

Notice of the Decisions of the **Meeting of the Cabinet** held at the Council Chamber, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely on **Wednesday, 17 July 2024**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Friday, 19 July 2024. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00pm on Friday, 26 July 2024. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Monday, 29 July 2024.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Euros Davies, Marc Davies, Amanda Edwards, Elizabeth Evans, Eryl Evans, Gwyn Wigley Evans, Keith Evans, Raymond Evans, Rhodri Evans, Wyn Evans, Hugh Hughes, Gareth Lloyd, Ceris Jones and Ann Bowen Morgan.

(10.00am- 12.55pm)

20 Apologies

- i. Councillor Keith Henson, Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services and Carbon Management apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.
- ii. James Starbuck, Corporate Director apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.

21 Personal matters

- i. Councillor Bryan Davies, Leader of the Council and Eifion Evans, Chief Executive apologised for the difficulties experienced by the Waste Collections Service in the south of the county. It was acknowledged that there were challenges in the service, and measures were in place to address this.
- ii. Congratulations were extended to cyclists Josh Tarling and Stevie Williams on being selected to represent Team GB at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- iii. Condolences were extended to the family of Charles Arch who recently passed away.
- iv. Condolences were extended to Councillor Bryan Davies, Leader of the Council and family on the loss of his father. The Leader thanked all for their support during this difficult time.

22 Disclosure of Personal/ Prejudicial Interests

Councillor Rhodri Evans declared a personal interest in relation to item 27.

23 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 3 June 2024.

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

24 Any petitions received: "Save our Library! Achubwch ein Llyfrgell!"
It was noted that the above petition had been received and would be dealt with in accordance with the guidelines in the Petitions Protocol.

25 Reports of any decisions (if any) having been called in from Overview and Scrutiny Committee
None.

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

27 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Gofal upon the Cylch Caron Tender Proposal

DECISION:

1. To approve that the Council enter into the draft Deed of Variation to the Collaboration Agreement (as presented in Appendix 1 of the report) and give authority to Corporate Lead Officer – Porth Gofal to make minor amendments to the Deed of Variation.
2. To approve the inclusion of the car park shown edged blue on the plan attached (Appendix 3) to the report within the headlease of the Cylch Caron site on the terms set out within the Development Agreement (Appendix 2).
3. To approve the Cylch Caron Development Agreement (as presented in Appendix 2 of the report).
4. To delegate authority to Corporate Lead Officer – Porth Gofal to make minor amendments to the Development Agreement (Appendix 2).
5. To approve tender documents (Appendix 4) in conjunction with the Cylch Caron Project Board and to proceed to tender as proposed.
6. To note Cabinet's request for the Local Member to attend the Cylch Caron Project Board as an observer and to discuss the proposal with Hywel Dda University Health Board.

Reason for the decision:

To facilitate the Council's decision to proceed with the Cylch Caron project.

28 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the Corporate Safeguarding Policy

DECISION:

To adopt the Corporate Safeguarding Policy (appendix 1) as the definitive document to ensure Ceredigion is a safe organisation and recognises its responsibilities to safeguard children and adults at risk.

Reason for the decision:

- It is essential that the Council provides a policy framework to safeguard people delivering services on behalf of the Local Authority.
- The revised Corporate Safeguarding Policy utilises the up-to-date relevant guidance and legislation.

29 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Porth Cynnal upon the Special Guardianship Orders including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DECISION:

1. To approve the Special Guardianship Orders Policy (Appendix 1).
2. To approve the Special Guardianship Orders Financial Policy (Appendix 2).
3. To delegate authority to the Statutory Director of Social Care to implement the new policy and review annually.
4. To note the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for the decision:

To align with the Special Guardianship (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 and Special Guardianship Code of Practice on the exercise of social services functions in relation to Special Guardianship orders 2018.

30 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Economy and Regeneration upon the Strategic Events programme / Rali Ceredigion - support from CCC

DECISION:

To agree to underwrite up to a further £250k for the 2024 Rali Ceredigion event, with any drawdown against this sum to be appropriately evidenced, funded from the Boosting the Economy, Supporting Businesses & Enabling Employment Reserve.

Reason for the decision:

To support the delivery of the events programme for Ceredigion and to enable the successful running of Rali Ceredigion in 2024 as a stage of the European Rally Championship.

31 EXEMPT ITEM

The report relating to item 30 on the agenda, Appendix 1, is not for publication as it contains exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 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 the item should remain exempt and whether to exclude the public and press from the Meeting.

DECISION:

Having considered the public interest test, that the item should remain exempt.

Not to exclude the public and press from the meeting.

Reason for the decision:

The document was not discussed in public.

32 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Lifelong Learning upon the Annual Monitoring Report of Welsh Language Standards 2023-24

DECISION:

- To receive and approve the Ceredigion County Council Annual Monitoring Report of Welsh Language Standards 2023-24.
- To approve that the report is published on the Council's website in accordance with the statutory requirement.
- To present the report to the Welsh Language Commissioner.

Reason for the decision:

Statutory Duty of the Welsh Language Standards Regulations, in accordance with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

33 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Lifelong Learning upon the Welsh Language Promotion Strategy

DECISION:

To approve that a public consultation is undertaken during July and August 2024 regarding the Draft Ceredigion County Council Welsh Language Promotion Strategy for 2024-29.

Reason for the decision:

Standard 145 places a duty on the County Council to develop and publish a 5-year strategy that explains how the Council intends to promote the Welsh language and facilitate the use of Welsh within the wider area.

34 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Schools 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.

35 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon the Panel Performance Assessment - Agreement of Panel Membership

DECISION:

To approve the proposed Panel Membership.

Reason for the decision:

To ensure compliance with Part 6 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

36 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Multi Year Capital Programme - 2024/25 to 2026/27

DECISION:

To approve the revised Multi Year Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2026/27, as outlined in Appendix A.

Reason for the decision:

To approve the latest Multi-Year Capital Programme.

37 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Capital Outturn Report 2023/24

Cabinet noted the report.

38 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the 23/24 Controllable Revenue Budget Outturn

Cabinet noted the report.

39 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Treasury Management Performance for 2023/24

Cabinet noted the report.

40 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Finance and Procurement upon the Grants Awarded under the Ceredigion Community Grants Scheme / Welsh Church Fund

Cabinet noted the report.

41 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon the findings of Ceredigion County Council's 2023 Air Quality Progress Report, in fulfilment of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 Local Air Quality Management including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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

None.

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 3 September 2024

Chairman: _____

Date: _____