

CABINET

MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2024

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

Councillors (In Person):

C.A. Davies

G. Davies

L.D. Evans

P.M. Hughes

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

J. Morgan - Director of Community Services

C. Moore - Director of Corporate Services

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

A. Williams - Director of Place & Infrastructure

L. Rees-Jones - Head of Administration & Law

D. Hockenfull - Media & Marketing Manager

R. Page - Senior Business Support Manager Social Care

L. Jenkins - Cabinet Support Officer

E. Evans - Principal Democratic Services Officer

J. Owens - Democratic Services Officer

S. Rees - Simultaneous Translator

Also Present (Remotely):

R. Waters - Highways & Transportation Manager

M. Evans Thomas - Principal Democratic Services Officer [Note Taker]

M. Runeckles - Member Support Officer

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor H.A.L. Evans

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 19TH FEBRUARY, 2024

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 19th February, 2024 be signed as a correct record.

Note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

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. HIGHWAY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - MAINTENANCE MANUAL PART 4.8 - HIGHWAYS ADVERSE WEATHER & WINTER SERVICE PLAN

Cabinet considered a report on the Maintenance Manual which forms Part 4 of the Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP) and is being developed as a portfolio of specific manuals covering the management of a range of highway asset categories. Parts 4.1 to 4.7 have been adopted previously. The report provided details of the proposed Part 4.8 that covers the Highways Adverse Weather & Winter Service Plan.

Part 4.8 of the Maintenance Manual sets out how the County Council manages snow events, our approach to treating footways & cycleways, car parks, the deployment and management of grit bins and how we suspend gritting operations at level crossings. The Winter Service section of Part 4.8 concludes by setting out how resources are managed in terms of plant and vehicles, operational personnel and salt stocks. Further sections will be brought forward in future years.

Cabinet was informed that the table under paragraph 4.8.10 on page 56 of the Highways Maintenance Manual (page 32 of the agenda pack) needed updating and this would be done prior to the document being published.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Part 4.8 of the Highway Asset Management Plan - Maintenance Manual be adopted.

7. CHARGING POLICY - SOCIAL CARE CHARGES AMENDMENTS TO CURRENT POLICY

Cabinet considered a report providing details of the review undertaken of the current Charging Policy for Social Care Charges and detailing the proposed revisions.

The current charging policy was last updated in April 2019 and it was felt that it was now time to review the policy and consider any changes needed. Consequently, based on a high-level review within the operational team and in consultation with other officers, several changes had been identified, the nature of which would require authority to formally consult on the proposed key changes within the policy. The report set out the suggested proposed revisions and sought authority to consult on the proposed amendments to the policy.

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It was pointed out that, although there was reference in the executive summary to the report requiring a Council decision this was in fact not the case.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that authority be granted to commence the consultation process on the proposed key changes to the Charging Policy

8. MEMBERSHIP OF LLESIANT DELTA WELLBEING LTD GOVERNANCE GROUP

Cabinet was informed that notification had been received from the Labour Group of their wish to nominate Councillor Martyn Palfreman to replace Councillor Deryk Cundy on the Llesiant Delta Wellbeing Ltd Governance Group.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the proposed change in membership be approved.

9. 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 urgent items of business.

10. 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.

11. BUSINESS GROWTH GRANT LISA FEARN T/A Y SIED

Following the application of the public interest test it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute 10 above, to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as disclosure would be likely to place the business named in the report at an unfair disadvantage in relation to its commercial competitors.

Cabinet considered a report providing details of an application received for a Business Growth Grant from the Shared Prosperity Fund.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the award of a Shared Prosperity Fund Business Growth Grant to Lisa Fearn Ltd t/a Y Sied.

CHAIR

DATE

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