

# CABINET

**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

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

**Councillors (In Person):**

C.A. Davies

L.D. Evans

G. Davies

H.A.L. Evans

A. Lenny

E.G. Thomas

J. Tremlett

A. Vaughan-Owen

**Also in attendance as an observer (Remotely):**

Councillor D.M. Cundy

**Also Present (In Person):**

W. Walters, Chief Executive

C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services

J. Morgan, Director of Community Services

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

A. Williams, Director of Place & Infrastructure

I. Jones, Head of Leisure

J. Jones, Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital

L. Rees-Jones, Head of Administration and Law

C. Higginson, Media Manager

M. Roberts, Asset Management Surveyor

K.J. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

R. Morris, Member Support Officer

D. Hall-Jones, Member Support Officer

S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator

**Also Present (Remotely):**

M. Evans Thomas, Principal Democratic Services Officer (Note Taker)

M. Runeckles, Member Support Officer

**Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen and remotely : 10.00 am - 10.30 am**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P.M. Hughes.

**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 30TH OCTOBER 2023**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 be signed as a correct record.

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#### **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. LEISURE, CULTURE AND OUTDOOR RECREATION STRATEGY**

The Cabinet considered a report detailing a new 10-year Leisure, Culture and Outdoor Recreation Strategy for Carmarthenshire which was developed to provide strategic direction for the service moving forward.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the 10 Year Leisure, Culture and Outdoor Recreation Strategy for Carmarthenshire be endorsed.**

#### **7. COUNCIL'S REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

The Cabinet considered the revenue budget monitoring report which provided the latest budgetary position as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 in respect of 2023/24.

Overall, the monitoring report forecast an overspend for the year at departmental level of £8,730k, with a forecast overspend on the Authority's net revenue budget of £6,098k.

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

**7.1 that the Budget Monitoring report be received and the budgetary position and appropriate corrective action taken be noted;**

**7.2 that, in respect of significant overspends on specific budget areas, Chief Officers and Heads of Service critically review options available to them to address the ongoing impact.**

#### **8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-2024 UPDATE**

The Cabinet received a report which provided an update on the latest budgetary position for the 2023/24 capital programme, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and detailed new projects and virements for noting and Cabinet approval. Appendix A to the report indicated a forecasted net spend of £91,370k compared with a working net budget of £142,842k, giving a -£51,472k variance.

The net budget included the original H.R.A. and General Fund capital programmes approved by Council on 1st March, 2023 and slippage from 2022/23. Some of the budgets have also been amended to account for

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differences in actual grant allocations compared with the anticipated allocations at the time the programme was approved and new grant awards received during the year to date. The main variances within each department were detailed in Appendix B to the report.

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- 8.1 that the capital programme update report 2023/24 be received;**
- 8.2 that the new projects as detailed within the report be noted and agreed, to be funded from current year capital charges underspends.**

#### **9. NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WELSH (LOCAL AUTHORITY) ADOPTION AND FOSTERING SERVICES**

The Cabinet considered a report providing an update on the proposals for developing the governance and enabling for the National Adoption Service for Wales as it assumes responsibility for Foster Wales 2. The report also sought to achieve agreement to signing the Joint Committee Agreement for the proposed Joint Committee.

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- 9.1 that the update report be noted;**
- 9.2 to agree that the Authority signs the Joint Committee Agreement for the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales.**

#### **10. 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.

#### **11. 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.**

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**12. DISPOSAL OF PARC DEWI SANT, JOBSWELL ROAD, CARMARTHEN**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute Item 11 above, to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as disclosure would put the Authority at a material disadvantage in any subsequent negotiations with third parties and potentially harm the public purse.

The Cabinet considered a report detailing proposals for the disposal of Parc Dewi Sant, Jobswell Road, Carmarthen.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to proceed with the recommendation as detailed in the report.

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CHAIR

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DATE

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