of the former provisions market, Llandeilo (the old market hall), as it had not been possible to acquire adjoining land, and the escalation of the project's costs due to unforeseen circumstances. A request had been submitted to Welsh Government for an additional £300k grant funding towards the project. Verbal approval for this increase in grant had been provided and written confirmation was awaited which would see the Building for the Future's contribution increasing to £1,700,000 from £1,400,000. The Council's contribution as per the current Capital programme allocation remained at £2,462,600 to support a total estimated project cost of £4,162,600

It was anticipated that the scheme would be completed and available for occupation by November 2022.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

12.1 to note that the purchase of the land for the car park will no longer be taking place due it not having been possible to agree terms with the landowner;

12.2 to note that an additional £300,000 has been requested and verbally agreed by Welsh Government's Building for the Future programme for the scheme.

**13. REVIEW OF ELECTION FEES PAYABLE AT THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND
TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

(NOTE: Wendy Walters and Noelwyn Daniel, having earlier declared interests in this item re-declared those interests and left the meeting during its consideration. Chris Moore reiterated his earlier declaration of interest but remained in the meeting.)

The Cabinet considered a report on the fees payable to the Returning Officer in respect of the forthcoming local elections.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

13.1 that the fees payable to the Returning Officer, which is inclusive of payments to those undertaking the role of Deputy Returning Officers and other key personnel involved in the planning and oversight of the County Council and Town / Community Councils, be as follows:

- a) £170.00 per contested election;**
- b) £56.61 per uncontested election;**

13.2. that the Chief Executive, as the Council's Returning Officer, be authorised to:

- a) make arrangements for the employment of persons to assist with the Local Elections;**
- b) determine the level of fees and payments to those employed on Election duties, subject to the total amount payable being within the available resources set to cover the cost of these elections;**

13.3 to note that there will be full cost recovery for any costs incurred for Town/Community Council elections.

14. PENTRE AWEL

The Cabinet considered a report which provided an update statement on Pentre Awel including the procurement of a contractor for Zone 1. The report detailed

- progress of the design of Zone 1 and the maximum cost of the construction;
- progress on securing tenants for Zone 1;
- progress in design development Zone 3;
- associated progress including Schools networking and Third Sector policy.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

14.1 that the report of the process undertaken to progress the first phase of the two-stage design and build contract to deliver Pentre Awel Zone 1 be noted;

14.2 to receive the maximum cost (£87.07m) for the construction provided by Bouygues UK and to delegate authority to the Director of Corporate Services and the Chief Executive to agree the final cost envelope and confirm affordability in consultation with the Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Resources;

14.3 to note the progress in securing tenancy agreements and to delegate authority to the Director of Corporate Services to agree to progress to construction on achieving suitable assurance of rental income and to note that the delivery of Innovation and Business Development and therefore the shell and core space being developed is in advance of final plans and therefore at risk;

14.4 to approve the policy setting out the principles to be adopted for inclusion of Third Sector organisations within Pentre Awel;

14.5 to note the progress across other zones and associated discussions and impact beyond the immediate project boundaries.

- 15. 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