

CABINET

31 OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT: (In Person) Councillor D. Price (Chair)

Councillors (In Person):

C.A. Davies, L.D. Evans, P.M. Hughes, G.H. John, A. Lenny, E.G. Thomas.

Councillors (Virtually):

G. Davies, J. Tremlett.

Also Present (In Person):

W. Walters, Chief Executive;
J. Morgan, Director of Community Services;
C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services;
G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services;
N. Daniel, Head of ICT and Corporate Policy;
L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law;
D. Hockenfull, Marketing and Media Manager;
H. Morgan, Economic Development Manager;
L. Jenkins, Cabinet Support Officer;
E. Evans, Principal Democratic Services Officer;
A. Eynon, Principal Translator;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer.

Also Present (Virtually):

M. Evans Thomas, Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP and remotely: 10:00am - 10:15am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A. Vaughan Owen.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interests.

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON THE 17TH OCTOBER 2022

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 17th October 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. IMPLICATIONS OF THE RENTING HOMES (WALES) ACT 2016

The Cabinet received a report on the implications of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act which requested that introductory tenancies and its successors under the Act are no longer used.

Cabinet Members noted that from 1st December 2022, all tenancies issued by landlords in Wales would convert under the new legal regime of the Renting Homes Act to contract holders. The Act superseded previous housing legislation on tenancies passed by UK Parliament and would replace the different tenancy and licence that currently exist with just two types of 'occupation contract'; one for the private rented sector and one for the social rented sector.

It was reported the Act would bring together new and additional rights for the contract holder, placing requirements on the landlord to act within a reasonable timescale to requests and ensuring properties were fit for habitation.

Cabinet Members gave consideration to the main implications of the Act as summarised in the report.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that:

- 6.1 from 1 December 2022 the Council will not issue introductory standard occupation contracts under the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016;**
- 6.2 the Council's previous decision electing to operate an introductory tenancy regime be revoked with immediate effect.**

7. UPDATE ON THE UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (UKSPF)

The Cabinet received an update report on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Since the report presented to Cabinet in July 2022, which set out the general principles of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the report provided progress update in preparation for the new investment programme.

It was highlighted that despite the programme being structured around a regional plan, with a Regional Lead (Swansea CC), implementation would be devolved to the local level.

The report detailed the following proposed modes of delivery:

- Anchor projects
- Standalone projects
- Commissioned projects

The scope of delivery for each of the proposed Anchor projects was appended to the report at Annex 1.

In terms of managing the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Carmarthenshire, Cabinet Members noted that the Fund had provided for circa 4% of resources to be used to fund administrative support for the programme and that the Lead Local Authority (Swansea Council) would require additional capacity to resource its regional management function. Therefore, the majority of the 4% administrative budget would be utilised to provide capacity within local management teams.

It was concluded that a great deal of progress had been made since the Regional Investment Plan was submitted to UK Government earlier this year. Whilst formal approval from UK Government was awaited, work was on-going to ensure that the necessary arrangements were in place and that delivery was able to start following the receipt of the UK Government approval.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that:

- 7.1 steps taken to date that will enable the County to benefit from the Shared Prosperity Fund be endorsed;**
- 7.2 the proposed Anchor projects be approved;**
- 7.3 the establishment of the Programme Management Team that will be responsible for the delivery of the Programme at a local level be approved.**

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

CHAIR

DATE