

Notice of the Decisions of the **Meeting of the Cabinet** held at the Council Chamber, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely on **Tuesday, 5 December 2023**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Thursday, 7 December 2023. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00pm on Thursday, 14 December 2023. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Friday, 15 December 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 Rhodri Davies, Amanda Edwards, Elizabeth Evans, Eryl Evans, Gwyn Wigley Evans, Raymond Evans, Rhodri Evans, Gareth Lloyd, Ann Bowen Morgan and Caryl Roberts.

(10.00am- 12.32pm)

110 Apologies

No apologies were received.

111 Personal matters

- i. Condolences were extended to Councillor Wyn Evans and family on the loss of his father.
- ii. Condolences were extended to the family of Deio Evans, a former employee of the Highways and Environmental Services who has recently passed away.
- iii. Best wishes were extended to Ken Griffiths, Team Leader- Street Works on his retirement following 47 years of service to the County Council in Ceredigion.
- iv. Best wishes were also extended to Gerwyn Jones, Corporate Manager: Environmental Services as he leaves his role with the authority. He was thanked for his excellent work and wished well for the future.
- v. Congratulations were extended to George Ryley, Corporate Manager: Procurement & Payments, who was recently shortlisted as 'Individual of the Year' at the 2023/24 GO Awards Wales. In addition, best wishes were extended to him on his retirement from his current post following 27 years of service.

112 Disclosure of Personal/ Prejudicial Interests

- i. Councillors Bryan Davies, Gareth Davies and Matthew Vaux declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to item 118, confirming that they had been granted dispensation to speak and vote on this matter by the Ethics and Standards Committee.
- ii. Councillor Catrin M S. Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to item 118, confirming that she had been granted dispensation to speak in relation to Long Term Properties and to speak and vote in relation to second homes by the Ethics and Standards Committee.
- iii. Councillors Rhodri Evans and Gareth Lloyd declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to item 118. Both had been granted

dispensation to speak and vote on this matter by the Ethics and Standards Committee.

113 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 7 November 2023.

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

114 Any petitions received

None.

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

None.

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

None.

117 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Gofal upon the Practice Solutions Limited (PSL) Report following Consultation and Engagement - Ceredigion Respite & Day Opportunities (older people, learning disability, Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities and Autism) and Respite provision (Through Age) including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DECISION:

1. To approve the Respite and Day Opportunities Report and Action Plan as outlined by Practice Solutions Limited.
2. To approve that a Development Group oversee the delivery of the Action Plan in conjunction with the TAW Programme Board and the Healthier Ceredigion Strategic Group.
3. To develop and agree a resource schedule and robust programme plan to support and ensure that capacity is identified to lead on this significant transformation programme.
4. To return to the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an Annual Progress report.
5. To note the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and agree that a Members Workshop be arranged in early 2024 at one of the Local Authority's Centres.

Reason for the decision:

To enable the Authority to progress with the re-design of Respite and Day Opportunities in line with the Through Age Wellbeing Strategy.

118 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Council Tax Premiums applicable to Long Term Empty Properties and Second Homes in Ceredigion

DECISION:

1. On the matter of Council Tax Premiums applicable to **Long Term Empty Properties**, Cabinet recommends to Full Council that the existing 25% Council Tax Premium should increase, with effect from 01/04/24, to:
 - a) 100% for Properties that have been Long Term Empty Properties for up to and including 5 years.
 - b) 150% for Properties that have been Long Term Empty Properties for over 5 years and up to and including 10 years.
 - c) 200% for Properties that have been Long Term Empty Properties for over 10 years.with all time periods including the initial continuous period of 12 months for a dwelling to become defined as a 'Long Term Empty Property' by virtue of it being unoccupied and substantially unfurnished.
2. On the matter of Council Tax Premiums applicable to **Second Homes**, Cabinet recommends to Full Council that the existing 25% Council Tax Premium should increase to:
 - a) 100% to take effect from 01/04/24 and then
 - b) 150% to take effect from 01/04/25.
3. To recommend to Full Council that any potential financial considerations arising from the consideration of these recommendations should be dealt with as a separate matter at a separate future meeting after 14/12/23.

Reason for the decision:

- To inform Full Council of the Cabinet's view on the matter of Council Tax premiums applicable to Long Term Empty Properties and Second Homes in Ceredigion.
- To aim to bring Long Term Empty properties back into use to provide safe, secure and affordable homes and to aim to increase the supply of affordable housing and to enhance the sustainability of local communities in Ceredigion.

119 EXEMPT ITEM

The report relating to item 119 on the agenda, Appendix B1 and B2, is not for publication as it contains exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007. If, following the application of the Public Interest Test, the Council resolves to consider this item in private, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration, in accordance with Section 100B(2) of the Act.

Members were requested, when dealing with the item, to consider whether to exclude the public and press from the Meeting.

DECISION:

Not to exclude the public and press from the meeting.

Reason for the decision:

The document was not discussed in public.

- 120 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Quarter 2 Capital Programme Monitoring Report**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 121 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the 2023/24 Controllable Revenue Budget - Financial Performance**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 122 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Mid-year review of the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 123 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Banking Contract**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 124 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon the Ban on the sale and supply of certain single-use plastic products in Wales becomes law including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 125 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cymorth Cynnar upon the Additional Licensing Scheme**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 126 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cymorth Cynnar upon the Ceredigion Youth Council Meeting Minutes (20.10.23)**
Cabinet noted the report.
- 127 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the Statutory Director of Social Services Report 2022-2023 including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 128 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the Independent Reviewing Service Performance Management Report-Quarter 1 2023/24 including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 129 **To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the CYSUR/CWMPAS Combined Local Operational Group Safeguarding Report- Quarter 1 2023/24**
Cabinet noted the report.

- 130 **Any other matter the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Cabinet**
None.

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 23 January 2024

Chairman:_____

Date:_____