

**CABINET**

Minutes of a meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020.

Present: Councillor N. Moore (Chairman); Councillor L. Burnett (Vice-Chairman); Councillors B.T. Gray, P.G. King, K.F. McCaffer, Mrs. M.R. Wilkinson and E. Williams.

**C209 MINUTES –**

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be approved as a correct record.

**C210 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –**

Name of Councillor	Nature of Interest
Councillor Mrs. M.R. Wilkinson	The interest related to Agenda Item 6 - Final Housing Revenue Account Budget Proposals 2020/21. The nature of the interest was that Councillor Mrs. Wilkinson had a personal interest as a Council Tenant, however, an exception to the prejudicial rules applied which meant that she was able to remain in the meeting, discuss and vote on the matter.

**C211 CAPITAL STRATEGY 2020/21 AND FINAL CAPITAL PROPOSALS 2020/21 TO 2024/25 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The report provided the Council's Capital Strategy for 2020/21 at Appendix 1. The Capital Strategy provided a framework which outlined how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contributed to the provision of corporate objectives, along with an overview of how associated risk was managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.

The report set out the Council's proposed Final Capital Programme for the period 2020/21 to 2024/25 at Appendix 2.

The total value of capital schemes over the next five years was £286.295m. This included £117.863m for the Band B 21st Century Schools Programme and £115.373m for the Housing Improvement Programme.

Additional grant funding for three years, commencing 2018/19, had been provided by Welsh Government as part of the Public Highways Refurbishment grant and together with Council funding, this would provide £1.714m for investment in highways during 2020/21.

Welsh Government had provided additional capital funding for schools' maintenance via a grant of £1.905m for 2019/20 which was due for payment to the Council during January 2020. This sum could be carried forward into the next financial year through reserves. It was proposed that as it was very late in the budget setting process, the additional funding for 2019/20 was transferred into a specific reserve for further consideration in the new financial year.

The Leader referred to Recommendation (8) of the report and requested two amendments. The first was to address the incorrect title for the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee; the second was a point of clarification to confirm the report would be referred to Council.

It was therefore requested that Recommendation (8) be amended to read:-

*'That Cabinet refer the Capital Strategy 2020/21 and Final Capital Proposals 2020/21 to 2024/25 to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for review and the comments of Scrutiny Committee be referred to Cabinet, in advance of consideration by Council.'*

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein, and subsequent to the agreed amendments to Recommendation (8),

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Capital Strategy 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the final Capital Programme for the years 2020/21 to 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Managing Director and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the 2020/21 to 2024/25 Housing Improvement Programme as appropriate.
- (4) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Managing Director and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the 2020/21 to 2024/25 Asset Renewal budgets as appropriate.
- (5) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Managing Director and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to S106 funded schemes subject to Member consultation as required under the existing process.
- (6) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Managing Director and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and

Resources, be given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from Energy Management Schemes.

(7) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Project Fund be redesignated and that £496k be used to create a new reserve called the Capital Economic Regeneration reserve and that the remaining balance on the reserve of £2.354m be renamed as the Commercial Opportunities and Invest to Save reserve.

(8) T H A T the Capital Strategy 2020/21 and Final Capital Proposals 2020/21 to 2024/25 be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for review and the comments of Scrutiny Committee be referred to Cabinet, in advance of consideration by Council.

(9) T H A T the reprofiling of the Band B programme for the School Investment Strategy for the years 2019/20 to 2024/25 as shown in paragraph 2.36 of the report be approved.

(10) T H A T the reprofiling of the City Deal scheme for the years 2019/20 to 2024/25 as shown in paragraph 2.32 of the report be approved.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To approve the Capital Strategy for 2020/21.
- (2) To set and approve future Capital Programmes to 2024/25.
- (3) To enable the Housing Capital budget to be managed effectively.
- (4) To enable the Asset Renewal budgets to be managed effectively.
- (5) To enable Section 106 schemes to be managed effectively.
- (6) To enable the Energy Management Schemes to be managed effectively.
- (7) To rename and create a new reserve.
- (8) In order to gain the view of Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.
- (9) To reflect the work programme for the Band B Schemes.
- (10) To reflect the work programme for the City Deal Scheme.

#### **C212 FINAL PROPOSALS FOR THE REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The purpose of the report was to set out final proposals for Cabinet Members to consider, before making their recommendations to Council, in respect of the final revenue budget for the financial year 2020/21.

The initial budget proposals presented to Cabinet in November 2019 outlined the potential financial picture for the Council in 2020/21.

The provisional settlement from Welsh Government (WG), when taking into account adjustments, was an increase of £6.626m (4.29%) from the previous year. The final settlement was not due to be received until 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

In setting the proposed budget for 2020/21, funding had been provided towards cost pressures, including the remainder of the cost pressure associated with the increase in employer's contributions into the Teachers' Pensions Fund. This was estimated to cost the Council £1.204m in 2020/21. The Council proposed to provide funding to schools to fully fund this pressure.

An efficiency target of £247k had been proposed for 2020/21 which covered all service areas and was at a level which was significantly lower than the targets that had to be set in previous years. It had become increasingly difficult for services to deliver further savings without reducing service provision following £59m of savings which have been achieved in the last 10 years. It was considered that the target set for 2020/21 was at a level that could be achieved by services.

In order to deliver these budget proposals, it would be necessary to use £1m from the Council Fund reserve in 2020/21, as previously approved as part of the 2019/20 budget proposals. This was not ideal as it would move the financial pressure onto future years where higher levels of savings would need to be achieved however it was considered to be an appropriate approach.

It was proposed that the Band D Council Tax rate be set at £1,306.08 for 2020/21 which was an increase of 4.9% from the current year.

In light of no indication being received from WG for future years' settlements, it was considered prudent to assume that there may be a flatlined settlement going forward. If Council Tax continued to increase by 4.9% this could result in the possible total shortfall in funding for 2021/22 and 2022/23 of £10.596m. Whilst it had been possible to set efficiency targets at a lower level in 2020/21 this may not be the case going forward and in light of projected levels of shortfall in future years, services were requested to continue to plan ways of achieving further efficiencies which would be innovative and transformational with regards to service delivery.

This was a matter for Executive decision

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

**T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council the following:**

(1) Fix the budget for 2020/21 at £240.438 million including a provision of £290k for discretionary rate relief to rural shops and post offices and charitable organisations.

(2) Approve the budgets for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix C to the report and in the following table:

	<b>£000</b>
Schools	93,950
Strategy, Culture, Community Learning & Resources	11,344
Additional Learning Needs	2,921
Standards and Provision	4,080
Directors Office	231
Children & Young People	17,255
Adult Services	50,526
Resource Management & Safeguarding	371
Youth Offending Service	737
Neighbourhood & Transport Services	28,309
Building Services	0
Regulatory Services	1,894
Council Fund Housing	1,339
Resources	651
Regeneration	2,024
Development Management	1,016
Private Housing	848
General Policy	23,942
Use of Reserves	(1,000)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>240,438</b>

(3) Approve the recommendations regarding Net Growth for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix D and Efficiencies for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix E to the report.

(4) The proposed draft report on Education Budget and Indicator Based Assessment (IBA) at Appendix A to the report be endorsed and the Director of Learning and Skills make arrangements for it to be forwarded to the School Budget Forum.

**T H A T Cabinet approve the following:**

(5) The initial savings / efficiencies targets for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix F to the report be approved.

(6) The Director of Learning and Skills be given delegated powers to determine the amount of money to be allocated to the schools' delegated budgets after consultation with the Schools' Budget Forum.

(7) The reclassification of reserves as set out at Appendix H to the report be approved.

(8) The report and appendices be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for review and any comments of Scrutiny Committee are referred to Cabinet in advance of consideration by Council.

**T H A T Cabinet note:**

(9) The Council Tax bandings for 2020/21 for its own purposes (excluding Police and Town and Community Council precepts) for a base budget of £240.438 million.

<b>Band</b>	<b>Council Tax £</b>
A	870.72
B	1,015.84
C	1,160.96
D	1,306.08
E	1,596.32
F	1,886.56
G	2,176.80
H	2,612.16
I	3,047.52

Reasons for decisions

(1) To set the 2020/21 budget in line with statutory requirements.

(2) To allocate budgets to services.

(3) To reduce risk to services and balance the budget.

(4) To present the report to the Schools Budget Forum.

(5) To set minimum targets for achieving savings.

(6) To set out delegated authority in relation to the allocation of the Education and Schools budget.

(7) To ensure that reserves are both adequate in purpose and level.

(8) To ensure that Cabinet are aware of the comments of Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on the Final Proposals for the Revenue Budget 2020/21.

(9) To ensure that Members are aware of the Council Tax Bandings associated with the base budget proposed in this report

**C213 FINAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET PROPOSALS 2020/21 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The purpose of the report was to set the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for the financial year 2020/21 and to set the rents and service charges for the forthcoming rent year beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020.

The report detailed the final HRA budget proposals for 2020/21 and the proposed rents and service charges for the coming financial year, commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020.

In setting the rent level for 2020/21 the Council had ensured that it had complied with the Policy for Social Housing Rents which was issued by Welsh Government in December 2019. The maximum allowable uplift had been set at CPI (as at September 2019) 1.7% plus 1%.

The Council proposed to increase its rent by an average of 2.7% and this would result in the Council's average rent falling just below Welsh Government's target rent band.

This was a matter for Executive decision

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the final Housing Revenue Account budget proposals for 2020/21 be recommended to Council as outlined below:

	<b>Proposed Budget 2020/21 £'000</b>
Expenditure	
Supervision & Management	5,570
Repairs & Maintenance	3,543
Capital Financing Costs	4,947
Rent, Rates & Taxes & Other Charges	199
Increase in Bad Debt Provision	1,234
Capital Expenditure from Revenue Account (CERA)	5,665
Income	
Dwelling Rents	(20,066)
Non Dwelling Rents	(174)
Interest	(10)
Charges for Services and Facilities	(489)
Contribution towards expenditure	(303)
Grant Income	(133)

<b>Working Balance Brought Forward as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b>	<b>(873)</b>
<b>Working Balance Carried Forward as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>(890)</b>

(2) T H A T an average rent increase of 2.7% be approved and recommended to Council, as set out in paragraphs 2.8-2.10 of the report.

(3) T H A T the increase suggested for other services be approved and recommended to Council, as set out in paragraphs 2.11-2.24 of the report.

(4) T H A T the following charges for 2020/21 financial year be recommended to Council:

<b>50 Week Basis</b>	<b>Current Charges</b>	<b>Proposed Charges</b>
Heating	£6.83 per week	£6.66 per week
Warden Housing Management	£10.14 per week	£10.71 per week
VCAS:		
- Monitoring	£1.24 per week	£1.24 per week
- Maintenance	£2.14 per week	£2.18 per week
Grounds Maintenance	£1.38 per week	£1.38 per week
Cleaning of Communal Areas	£2.45 per week	£2.49 per week
Lighting of Communal Areas	£1.21 per week	£1.15 per week
Laundry Facilities	£0.27 per week	£0.24 per week
Window Cleaning	£0.17 per week	£0.17 per week
Lift Maintenance	£0.75 per week	£0.75 per week
Door Entry	£0.67 per week	£0.47 per week
Intercom	£0.71 per week	£0.74 per week
CCTV	£0.90 per week	£0.90 per week
Sewerage Treatment Plants	£345.78 per annum	Based on the Rateable Value (RV) from the Welsh Water Schedule 2020/21
Cesspool Emptying	£340.08 per annum	Based on the Rateable Value (RV) from the Welsh Water Schedule 2020/21

(5) T H A T all changes to rents and service charges be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 and that increase notices be sent to tenants 28 days in advance of the new charges coming into effect.

Reason for decisions

(1-5) In order that charges are approved, new rent levels are set within the specified Welsh Government guidelines and to meet the tenant notification deadline as required by statute.

**C214 TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2020/21 AND UPDATE FOR 2019/20 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The interim report provided an update on the Council's Treasury Management operations for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019. All activities were in accordance with the Council's approved strategy on Treasury Management. Details of monies borrowed and repaid and those invested were outlined in the report.

The report presented the proposed 2020/21 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy at Appendix 1.

The Council had to ensure that the Prudential Code was complied with, which had been developed by CIPFA as a professional code of practice. To demonstrate the Council had fulfilled these objectives, the Code set out prudential indicators that should be used and the factors that must be taken into account. These were shown in Appendix 1 to the report as part of the Strategy.

The Council also had a legal requirement to comply with the Welsh Government Guidance on Investments and had taken this into consideration when developing the Strategy.

Capital expenditure when financed by long term debt incurred two elements of cost, interest on and repayment of the principal sum borrowed. The resources the Council must put aside in each year to repay the principal sum borrowed was known as Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) and the Council's policy for calculation was detailed in the report.

The Treasury Management Policy for 2020/21 was attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

This was a matter for Executive decision

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

## RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Treasury Management interim report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 be endorsed.

(2) T H A T the policy for making Minimum Revenue Provision in 2020/21 be approved.

(3) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the proposed 2020/21 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy be approved including the following specific resolutions (detailed in Appendix 1 to the report):

- The Authorised Limit for External Debt be set at £210.541m for 2019/20, £228.394m for 2020/21, £255.520m for 2021/22 and £271.600m for 2022/23.
- The Operational Boundary for External Debt be set at £203.608m for 2019/20, £221.461m for 2020/21, £246.087m for 2021/22 and £264.667m for 2022/23.
- The Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority within the total Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary as estimated for individual years to effect movement between the separately agreed limits for borrowing and other long-term liabilities.
- An upper limit be set on its fixed interest rate exposures of £147.810m for 2019/20, for 2020/21 of £168.021m, for 2021/22 of £204.111m and for 2022/23 of £221.408m of its net outstanding principal sum on its borrowings / investments.
- An upper limit be set on its variable interest rate exposures of £0 for 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 of its net outstanding principal sum on its investments.
- An upper limit of £0m for 2019/20, £10m for 2020/21, £10m in 2021/22 and £10m in 2022/23 be set for total principal sums invested for over 364 days.
- The amount of projected borrowing that was fixed rate maturing in each period as a percentage of total projected borrowing that be fixed rate for 2020/21 be set as:

	<b>Upper Limit</b>	<b>Lower Limit</b>
Under 12 months	20%	0%
12 months and within 24 months	20%	0%
24 months and within 5 years	30%	0%
5 years and within 10 years	40%	0%
10 years and above	100%	0%

- The Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
- The Treasury Management Policy set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

### Reasons for decisions

(1) To present the Treasury Management Interim Report.

- (2) To agree the basis of the Minimum Revenue Provision calculation for 2020/21.
- (3) The Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy be prepared as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

**C215 STRATEGIC COLLABORATIVE WORKING INITIATIVES UPDATE (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The purpose of the report was to provide an update to Cabinet on the Council's strategic collaborative working initiatives.

Collaborative working activity had increased at pace in response to the challenging financial climate and in recognition of the value that working in partnership to share skills, expertise and experience could have in tackling complex issues.

Cabinet received a quarterly update on those collaborations Corporate Management Team deemed to be strategically significant (there were many more operational examples of collaboration underway across the Authority).

The Compendium of Strategic Working Initiatives (Appendix A to the report) provided an oversight of the strategic level collaborative working activity in which the Council was involved and captured the detail of the various initiatives underway.

The report also provided Cabinet with an update regarding the provisions of the forthcoming Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill in the context of collaborative working.

Cabinet noted Recommendation (1) and agreed with Recommendation (2).

The Leader asked to amend Recommendation (3) so that reports would be received on a six-monthly rather than quarterly basis.

An additional Recommendation (4) was also suggested, stating:-

*'T H A T any new collaborative arrangements would come back as separate items to Cabinet for consideration.'*

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein, and subsequent to the agreed amendment to Recommendation (3) and an additional Recommendation (4),

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) T H A T the strategic collaborative working initiatives that are in place to support the delivery and development of Council services and the Council's well-being outcomes and objectives be noted.

- (2) T H A T the report be circulated by e-mail to all Vale of Glamorgan Council elected Members and members of the Public Services Board.
- (3) T H A T further updates be provided to Cabinet on a six-monthly basis, and in accordance with the forward work programme.
- (4) T H A T any new collaborative arrangements would come back as separate items to Cabinet for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To provide Cabinet with an overview of strategic collaborative working initiatives.
- (2) To provide elected Members and strategic partners with an overview of strategic collaborative working initiatives.
- (3&4) To provide regular updates for Cabinet.

**C216 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUND LAND TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSES OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –**

The purpose of the report was to advise Cabinet of proposals later on the agenda to appropriate surplus land at the former Eagleswell School site, Llantwit Major, and at the Pencoedre High School site, Barry, for the purposes of delivering mixed tenure housing developments.

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet proposals to appropriate the former Eagleswell Primary School and land at and adjacent to the Pencoedre High school into the Housing Revenue Account for the purposes of new housing development.

The report outlined the reasons why General Fund Land was required to support Housing and Building Services' ambition to develop new Council homes and the Welsh Government's expectations that Local Authorities would increase the scale and pace at which they delivered new homes.

The report proposed that the land to be appropriated should support the delivery of more balanced, cohesive mixed tenure communities, including both social housing and homes for market sale.

The report also referenced Housing and Buildings Services' future aspiration to establish a 'vehicle' to deliver increased numbers of social housing units on sites supported by market sales, delivered by a potential development partner.

This was a matter for Executive decision

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T proposals to appropriate land at the former Eagleswell Primary School site, Llantwit Major and the Pencoedtre High School site, Barry, to the Housing Revenue Account for the purposes of delivering mixed tenure housing developments be endorsed.
- (2) T H A T a proposal to include a parcel of Parks land adjacent to the Pencoedtre High School land in the appropriation arrangement at this location, subject to all other matters as detailed in the report being progressed, be endorsed.
- (3) T H A T the requirements to take formal decisions on the above matters as part of the wider consideration of a Part II report later on this agenda be noted.

Reasons for decisions

- (1&2) To obtain the support in principle for the appropriation of a number of parcels of land to the Housing Revenue Account.
- (3) To allow the Part I and II reports to be considered together.

**C217 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –**

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

**C218 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUND LAND TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSES OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14) –**

The purpose of the report was to seek Cabinet approval to:

- appropriate the surplus Education land at former Eagleswell Primary School site, Llantwit Major, for the purposes of delivering a mixed tenure Housing Development;
- appropriate the surplus Education land and Parks and Open Spaces land at the Pencoedtre High School, Barry, for the purposes of delivering a mixed tenure Housing Development;
- advertise the proposed loss of Public Open Space land adjacent to Pencoedtre High School.

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet, Housing and Building Services' proposal to appropriate the former Eagleswell Primary School and land at the Pencoedtre High school into the Housing Revenue Account for the purposes of new housing development.

The report discussed the reasons why General Fund Land was required to support Housing and Building Services ambition to develop new Council homes and the Welsh Government's expectations that Local Authorities would increase the scale and pace at which they delivered new homes.

The report proposed that the land to be appropriated should support the delivery of more balanced, cohesive mixed tenure communities, including both social housing and homes for market sale.

The report also referenced Housing and Buildings Services' future aspiration to establish a 'vehicle' to deliver increased numbers of social housing units on sites supported by market sales, delivered in potential development partner.

The Leader and Councillor Mrs. Wilkinson noted that the report was missing one of the Reasons for Recommendations, which needed to be added and the subsequent Reasons re-numbered, stating:

*'(2&3) To comply with the requirements of the relevant schools and education legislative framework and to allow the formal appropriation of the land that is former school playing field to housing purposes to take place.'*

This was a matter for Executive decision

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T approval to appropriate the Education land at the former Eagleswell Primary School, Llantwit Major to the Housing Revenue Account at a value of £1.9m for the purposes of delivering mixed tenure housing developments, subject to the Council obtaining the necessary consents as sought under Recommendation (3) be granted.

(2) T H A T approval to appropriate the Education and Parks land at the Pencoedtre High school, Barry to the Housing Revenue Account at a value of £2.6m for the purposes of delivering mixed tenure housing developments subject to the Council obtaining the necessary consents to sought under Recommendation (3) and the advertising of the proposed loss of Public Open Space as per Recommendation (4), but noting that such approval is subject to a full consideration of any objections received in response to the process set out in Recommendation (4) be granted.

(3) T H A T the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Head of Housing and Building Services seek the relevant consents under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and Academies Act

2010 for the appropriation of any former school land and school playing field land to the Housing Revenue Account from the Welsh Ministers.

(4) T H A T authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer / the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to advertise the proposed loss of the Public Open Space currently in the remit of the Parks Section (in accordance with s122 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972) which it is intended to be appropriated to the Housing Revenue Account.

(5) T H A T approval to appropriate the Parks land adjacent to Pencoedtre High School, Barry to the Housing Revenue Account for the purposes of delivering mixed tenure housing developments, should there be no objections from the S122 (2A) advertisement process be granted.

(6) T H A T the intention of Housing and Building Services to increase the scale and tenure of its Housing Development Programme be noted.

#### Reasons for decisions

(1) To comply with the requirements of the Section 122 of Local Government Act 1972 and to allow the formal appropriation of the Education land to housing purposes to take place.

(2&3) To comply with the requirements of the relevant schools and education legislative framework and to allow the formal appropriation of the land that is former school playing field to housing purposes to take place.

(4) To comply with the requirements of Section 122(2A) of Local Government Act 1972 and in order that Cabinet may consider any objections.

(5) To proceed with the appropriation should no objections be received to the proposed loss of Public Open Space.

(6) To inform Cabinet of the intention to return with a further report recommending that the Council enters into a Joint Venture with a Development Partner, to increase the scale and pace of its Council Housing Development Programme.