

Notice of the Decisions of the **Meeting of the Cabinet** held at the Council Chamber, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely on **Tuesday, 7 March 2023**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Thursday, 9 March 2023. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00pm on Thursday, 16 March 2023. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Friday, 17 March 2023.

**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, Hugh Hughes, Maldwyn Lewis and Gareth Lloyd.

(10.06am- 11.28am)

**165 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**166 Personal matters**

- i. Condolences were extended to the family of Emlyn Watkin, former Director of Finance of Ceredigion County Council who has recently passed away.
- ii. Condolences were also extended to the family of Ben Davies, Community Councillor for Llanbadarn and former County Councillor who has recently passed away.

**167 Disclosure of Personal/ Prejudicial Interests**

Councillor Catrin M S. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to item 175 and withdrew from the meeting whilst the matter was being discussed.

**168 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 14 February 2023.

Matters arising: In relation to item 150, it was noted that the decision to withdraw the proposed entrance fee under the Museum Service Fees and Charges (Appendix 3) was an officer-level decision, and that no political decision was required.

**169 Any petitions received**

None.

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

None.

**171 Any feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committee not otherwise on the agenda**  
None.

**172 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon Welsh Government's Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief Scheme 2023-24**  
DECISION:  
To adopt the Welsh Government's Non-Domestic Rates - Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief Scheme 2023- 24 as a Discretionary Non-Domestic Rates Relief under Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1988.

*Reason for the decision:*

To support local businesses using available grant funding.

**173 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the 2022/23 Controllable Revenue Budget - Financial Performance**  
Cabinet noted the report.

**174 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Quarter 3 Capital Programme Monitoring Report**  
Cabinet noted the report.

**175 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Gofal upon the National Empty Homes Grant Scheme**  
DECISION:  
1. To agree for the LA's participation in the National Empty Homes Grant scheme and:  
2. To enter into a Service Level Agreement with Rhondda Cynon Taf (Lead Authority) for the delivery of the Scheme.  
3. To provide the required £165k of matched funding (10%) from the Council's Capital Programme.

*Reason for the decision:*

To comply with the Democratic process.

**176 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Gofal upon the VAWDASV Grant**  
DECISION:  
To agree that the Welsh Government Grant of £51,786.00 is accepted and that the Council acts in an intermediary role as banker.

*Reason for the decision:*

To comply with democratic governance requirements.

**177 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Legal and Governance upon the Revised Coroner Pay Arrangements 2022/2023 & 2023/2024**

**DECISION:**

To amend Cabinet 14/2/23 Minute 155 to reflect the changes recommended by JNC Circular 67 as follows:

1) 2022/2023 (1/4/22-31/3/23):

Senior part-time Coroner:

- i) Retention Salary of £21,449 p/a to cover retention/out of hours service availability from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
- ii) Using the daily rate of £472.25 to pay the Coroner an annual salary of £11,806 (@25 days p/a including training days).  
Total annual sum £33,255 per annum (plus on-costs).

Assistant Coroner:

- full day: £403;
- half day: £202.

2) 2023/24 (1/4/23-31/3/24):

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- half day: £202.

*Reason for the decision:*

Compliance with relevant legislation and JNC Circulars, mitigation of challenge and safeguarding public funds.

**178 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Legal and Governance upon the Coroner Service Funeral Directors Fees**

**DECISION:**

- 1) Cabinet noted the options outlined out in Appendix 1.
- 2) To approve adoption of Approach 1 to set the fixed rates for the payment of Coroner funeral director fees for 2023-2026 (01/04/2023- 31/03/2026) as set out in Appendix 2.

*Reason for the decision:*

Compliance with relevant legislation, mitigation of challenge and safeguarding public funds.

**179 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Schools and Culture upon the LA Representative on Governing Bodies**

**DECISION:**

To confirm the nominations outlined in the report as LA representatives on the Governing Bodies of the relevant School.

*Reason for the decision:*

To nominate representatives of the LA on Governing Bodies.

**180 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon the Half Year Report of Compliments, Complaints and Public Services Ombudsman for Wales activity (2022/2023)**

Cabinet noted the report.

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

None.

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 4 April 2023**

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

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