

# THE EXECUTIVE

## Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January, 2013

- PRESENT:** Councillor Bryan Owen (Leader)(Chair)  
Councillor K.P.Hughes (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors W.J.Chorlton, T.Lloyd Hughes, O.Glyn Jones,  
G.O.Parry, MBE, R.G.Parry, OBE.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive  
Deputy Chief Executive  
Director of Community  
Director of Lifelong Learning  
Director of Sustainability  
Head of Function (Resources)  
Senior Financial Advisor (GL)  
Head of Service (Policy)  
Head of Service (Finance)  
Head of Service (Planning and Public Protection)  
(Items 5 & 6 only)  
Chief Planning Officer (EGJ)(Items 5 & 6 only)  
Planning Manager (Policy)(NHD)(Item 6 only)  
Team Leader (Housing and Communities)(BT)(Item 5 only)  
Programme Manager (Schools Modernisation) (EB)  
(Item 9 only)  
Committee Services Manager
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors Lewis Davies, Selwyn Williams.
- APOLOGY:** Councillor R.LI.Hughes

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### 1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Bryan Owen declared an interest in Item 6 of these minutes and was not present at the meeting during any discussion or voting thereon. The Deputy Leader presided.

### 2 URGENT MATTERS CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR HIS APPOINTED OFFICER.

None to declare.

### **3 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Executive held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, be confirmed as a true record.

### **4 THE EXECUTIVE'S FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

Submitted – The report of the Head of Service (Policy) seeking approval of the updated work programme for the period February to July 2013.

**RESOLVED** to confirm the updated work programme for the period February to July 2013.

### **5 ONSHORE WIND ENERGY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (SPG)**

Submitted – The report of the Head of Service (Planning and Public Protection) seeking the Executive's approval to forward the SPG for On-shore wind turbines for adoption to the extraordinary meeting of the County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013. This approach was advocated in order to facilitate full discussion of the issues raised by interested parties as summarised in Appendix 1 of the report. Failure to adopt the document would undermine an important material consideration and guidance for developments in the planning process.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be referred for decision to the extraordinary meeting of the County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.

### **6 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PREFERRED STRATEGY**

Submitted – The report of the Head of Service (Planning and Public Protection) seeking the Executive's approval to forward the Preferred Strategy document for approval to the extraordinary County Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013. Following approval by both Anglesey and Gwynedd Councils, the document would be made available for public consultation for a period of six weeks. Views expressed would help inform the preparation of a more detailed plan called the Deposit Plan which would be considered by both Councils later on in 2013.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to the extraordinary County Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, that it approves the draft Preferred Strategy document for the purposes of public consultation.

*(The Leader declared an interest in the matter and was not present at the meeting during any discussion or voting thereon). (The Deputy Leader presided).*

### **7 TRANSFORMATION PLAN**

Submitted – The report of the Deputy Chief Executive seeking Executive approval to formally accept the Transformation Plan which was a document setting out the intentions of this Council to continue to improve and modernise the Council in a sustainable manner up until 2016.

**RESOLVED** to accept that the Transformation Plan sets out the agenda for the remainder of the term of this Council until May 2013 and then the following three years up to 2016.

## **8 ADOPTION OF A COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME**

Reported by the Head of Function (Resources) – That Council Tax Benefit was to be replaced in April 2013 by a Council Tax Reduction Scheme with Government funding being reduced by approximately 10%. This Council was required to adopt the scheme by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and this report enabled the Executive to endorse a recommendation to the County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 to achieve that timetable.

**RESOLVED to recommend to the extraordinary County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013:-**

- **That it notes the making of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations (“the Prescribed Requirements Regulations”) by the Welsh Assembly on 19 December, 2012;**
- **That it notes the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken by the Council on the introduction of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme;**
- **That it adopts the Scheme as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.**

## **9 ANGLESEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS MODERNISATION – LLANDDONA, LLANGOED AND BEAUMARIS**

Submitted – The report of the Director of Lifelong Learning on options proposed following an informal consultation process held in three schools in South East Anglesey as regards primary education provision in that area. The views of the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2012 were also incorporated as part of the report.

**RESOLVED**

- **To recommend Option 3 (to close Ysgol Llanddona and transfer the pupils to Ysgol Llangoed) as the Executive’s preferred option for formal consultation on the review of primary education provision in South East Anglesey, subject to the following:-**
- **That transport issues in the area are addressed and satisfactorily resolved, and**
- **That the primary education provision in South East Anglesey is revisited in due course in the Schools Modernisation Programme with a view to establishing a long term strategy for the primary education provision in the area.**
- **To note the responses received to the informal consultation process by the Llanddona, Llangoed and Beaumaris primary schools.**

## **10 LOWERING AGE OF ADMISSION AT YSGOL DWYRAN**

Submitted – The report of the Director of Lifelong Learning upon a request from the Governing Body at Ysgol Dwyran for the Authority to consider lowering the age of admission so as to admit pupils part time in the September following their third birthday. The permission of the Executive was sought to commence the formal process of consultation with interested parties.

**RESOLVED** that authority be given to the Director of Lifelong Learning to consult on the intention to lower the age of admission at Ysgol Dwyran so as to admit pupils part time in the September following their third birthday.

#### **11 SEPARATION OF STATUTORY AND NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS (OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS)**

Reported by the Director of Sustainable Development – That officers wished to engage with developers bringing forward applications for planning permission/development consent within or affecting its area, in relation to the provision of Community Benefit Contributions (which fell outside of the planning process). In order to do this, an internal structure was required to ensure that CBC discussions and negotiations were kept separate from any discussions and decisions which fell within the statutory planning process. Without this separation there was a risk that such discussions or decisions may influence or taint the statutory planning process.

#### **RESOLVED**

- **To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, on behalf of the Council's Executive, to enter into discussions and conduct negotiations with Developers bringing forward applications for planning permission within or affecting its area, and, subject to final approval of the Executive, agree with those proposed developers, details of appropriate CBC/CBC scheme where appropriate in connection with such development;**
- **To note that the Head of Economic Development will be assisting the Chief Executive and the Leader as required in relation to discussions and negotiations on CBC;**
- **To note that the planning functions of the Council under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 will continue to be the responsibility of the Director of Sustainable Development and that those functions will be carried out by the Head of Planning and Public Protection;**
- **To note that no Member or Officer involved in any discussions or negotiations in respect of a CBC/CBC scheme will be permitted to participate in the planning process that corresponds to the development to which such discussions relate;**
- **To note that no Member or Officer involved in the statutory planning process will be permitted to participate in the discussions or negotiations in respect of a CBC/CBC scheme in connection with the development to which statutory planning processes relate;**
- **To note that appropriate arrangements will be put in place to ensure that the advice, discussions, negotiations and lines of communication reflect the above arrangements in relation to CBC and town and country planning matters.**

## **12 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion on the following items on the grounds that they may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act and in the attached Public Interest Tests.

## **13 PARTNERSHIP RATIONALISATION**

Submitted – The report of the Head of Service (Policy) on the costs associated with the establishment of the Partnership Support Unit together with the observations/concerns of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee held on 10 December, 2012.

The intentions for this shared services agreement with Gwynedd Council for a period of three years, was to streamline existing partnership arrangements across both counties and achieve staff savings.

### **RESOLVED**

- **To note the observations of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee at Appendix 2 of the report;**
- **To confirm details as set out in the report to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and that the Council enters into a three year Shared Services Agreement with Gwynedd Council as the Host Authority for the new Unit;**
- **That officers complete the necessary negotiations with Gwynedd Council including the establishment of Partnership Hubs in both Councils;**
- **That the Corporate Governance Portfolio Holder and the Deputy Chief Executive represent the Council on the Joint Steering Group with Gwynedd to oversee the work of the Partnership Unit.**

## **14 MON COMMUNITIES FIRST**

Submitted – The report of the Head of Service (Housing) seeking the Executive's approval to the proposed legally binding agreement to be put in place between the Council and Cymunedau yn Gyntaf / Mon Communities First Ltd, before any funding was transferred to the new organisation and to gain agreement on the points to be included within the proposed agreement. The agreement needed to be finalised before the end of this month.

### **RESOLVED**

- **To authorise the Head of Service (Housing) to enter into a legally binding agreement with Cymunedau yn Gyntaf Mon Communities First, based on the requirements included within this report, that will ensure compliance with both Welsh Government and Isle of Anglesey County Council governance and funding requirements;**
- **That the Executive are confident that robust governance arrangements are in place within the Communities First Board and that issues are settled, before funding is released;**
- **To consider releasing part-funding in the first instance, and to monitor that the governance arrangements and requirements from the agreement between the Council, as Lead Delivery Body and the Mon Communities First are delivered;**

- **To agree that the Portfolio Holder for Housing is co-opted as an Observer on to the Mon Communities First Board;**
- **To agree that there is representation at Officer level also co-opted on to the Mon Communities First Board as Observers;**
- **That the Head of Service (Housing) gives an instruction to the Council's Legal Services to draft the agreement based on the contents of this report and that it be expedited by the end of the month.**

## **15 CAPITA SIMS REGIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Submitted – The report of the Director of Lifelong Learning seeking the Executive's approval and authorisation to support a consortium purchase of Capita SIMS licences to progress the regional collaborative developments for Education Services.

Currently, the six authorities purchased a core set of Capita products to support a common database structure which was essential for a viable shared service provision. The current contracts for the licences were due to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 for all six authorities.

The Head of Service (Finance) wished it to be noted that there were risks associated with the proposal but that these were outweighed in not moving ahead to purchase the licences.

**RESOLVED to support the procurement option noted in the report and that this Council participates in a Consortium as recommended by the North Wales Chief Education Officers (ADEW) pursuant to CPR 4.9.2.4.1 and to contract individually with CAPITA along with the 5 other Consortium members for a 3 year licence to progress regional collaborative developments to Education Services.**

The meeting concluded at 11:25 a.m.

**COUNCILLOR BRYAN OWEN  
CHAIR**