

CABINET

Minutes of a Cabinet meeting held on 11th October, 2021.

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

C684 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September, 2021 be approved as a correct record.

C685 VALE OF GLAMORGAN PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21 (REF) –

The reference from the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee of 22nd September, 2021 was presented to Cabinet as contained within the agenda.

The Leader referred to the discussion concerning other Scrutiny Committees being made aware of work that would be relevant to their remit and it was agreed that those Committees could refer matters to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as the lead Committee to be referred to Cabinet for consideration. The Leader referred to a typographical error in the reference advising that it was Microsoft Sway, not 'Away'.

Cabinet, having considered the reference

RESOLVED – T H A T the Public Services Board's four priority workstreams on Page 4 of the report be referred to their respective Scrutiny Committees and form part of the Committees' work plans, with any matters raised to be referred back to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as the lead Committee.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of reference and the report which had been considered by the Scrutiny Committee on 22nd September, 2021.

C686 REVENUE MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST AUGUST 2021 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The revenue position for 2021/22 would continue to be challenging for the Council both operationally and financially due to the ongoing implications of the COVID-19

pandemic. This impacted both as a result of incurring additional expenditure, but also from a loss of income. Confirmation had been received from Welsh Government that funding to cover some of the issues will be received up to 31st March, 2022.

An efficiency target of £500k had been set for the year and services were working towards achieving their targets however it was currently anticipated that savings may not be fully achieved this year. There were some issues remaining relating to unachieved savings targets from previous years. Adverse variances were being projected for some services this year and the use of reserves would be required to resolve these issues in the short term issue.

The Leader also referred to the additional grant support given to the Authority by Welsh Government over the last year as a result of the pandemic.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2021/22 Revenue Budget be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To advise Members of the financial position.

C687 CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST AUGUST 2021 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report provided an update on the progress of the Capital Programme for the period 1st April to 31st August, 2021. Details by scheme were shown in Appendix 1.

The report set out any requested changes to the 2021/22 and future years' Capital Programme.

The Deputy Leader stated that even though the report represented the first quarter, in terms of capital it was important to note that officers had still reacted quickly in order to progress tenders, invite bids or to awards contracts after the budget had been signed off in March. A significant amount of work had needed to be done over the school holidays and took the opportunity to thank education staff for their work to achieve this.

Councillor McCaffer said it had been good news that the capital funding required for ongoing work for Leisure Centre matters had been secured.

The Leader added that Emergency Powers were often used as it was important to move quickly once tenders had been agreed due to rising costs in some sectors currently and to be able to complete work as soon as possible. Councillor King also added that acting quickly was important due to current supply chain difficulties and staffing shortages in some sectors that could lead to delays or risk tender prices altering.

This was a matter for Executive and Full Council decision.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A the progress made on the 2021/22 Capital Programme be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration.
- (3) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority in relation to the following be noted:
 - Victorian Primary Schools Cyclical Repairs and Maintenance - Vire £30k from this budget to the Cogan Primary Stonework Repairs scheme budget in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
 - Education Asset Renewal Contingency budget - vire £60k from this budget to two new projects; £30k for 'Ysgol y Deri - Fire Regulation Compliance' and £30k for 'Cowbridge Comprehensive – Welsh Water Infringement Rectification'.
 - Education Asset Renewal Contingency budget - Vire £120k of the Education Asset Renewal Contingency budget; £50k to the 'Victorian Primary Schools cyclical repairs and maintenance' budget, £50k to the 'All Schools Condition Surveys' budget and £20k to the 'Palmerston Primary Window Renewal Phase 2' budget.
 - Visible Services Highway Improvements - Increase this scheme budget by £16,468 in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from s106 monies.
 - Ogmore by Sea Car Park Refurbishment - Increase this scheme budget by £3,677 in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from s106 sustainable transport monies.
 - Bus Shelter Improvements Llantwit Major - Include this new scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme with a budget of £102k to be funded from s106 monies.
 - Building Strong Communities Fund - Increase the 21/22 Capital Programme by £227,568, to be funded from £40,000 Strong Communities revenue budget and £187,568k S106 contribution received for Community Facilities.

(4) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers in relation to the following be noted:

- Saint Brides CIW Primary School PV - Include this new scheme with a budget of £17,384 into the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from the Energy Management Reserve.
- Dinas Powys Primary Tarmac Playground - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £20,565 to be funded by a revenue contribution from the school.
- Ysgol Y Draig Outdoor Classroom Facility - Include a budget of £13k onto the 2021/22 Capital Programme for an outdoor classroom facility, this is to be funded from the WLGA Education grant.
- Rhoose Primary School Outdoor Classroom Facility - Include a budget of £16.5k for two outdoor classroom facilities, this is to be funded from the WLGA Education grant.
- Sully Primary School Reception Toilet - Include a budget of £42.8k to carry out reconfiguration and refurbishment of the reception year toilets, to be funded from the WLGA Education grant.
- Sully Primary School – Reconfiguration of staffroom and kitchen - Increase the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £29,800 to be funded by a revenue contribution from the school.
- Sully Primary School WC Refurbishment - Vire £6k from the Education asset renewal contingency budget to this scheme.
- Learning and Skills Electrical Tenders - Vire £31k to the Dinas Powys Primary KS1 Lighting Upgrade budget; £18k from the Holton Primary Rewire (KS1) budget, £10k from St Illtyd Primary Rewire budget and £3k from Jenner Park Primary KS1 Rewire budget.
- Ysgol Y Deri Works - Increase the Ysgol Y Deri Works scheme budget by £36k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a revenue contribution from the school.
- 4 Carys Close Refurbishment Project - Include this scheme with a budget of £275k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from ICF grant.
- Penarth Leisure Centre Lift Renewal - Vire £16,000 from the 'Leisure Centre Works' scheme to the Penarth Leisure Centre Lift Renewal scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Resource Recovery Facility - Waste Transfer Station - Vire £1m from the Atlantic Trading Estate- Operations Fleet Parking scheme to the WTS scheme and increase the WTS scheme by £400k funded from capital receipts in the 2021/22 Capital
- Allotment Support Grant 2021/22 - Include this new scheme into the 2021/22 Capital Programme with a budget of £32,837 to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- Barry Leisure Centre Flume - Increase this budget by £16,900 in the 2021/22 Capital Programme, to be funded by a virement of £12,500 from the Leisure Centres Works Scheme and a £4,400 revenue contribution from the Leisure Centre revenue maintenance budget.
- Caru Cymry Grant - Keep Wales Tidy - Include this new scheme with a budget of £15k in the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded from Keep Wales Tidy.
- Aberthin and Peterston-Super- Ely 20mph scheme - Include a new scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme with a budget of £120k to be funded

- from £45k s106 monies and £75k from the Neighbourhood Services and Transport reserve.
- Residential Parking Schemes - Include a new scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme with a budget of £75k to be funded from the Neighbourhood Services and Transport reserve.
 - Cowbridge Leisure Centre Roofing - Increase this scheme budget by £80k to be funded from the Energy Management reserve.
 - Coastal Access Grant - Include a new scheme with a budget of £111,863 into the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Natural Resources Wales.
 - Target Hardening Grant - Include this new scheme with a budget of 21k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
 - Neighbourhood Services Buildings for Compliance Issues and Community Centres - Reduce the budget in the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £10k and reclassify the schemes detailed as revenue, and to also increase this scheme budget by £33,300 to be funded from a £10,000 virement from the All Services Asset Renewal budget, £2,000 contribution from Millwood Bowling Club, £15,300 contribution from Buttrills Community Centre, and a £6,000 contribution from Barry Island Community Centre
 - Barry Regeneration Partnership Project Fund - Reduce the 2021/22 Barry Regeneration capital budget by £120k.
 - Cosmeston Gateway - Brilliant Basics Grant - Include this new scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme with a total budget of £152,655, to be funded from Welsh Government grant of £122,124.00 £30,531 from the Regeneration & Planning reserve.
 - Upgrade of Backup and Recovery Infrastructure - To vire £23k from the unallocated ICT capital budget to this scheme budget in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
 - Belle Vue Pavilion - Increase this scheme budget by £462,515 in the 2021/22 Capital to be funded by a grant from the National Lottery.

(5) T H A T the following changes to the 2021/22 and future years' Capital Programme be approved:-

- Band B Pencoedtre High School - Carry forward £1.798m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Band B Cowbridge Primary Provision - Carry forward £963km into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Albert Primary New Classroom Block - Vire £32k to this scheme from the Education Asset Renewal contingency budget in the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- HRA Individual Schemes - Carry forward £800k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- HRA Common Parts - Carry forward £2.3m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- HRA Environmental Improvement - Carry forward £1.8m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- HRA New Builds - Carry forward £10.871m into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.

- Murchfield Access Bridge - Carry forward £35k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Dimming of Street Lighting/Fitting of LED lanterns - Carry forward £335k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Play Area in Stanwell ward - Include a new scheme in the 2021/22 Capital Programme with a budget of £120K to be funded by a £100k contribution from the Well Being and Leisure reserve and £20k s106 monies.
- Barry Island and Cosmeston Toilets - Increase this scheme budget in the 2021/22 Capital Programme by £10k to be funded by a contribution from the Disabled Facilities Grants revenue budget in Private Housing.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To advise of the progress on the Capital Programme.
- (2) To advise Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee of the progress on the Capital Programme.
- (3) To advise of the use of Delegated Authority.
- (4) To advise of the use of Emergency Powers.
- (5) To allow schemes to proceed in the current and future financial years.

C688 CABINET QUARTERLY WORK PROGRAMMES – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2021 AND OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2021 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The report sought Cabinet approval and any comments in respect of the progress update for the quarter July to September 2021, and of the updated Cabinet Quarterly Forward Work Programme from October to December 2021.

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 updates to the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme for July to September 2021 (Appendix 1) be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the Cabinet Quarterly Work Programme October to December 2021 attached at Appendix 2 to the report be endorsed.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To monitor progress.

- (2) To approve the Work Programme for October to December 2021.

C689 CONSULTATION ON WELSH GOVERNMENT'S LGBTQ+ ACTION PLAN FOR WALES (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –

The report summarised key aspects of the Welsh Government's draft LGBTQ+ Action Plan for Wales and brought to the attention of the Cabinet a draft response to the consultation on this Plan (Appendix A).

The Welsh Government had issued a consultation document outlining draft proposals for an LGBTQ+ Action Plan for Wales with many actions relevant to Local Authorities. To develop a plan that works and improve lives, the Welsh Government worked with Stonewall Cymru and other LGBTQ+ organisations as well as involving LGBTQ+ people and communities from all across Wales.

Comments had been sought from officers across Council Services, as well as GLAM - our LGBTQ+ Network and Diverse - our Ethnic Minority Staff Network. Responses received had been incorporated in the draft response to the consultation.

The report sought Cabinet's consideration and approval for the draft response as a basis for referral to Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee to seek the Committee's views before being finalised.

The consultation period would end on 22nd October 2021.

The Leader referred to the 6 overarching aims in the Plan, the 58 actions across the overarching aims and the 7 policy themes.

The Deputy Leader said that this was a comprehensive and insightful response. Staff had taken the time to think about their responses and had added value to the consultation and she looked forward to the full discussion that would take place at Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee.

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 content of the report and Appendix A be approved and endorsed.
- (2) T H A T the draft consultation response as described and in Appendix A subject to the comments of Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee be endorsed.
- (3) T H A T the report be referred to Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee for comment and the views of the Equality Champion and LGBTQ+ Champion on the report be sought.

(4) T H A T having regard to Resolution (3) above, delegated authority be granted to the Head of Policy and Business Transformation in consultation with the Leader to consider any views received, and if necessary and appropriate revise and submit the Council's response.

(5) T H A T subject to Resolutions (3) and (4), the final response to Welsh Government, if amended from that resolved by Cabinet in pursuance of Resolution (2), be circulated to all Members for information.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To consider the Welsh Government's Draft Plan.

(2) To approve in principle the draft consultation response.

(3) To enable Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee, the Equalities Champion and LGBTQ+ Champion to consider the report.

(4) To enable a response to be submitted to Welsh Government by the deadline of 22nd October 2021.

(5) To ensure the final response to consultation is shared with all Members.

C690 BUSINESS RATES - DISCRETIONARY HARDSHIP RELIEF (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet an appeal in respect of the Council's decision to refuse an award of Discretionary Hardship Business Rates Relief.

The Leader advised that the decision not to award Hardship Relief as it would not be in the interests of local Council taxpayers in this instance had been appealed by the business owner. The details of the appeal and the financial implications were detailed in the Part II report later on the meeting agenda.

The Leader further advised that an additional piece of correspondence had been received from the business which would also be considered under Part II.

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 the contents of the report be noted, with a view to taking decisions on the appeal as detailed within the Part II report later on this agenda.

Reason for decision

To consider the issues of the appeal in detail.

C691 ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE 2021/22 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – ALL) –

The performance report presented progress at quarter 1 (1st April to 30th June, 2021) towards achieving the Council's Annual Delivery Plan (2021/22) commitments as aligned to its Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives.

Positive progress had been made in delivering in-year commitments in relation to the Annual Delivery Plan (2021/22). That performance had contributed to an overall Green status for the Plan at quarter 1 (Q1).

All 4 Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives were attributed a Green performance status at Q1 to reflect the progress made to date. This was positive given the ongoing challenges arising from the pandemic.

97% (306 out of 315) of planned activities outlined in the Council's Annual Delivery Plan have been attributed a Green performance reflecting the positive progress made during the quarter. 1% (2) of planned activities were attributed Amber status and the remaining 2% (7), Red status. Of the 7 actions attributed a Red performance status during the quarter, 29% (2) were directly as a result of service reprioritisation measures undertaken in response to the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

All five Scrutiny Committees had reviewed Q1 performance reports between 14th and 22nd September, 2021 and upon consideration, had noted the performance results and progress to date in relation to the Annual Delivery Plan 2021/22 and Coronavirus recovery.

The Deputy Leader referred to Section 3.2.2 on Page 12 of Appendix 1 and drew attention to recognise the urgent need for schools to provide support to young people who may be experiencing anxiety and other social, emotional and mental health needs. This would be the subject of a future Cabinet report as an issue raised by young people.

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 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2021/22 commitments as aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan Wellbeing Objectives as presented in the report and appendices be noted.

(2) T H A T the views and recommendations of all Scrutiny Committees in relation to Q1 performance results be noted and identified remedial actions as a basis to address areas of underperformance and to tackle the key challenges identified be approved.

(3) T H A T the progress being made through the Council's recovery strategy in response to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic be noted.

Reasons for decisions

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) To ensure the Council was effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet its performance requirements as outlined in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and reflecting the requirement of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 that it maximises its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.

(3) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

C692 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – HOLM VIEW PHASE 2, SKOMER ROAD, BARRY (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet, a proposal to develop 31no. new Council homes on land recently appropriated to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) at Holm View, Skomer Road, Barry.

This Scheme represented the second phase of new Council house provision, with the Phase 1 scheme of 11no. new homes having been successfully completed on 10th May, 2021.

The report further discussed the financial viability of the Scheme and evidenced the demand for this type of housing in Gibbonsdown, Barry.

The report then made the recommendation that Cabinet approve the Scheme and delegated authority to Officers, in order that the Scheme could progress to the submission of a detailed Planning Application and procurement in accordance with the Council's Contract Procurement Rules.

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 proposal to provide a new Council housing development of 31no. homes, including apartments, family housing and adapted bungalows be noted.

(2) That formal decisions on the progression of the above proposal, as part of the wider considerations detailed in the Part II report later in the agenda be noted.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To ensure decisions were made to progress this proposed development of new Council owned homes.

C693 HOUSING EXTERNAL REFURBISHMENT (LEASEHOLDER 17 BLOCKS) SCHEME 2021/22 (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet the need to award the Housing External Refurbishment (Leaseholder 17 Blocks) Scheme contract 2021/22.

The report detailed the principle of the award and was for noting with financial information associated with the contract provided in the Part II report later on the agenda, where Cabinet would be asked to take a decision to award the contract to the most suitably advantageous tenderer.

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 the contents of the report be noted, with a view to taking decisions on the award of the contract detailed within the Part II report later on this agenda.

Reason for decision

In order that the Part I and Part II reports may be considered together.

C694 HOUSING HEATING INSTALLATIONS SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE FRAMEWORK 2022 – 2025 (HBS) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet the proposed procurement and award of the Housing Heating Installations Servicing and Maintenance Framework 2022-25.

The report sought delegated authority for the Director of Environment and Housing and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services, to accept the most advantageous tender bid and execute the framework contract.

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 authority be given to tendering a value for money framework contract for the “Housing Heating Installations Servicing and Maintenance Framework 2022-25” through sell2wales.
- (2) T H A T authority be delegated to the Director of Environment and Housing and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services, to accept the most advantageous tender bid and award this framework in accordance with the Council’s Contract Standing Orders.
- (3) T H A T authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services to execute the framework contract.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To ensure that the Council delivered the Housing Heating Installations Servicing and Maintenance Framework 2022-25 in a cost-effective way, with high quality services and products being installed on or in Council housing.
- (2) To ensure that the Council meets the requirements of its financial regulation and Contract Standing Orders.
- (3) To ensure that the Council meets the requirements of its financial regulation and Contract Standing Orders.

C695 REVIEW OF YOUTH CABINET AND PARTICIPATION STRUCTURES (LAC) (SCRUTINY – LEARNING AND CULTURE) –

The Youth Cabinet had been in effect since 2014. In recent years recruitment to the group had been a challenge.

There was a proposal to change the Constitution of the Youth Cabinet and the wider structure of participation within the Youth Service to increase the opportunities for young people to access and become involved.

Councillor McCaffer was pleased to present the report forward as she wanted as many young people as possible to be able to be involved in the democratic process. Young people themselves had come forward and requested a new approach to be able to be involved. A late representation to Cabinet had been received from Trustees of the Vale Youth Forum which was noted.

Councillor Gray felt the report was timely with elections due the following year that young people would be able to be involved with the democratic process. The report sought to widen the scope for those wanting to take part and was not to the detriment of the current system, but a means to improve it so young people could be constructively involved, and their involvement valued. Previous meetings had been

held between the Cabinet and Youth Cabinet which provided an appreciation and understanding of the thoughts of young people and a wider footprint of young people being involved in the Council would be encouraging.

The Leader noted that the comments of the Trustees would be appended to the meeting papers, for information, as they were happy for their comments to be shared.

Councillor King referring to the Joint Cabinet Meetings stated that he had appreciated the perspective brought by young people and wished for this to continue.

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 change to the current Youth Cabinet Constitution to remove the requirement for young people to be members of the Vale Youth Forum (VYF) to enable them to be elected to the Youth Cabinet be agreed.

(2) T H A T the proposal to develop a Vale Big Voice Forum to support wider access to participation and opportunities for young people across the Vale of Glamorgan be approved.

Reasons for decisions

(1) The proposal would increase the opportunities for young people to access and become involved.

(2) More young people would be able to become involved in The Vale Big Voice Project.

C696 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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.

C697 BUSINESS RATES - DISCRETIONARY HARDSHIP RELIEF (EL/PR) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPH 14) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet an appeal from Company A in respect of the Council's decision to refuse an award of Discretionary Hardship Business Rates Relief.

The report proposed that Cabinet reaffirmed the decision not to award Discretionary Hardship Business Rates Relief and that the appeal was therefore refused.

The Leader had advised that the decision not to award Hardship Relief as it would not be in the interests of local Council taxpayers in this instance had been appealed by a local business,

With 75% of the costs of Hardship Relief being met by Welsh Government and 25% by the Council, it was important to consider that costs would be borne locally by community taxpayers. It was further noted that the company indicated that there were no employees of the business.

The Council had already refused previous applications from other businesses where it considered that it would not be in the interest of local Council taxpayers to fund the relief.

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 decisions made on the 19th February, 2020 and the 27th August, 2021 by the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Leader, not to award Discretionary Hardship Business Rates Relief (Hardship Relief) to Company A as contained within the report be approved.

(2) T H A T the appeal lodged by Company A on the 17th March, 2021 in respect of Hardship Relief be rejected.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To ensure a consistent approach was adopted in the way that the Council exercised its discretion when considering Hardship Relief in order that the interests of local Council taxpayers were protected, and relief was only awarded where it was appropriate to do so.

(2) Company A had been offered a deferred payment arrangement to clear the outstanding liability and it was recommended that it was more appropriate for the company to clear its liability in this manner rather than expect local Council

taxpayers to subsidise the Business Rates. Company A had now relet the premises and as a result there was no ongoing liability for business rates at the property.

C698 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – HOLM VIEW PHASE 2, SKOMER ROAD, BARRY (HBS) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet, a proposal to develop 31no. new Council homes on land recently appropriated to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) at Holm View, Skomer Road, Barry.

The Scheme represented the second phase of new Council house provision, with the Phase 1 scheme of 11no. new homes being successfully completed on the 10th May, 2021.

The report further discussed the financial viability of the Scheme and evidenced the demand for this type of housing in Gibbonsdown, Barry.

The report then made the recommendation that Cabinet approve the Scheme and delegated authority to Officers, in order that the Scheme could progress to the submission of a detailed Planning Application and procurement in accordance with the Council's Contract Procurement Rules.

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 Director of Environment and Housing be authorised to submit a detailed planning application for the Scheme and secure the necessary statutory consents for the development.

(2) T H A T the Director of Environment and Housing, in consultation with the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer, be authorised to commence tendering procedures for the works and services outlined in this report, subject to receiving the requisite planning consent.

(3) T H A T, on receipt of the requisite planning consent, delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Building Services and the Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer, to accept and award contracts to the successful tenderers for these works and services in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

(4) T H A T the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to prepare and execute the appropriate contracts with the successful tenderers.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To progress the detailed design and submission of a full planning application for the Scheme.
- (2) To prepare the detailed suite of documentation in readiness for the tendering process for the Scheme.
- (3) To progress the Scheme and accept tenders from and award contracts to the successful bidders under the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
- (4) To allow the Council to enter into contracts with the successful bidder.

C699 HOUSING EXTERNAL REFURBISHMENT (LEASEHOLDER 17 BLOCKS) SCHEME 2021/22 (HBS) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 14 AND 12A) (SCRUTINY – HOMES AND SAFE COMMUNITIES) –

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet the proposed award of the Housing External Refurbishment (Leaseholder 17 Blocks) Scheme 2021/22.

The report sought authority to accept the most advantageous tender bid and execute the Joint Contracts Tribunal (JCT) Intermediate Work contract 2016

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 award of the contract to PA Joyner (Cymru) Ltd. for the value of £1,116,943.72 be approved.
- (2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to prepare and execute a Joint Contracts Tribunal (JCT) intermediate 2016 contract with PA Joyner (Cymru) Ltd.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) As the most advantageous tender received and to comply with the Council's Contract Standing Orders, which required contracts with a value in excess of £300k to be agreed by Cabinet.
- (2) To enable the contract documentation to be finalised with the successful contractor.