

CABINET

MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT: Councillor D. Price (Chair)

Councillors (In Person):

C.A. Davies

L.D. Evans

G. Davies

P.M. Hughes

A. Lenny

E.G. Thomas

J. Tremlett

A. Vaughan Owen

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;

R. Griffiths, Head of Place and Sustainability;

L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law;

A. Williams, Head of Waste and Environmental Services;

C. Higginson, Media Manager;

S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator;

L. Jenkins, Cabinet Support Officer;

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer;

Also Present (Virtually):

A. Williams, Head of Integrated Services;

J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer.

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen and remotely: 10.00 am - 10.35 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G. H. John.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interests.

3. MINUTES - 3RD OCTOBER 2022

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 3rd October, 2022 be signed as a correct record.

[NOTE: With regard to Minute 4 - 'Questions on Notice by Members' - Councillor Ann Davies, Cabinet Member for Rural Affairs and Planning Policy, clarified that minutes relating to the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Task and Finish Panel's final report would be submitted to Council rather than the report itself. She added that Councillor Tina Higgins had been made aware of the matter.]

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. NET ZERO CARBON PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The Cabinet considered a report detailing the authority's progress towards becoming a Net Zero Carbon (NZC) local authority by 2030 in accordance with Action NZC-28 of the Net Zero Action Plan approved by Council on the 12th February 2020 [minute 8.1 thereof refers] which required annual performance reports. It was noted that this second Progress Report was a comparatively focused document as a revised NZC Plan would be published by 31st March 2023 which would incorporate recent NZC-related developments and guidance, plus the Nature Emergency declared by County Council on 9th February 2022 (minute 10.2 thereof refers).

It was noted that the Place, Sustainability & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee had endorsed the report at its meeting on the 4th October 2022.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

6.1 to approve the draft Net Zero Carbon Plan – Progress Report;

6.2 that Officers be authorised to make typographical or factual amendments as necessary to improve the clarity and accuracy of the Net Zero Carbon Plan – Progress Report.

7. STATUTORY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL CARE SERVICES' ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

The Board considered the annual report of the Director of Social Services on the performance of social care services in the county for the year 2021/22. The report comprised an overview of performance in 2021/22 as well as an assessment on future provision, together with strategic priorities for 2022/23. The report also outlined the challenges of an unprecedented year due to COVID 19 and highlighted those areas to be developed in the current year.

There was a statutory requirement for the Director of Social Services to report annually to Council on the delivery of services and performance as well as plans for the improvement of the whole range of social services. It was noted that the Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee had endorsed the report at its meeting on the 5th October 2022.

Tribute was again paid to staff working across the health and social services during what had been a challenging period.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that the Annual Report of the Statutory Director of Social Services on the Performance of Social Care Services in Carmarthenshire 2021/22 be approved.

8. THE WEST WALES CARE PARTNERSHIP'S DEMENTIA STRATEGY

The Cabinet considered the West Wales Care Partnership's Dementia Strategy which had been produced in partnership with Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire County Councils, the Health Board and third sector partners as

well as people living with dementia, their carers and family members across West Wales.

The Strategy supported several key objectives within the Corporate Plan and the Council's Wellbeing Objective to support older people to age well and maintain dignity and independence in their later years. Approval of the Strategy, which had also been considered and endorsed by the Health and Social Services Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 5th October 2022, would enable services to be delivered in line with the needs of the community.

Carmarthenshire County Council's approval of the strategy, which was simultaneously going through the democratic process in Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire, was sought. It had already been approved by the Health Board.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that the West Wales Care Partnership Dementia Strategy be approved.

9. WEST WALES CARE PARTNERSHIP POPULATION ASSESSMENT AND MARKET STABILITY REPORT

The Cabinet considered a report which summarised the approach taken to producing the West Wales Care Partnership Population Assessment and West Wales Care Partnership Market Stability Report and detailed the key findings and process for publication in order to comply with the Welsh Government guidance.

Population Assessments had to be published once within each local government electoral cycle. The first Population Assessment (PA) had been produced in March 2017, the detail of which was being refreshed during 2022. Welsh Government had issued supplementary advice for Regional Partnership Boards regarding the production of the 2022 PA which had included the need to also produce a separate Market Stability Report (MSR).

Both documents (which would inform the West Wales Area Plan and in turn inform regional and local, commissioning intentions) would be published by the West Wales Care Partnership on the online data portal for the region: Home - West Wales Care Partnership (wwcpdata.org.uk).

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that the findings of the full reports be supported together with the approach taken in publishing them on the Council's website.

10. TO NOTE THAT THE LABOUR GROUP HAS NOMINATED COUNCILLORS MICHAEL THOMAS AND DOT JONES TO REPLACE COUNCILLORS SHELLY GODFREY-COLES AND ANTHONY LEYSHON ON THE CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to note that the Labour Group has nominated Councillors Michael Thomas and Dot Jones to replace Councillors Shelly Godfrey-Coles and Anthony Leyshon on the Corporate Parenting Panel.

11. **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.

CHAIR

DATE