

Notice of the Decisions of the **Special Meeting of the Cabinet** held at the Council Chamber, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely on **Tuesday, 26 July 2022**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Thursday, 28 July 2022. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00pm on Thursday, 4 August 2022. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Friday, 5 August 2022.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Bryan Davies (Chair), Councillors Catrin M S. Davies, Clive Davies, Gareth Davies, Keith Henson, Wyn Thomas, Matthew Vaux and Alun Williams.

**Also in attendance:** Councillors Elizabeth Evans, Rhodri Evans and Gareth Lloyd.

(10.00am - 11.26am)

**32 Apologies**

- i. Geraint Edwards, Corporate Lead Officer: People and Organisation apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.

**33 Personal matters**

- i. Ceredigion Young Farmers Clubs were congratulated as overall winners in the YFC competitions at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show. Congratulations were also extended to all competitors on their success at the show held recently.
- ii. Congratulations were extended to the residents of Ceredigion on decorating their local communities in readiness for the National Eisteddfod of Wales. A warm welcome was extended to all involved with the festival in the county next week.
- iii. Congratulations were extended to Sioned Harries on being selected to represent Wales for the fourth time at the Women's World Cup held later in the year.

**34 Disclosure of Personal/ Prejudicial Interests**

- i. Councillors Gareth Davies, Keith Henson & Matthew Vaux declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to item 40 and withdrew from the meeting whilst the matter was being discussed.
- ii. Eifion Evans declared a personal interest in relation to item 40 on behalf of all officers present.

**35 To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Cabinet and any matters arising from those Minutes**

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 July 2022.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**36 Any petitions received: Get our Council Taxes out of Barclays**

It was noted that the above petition had been received and would be dealt with in accordance with the guidelines in the Petitions Protocol.

**37 Reports of any decisions (if any) having been called in from Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

None.

**38 Any feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committee not otherwise on the agenda**

None.

**39 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Economy and Regeneration upon the UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Submission of a Regional Investment Plan for Mid Wales**

DECISION:

1. To note the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus Allocations and Key Requirements to unlock funding from UK Government.
2. To note the approach to consultation and engagement to inform the development of a Regional Investment Plan – and to approve the principles set out, to enable detailed plan drafting.
3. To approve the indicative financial allocations of 40% to Communities and Place; 40% to Supporting Local Business and 20% to People and Skills.
4. To approve the split of capacity funding of £40k available to Mid Wales, 50/50 to each Local Authority to reflect the joint working in developing the regional investment plan to date.
5. To delegate authority and authorise the Corporate Directors and Section 151 officer of both Authorities, in consultation with the Leaders of the Councils, to take the necessary decisions and actions required to finalise a related investment plan and accept the allocation of funds, as well as to implement and administer the scheme and all related plans in accordance with the requirements and priorities of the prospectus and fund.
6. To approve the proposed joint delivery model across Mid Wales (Ceredigion and Powys) with Ceredigion County Council being the lead (host) authority for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund – including the proposed top slicing and resourcing principles.

*Reason for the decision:*

To allow Ceredigion County Council to proceed with Powys County Council to respond to UK Government requirements to unlock funding to Mid Wales.

**40 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for People and Organisation upon the Hybrid Working Strategy and Interim Hybrid Working Policy including feedback from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

DECISION:

- (a) To approve the Hybrid Working Strategy.
- (b) To approve the Interim Hybrid Working Policy.
- (c) To note the feedback from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and agreed to the recommendation that the employee review takes place after 12 months rather than 18 months as proposed initially.

*Reason for the decision:*

To support the implementation of a new hybrid working model.

**41 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the 2021/22 Controllable Revenue Outturn**

Cabinet noted the report.

**42 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon the Assessment of Local Well-being**

Cabinet noted the report.

**43 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Schools and Culture upon the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan**

Cabinet noted the report.

**44 Any other matter the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Cabinet**

i. The Leader stated that this would be the last Cabinet meeting for Mr Stephen Johnson, Corporate Lead Officer: Finance & Procurement prior to his retirement from the Council. He was thanked for all his excellent work over the years and wished well for the future.

ii. Mr Duncan Hall has recently been appointed as Corporate Lead Officer: Finance & Procurement and is wished well when he takes up his new role.

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 6 September 2022**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_