

# CABINET

**MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor L.D. Evans (Vice-Chair in the Chair) (In Person)

**Councillors (In Person):**

C.A. Davies	G. Davies	P.M. Hughes	G.H. John
A. Lenny	E.G. Thomas	J. Tremlett	A. Vaughan-Owen

**Also in attendance (Virtually):**

Councillor D.M. Cundy

**Also Present (In Person):**

W. Walters - Chief Executive  
G. Morgans - Director of Education & Children's Services  
J. Jones - Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital  
L. Rees-Jones - Head of Administration and Law  
R. Hemingway - Head of Financial Services  
C. Higginson - Media Manager  
N. Thomas - Early Years and Prevention Service Manager  
L. Jenkins - Cabinet Support Officer  
C. Llwyd - Simultaneous Translator  
J. Owen - Democratic Services Officer  
S. Hendy – Member Support Officer

**Also Present (Virtually):**

J. Coles – Head of Children & Families  
J. Lewis – Regional Partnership Manager  
M. Evans Thomas - Principal Democratic Services Officer [Note Taker]

**Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen and remotely : 10.00 am to 10.35 am**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. Price, Chair, who was engaged in alternative Council business.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
J. Jones – Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital	10 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund Standalone Strategic Applications	He is named as a second applicant on one of the projects.

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

**3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON THE 3RD JULY 2023**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023 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. MATERNITY AND EARLY YEARS TRANSFORMATION EARLY YEARS STRATEGY WEST WALES**

Cabinet considered the Maternity and Early Years Strategy West Wales. Carmarthenshire County Council is working in partnership with Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDUHB), Ceredigion County Council and Pembrokeshire County Council in response to Welsh Government's Early Years Integration Transformation Programme. This programme focuses on the need for a joined up and responsive early years service to ensure that every child has the best start in life.

As part of the transformation programme, innovative ways of working are required to be tested and piloted and as a result officers in Carmarthenshire have worked closely with HDUHB in developing a pilot Early Years Integrated Team in Cwm Gwendraeth. This is a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals (Midwives, Health Visitors and Speech and Language Therapists), Local Authority professionals (Family Support Officers and a Community Connector).

On a regional level a Maternity and Early Years Steering Group was set up in 2019 and work has been underway in developing a Maternity and Early Years Strategy for the region, setting out an agreed vision, objectives and priorities for all services working within the Maternity and Early Years sector across HDUHB, Local Authority and third sector organisations.

By July 2022 the strategy was in its final stages of development and a cross section of professionals and families from across the region took part in the consultation process via focus groups and an online survey. This is a strategy with a difference as it is web-based, interactive and concise thereby allowing professionals with limited time to access the strategy as and when required. Following full sign off it was intended to launch the strategy across the region.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Maternity and Early Years Strategy West Wales be endorsed.

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**7. 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.

**8. 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.

**9. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FUND - ROUND 2 APPLICATIONS**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 8 above, not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act). The public interest test in respect of this report outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained therein as disclosure would have the potential to undermine the position of the organisations concerned in relation to other organisations operating in the same sphere of activity.

The Cabinet considered a report which provided an overview of applications submitted under the Sustainable Communities Fund (Round 2) which is funded via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

**9.1 That the projects listed be awarded funding as recommended by the Funding Panel and as detailed in the report;**

**9.2 That the virement of an additional £250,000 from other unallocated elements of the SPF Programme, due to the high volume of quality applications submitted, be endorsed.**

**10. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - STANDALONE STRATEGIC APPLICATIONS**

[NOTE: Mr J. Jones, Head of Regeneration, Policy & Digital, having earlier declared an interest in this item, left the meeting prior to the consideration and determination thereof.]

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The Cabinet considered a report which provided an overview of applications submitted under the open call for standalone strategic projects within the Communities and Place and Supporting Local Business priorities of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

- 10.1 That the projects detailed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 be awarded funding, as detailed in the report;
- 10.2 That the recommendations of the Regeneration Partnership in relation to the redistribution of funding that may come back into the £5.85m budget for this call be approved.

#### **11. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - STANDALONE STRATEGIC APPLICATIONS - PEOPLE & SKILLS AND MULTIPLY**

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The Cabinet considered a report which provided an overview of Standalone Strategic applications submitted under the open call for the People and Skills priority and Multiply objectives of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the projects detailed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 be awarded funding as recommended by the Regeneration Partnership, as detailed in the report.

#### **12. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY FUNDS**

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 8 above, not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act). The public interest test in respect of this report outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained therein as

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**disclosure would have the potential to undermine the position of the organisations concerned in relation to other organisations operating in the same sphere of activity.**

The Cabinet considered a report which provided an overview of applications submitted under the Skills and Employability Funds, funded via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the projects detailed in Table 2 and Table 3 be awarded funding as recommended by the Funding Panel, as detailed in the report.**

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**

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