

**THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE **DEPUTY LEADER'S OFFICE, COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN AND REMOTELY AT 10.00 AM, ON THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2022** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

*Wendy Walters*

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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# **A G E N D A**

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*Note:- The press and public are not entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.*

**TUESDAY**, 5 July 2022

**PRESENT: Councillor:** L.D. Evans (Cabinet Member).

**The following officers were in attendance:**

J. Hancock, Flagship Social Enterprise Development Officer

L. Roberts, New Homes Officer (Remote attendance)

E. Bryer, Democratic Services Officer

Deputy Leader's Office, County Hall - County Hall, Carmarthen - 2.00 - 2.55 pm

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

**2. DECISION RECORD - 17 MARCH 2022.**

**RESOLVED** that the decision record of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 be signed as a correct record.

**3. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND TACKLING FOOD POVERTY WLGA GRANT.**

The Cabinet Member for Homes and Deputy Leader considered a report detailing the establishment of an initiative to enable the authority to support an increased number of people facing food poverty.

As part of the Tackling Food Poverty, Carmarthenshire County Council was allocated £27,865 in January 2022, of which £19,838 was allocated to foodbanks as approved by the Cabinet Member on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

An additional budget of £55,729 was received in April 2022 by the WLGA to help tackle food poverty that was to be utilised during the financial year 2022/23. The project would be administered by the Authority's central Bureau team. The Purpose of the additional funding was to continue to support an increased number of people facing food poverty through the provision of funding to a range of community food initiatives which are experiencing difficulties in meeting the needs of their customers.

It was proposed that the funding together with the underspend from the initial award (£8,027), continued to be distributed to local food banks that were helping to tackle food poverty within the county. This would provide support with the purchase of additional supplies of good quality food and essential goods through the Council's existing contract with Castell Howell Foods.

The Cabinet Member for Homes and Deputy Leader stated that it would be beneficial if the criteria for utilising the services of food banks could be standardised.

**RESOLVED** that the delivery of the Food Poverty Initiative be approved.

#### **4. CREATING A LOCAL LETTINGS POLICY FOR CLOS TAWELAN, WALES & WEST HOUSING ASSOCIATION'S NEW DEVELOPMENT IN JOHNSTOWN, CARMARTHEN.**

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader considered a report on proposals to adopt a Local Lettings Policy for Clos Tawelan, Wales & West Housing Association's new development in Johnstown, Carmarthen.

The policy aimed to ensure the provision of accommodation solutions for local people in most need, meet the objective to move people on quickly from temporary accommodation and back to their community, and provide opportunities for key workers, helping to create a sustainable community.

The report identified the ward of Johnstown as an area of high housing need, and therefore the development aimed to address this by way of delivering 18 social rented homes:-

- 6 x one-bedroom apartments;
- 6 x two-bedroom houses;
- 5 x three-bedroom houses;
- 1 x three-bedroom, bungalow.

The development had been delayed and would be handed over in one phase in September and not in July as stated in the report.

It was noted that the LLP would remain in place for 6 months following the initial lets, to ensure the community was appropriately established.

**RESOLVED that the Local Lettings Policy for the new homes on Clos Tawelan, Wales & West Housing Association's new build development be approved.**

#### **5. CREATING A LOCAL LETTINGS POLICY FOR DYLAN (PHASE 3), BYNEA.**

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader considered a report on proposals to adopt a Local Lettings Policy (LLP) for the Council new build development in Dylan (Phase 3), Bynea. The policy aimed to ensure the creation of a sustainable community and diverse place to live.

The report identified the ward of Bynea as an area of high housing need and that by developing a mix of two and four-bedroom homes and two-bedroom bungalows this need would be addressed by providing:-

- Two-bedroom homes for small families, this includes families currently under occupying larger homes in the area;
- Four-bedroom homes for large families, this includes families currently living in unsuitable or overcrowded accommodation in the area;
- Two-bedroom bungalows for older people in the community whose current homes are unsuitable for their needs.

It was reported that the development consisted of 32 homes in total. The handover would be managed in three phases and that this LLP specifically related to Phase 3 – 12 x 2-bedroom houses, 4 x 4 bedroom houses and 4 x 2 bedroom bungalows which would be handed over in August 2022 (pending confirmation).

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader requested that the homes be allocated now so that tenants could be given the keys as soon as the properties were handed over.

**RESOLVED that the Local Lettings Policy for the Council new build development in Dylan (Phase 3), Bynea be approved.**

**6. CREATING A LOCAL LETTINGS POLICY FOR PARC Y DRESSIG, BRO MYRDDIN HOUSING ASSOCIATION'S NEW DEVELOPMENT IN WHITLAND.**

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader considered a report on proposals to adopt a Local Lettings Policy (LLP) for Parc Y Dressig, Bro Myrddin Housing Association's new development in Whitland.

The policy aimed to ensure the provision of accommodation solutions for local people in most need, meet the objective to move people on quickly from temporary accommodation and back to their community, and provide opportunities for key workers, helping to create a sustainable community.

The report identified the ward of Whitland as an area of high housing need, and therefore the development aimed to address this by way of delivering 15 social rented homes:-

- 9 x two-bedroom houses
- 4 x three-bedroom houses;
- 2 x four-bedroom houses.

The development would be handed over in one phase in September 2022.

It was noted that the LLP would remain in place for 6 months following the initial lets, to ensure the community was appropriately established.

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader emphasised the need for robust application of the agreed allocations policy.

**RESOLVED that the Local Lettings Policy for the new homes on Parc Y Dressig, Bro Myrddin Housing Association's new build development be approved.**

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## Cabinet Member – Homes and Deputy Leader 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

<b>Cabinet Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>	
Cllr. Linda Evans	Cabinet member for Homes and Deputy Leader	
<b>FOOD POVERTY WLGA GRANT</b>		
<b>Purpose:</b>		
To consider and approve the following proposals:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To approve the establishment of a third-party fund to help tackle food poverty and food insecurity</li> </ul>		
<b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b>		
Approve the delivery of the Food Poverty Fund via a Third-Party Grant		
<b>Reason:</b>		
To support an increased number of people facing food poverty by providing financial support to enable organisations to meet local needs.		
Directorate	Designation	Tel No.
Name of Head of Service:		
Jason Jones	Head of Regeneration	01267 224124
Report Author:	E Mail Address:	
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**Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):** None

**Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):**N/A

**DECISION MADE:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CABINET MEMBER

**The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting**

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**CABINET MEMBER HOMES AND DEPUTY LEADER**  
**8TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Food Poverty WLGA Grant**

**1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.**

As part of the Tackling Food Poverty and Addressing Food Insecurity EU Transition Funding Bid, Carmarthenshire County Council was allocated a budget for financial year 21/22 £45,591 of capital and £56,609 of revenue funding by the WLGA to help tackle food poverty within the county.

Several projects were supported during 21/22, with a reserve balance of £21,295 capital and £26,941 revenue funding that WG approved can be utilised during financial year 22/23.

It is proposed that this funding is distributed through a third-party grant, administered by the Authority. The third-party grant will be open to any constituted organisation which is seeking to help tackle food poverty in Carmarthenshire. Capital and revenue grants of between £1,000 and £4,999 will be made available.

The funding will be used in a variety of ways to help boost the capacity of organisations to strengthen the infrastructures that address food poverty. The following are examples of eligible activities:

- Develop and strengthen food partnerships with a view to creating healthy, sustainable local food systems that help tackle food insecurity.
- Support initiatives such as outreach work, training volunteers and to build resilience through the development of community hubs which co-locate a range of support services such as debt and housing advice, all built around community food provision.
- Support for organisations to access, store and distribute additional supplies of good quality food, including good food surplus, in particular, larger amounts of fresh food, boosting the capacity of organisations to provide good quality, nutritious food to their customers. It can be used in a variety of ways to suit the requirements of the organisation, for example but not limited to - purchasing fridges, freezers, cooking equipment, developing infrastructure to include databases to improve referrals and pathways, supporting collaborative agency working.
- Projects such as community cafes, growing projects, social supermarkets, community shops (reducing food waste by selling residual stock) and sharing skills through mobile cooking schools would be considered.

The fund will be administered by the CCC central Bureau team via a third-party grant process and will be open to 'not for profit organisations' that have an appropriate constitution.

The fund will be promoted via our corporate website, inviting groups to apply on a first come first serve basis.

All applications submitted for the Food Poverty Fund must support the aim of tackling food poverty and food insecurity. The project must benefit the residents of the Carmarthenshire and meet one or more of the Well-being Objectives within Carmarthenshire County Council's own measurements:

Applications will be assessed on the need for the project or activity, how they plan to target the most in need, sustainability of the project, collaborative working and projects that can be delivered and fully claimed by 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Eligible applications will be presented to a grant panel that will assess against the criteria and make recommendations for funding and if successful, they will be presented to Cabinet member for approval.

<b>DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?</b>	<b>NO</b>
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## IMPLICATIONS

**I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :**

Signed: **Jason Jones** **Head of Regeneration**

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

### 1. Finance

Initially a total budget of £ £102,200 (Capital £45,591 and Revenue £56,609) was made available via the WLGA Food Poverty Fund to provide support to organisations across the county.

Balance available for 22/23 financial year £48,236 (Cap £21,295 and Revenue £26,941)

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

1. Scrutiny Committee N/A
2. Local Member(s) N/A
3. Community / Town Council N/A
4. Relevant Partners N/A
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE

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