

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday, 5 July 2021

PRESENT: Councillor E. Dole (Chair)

Councillors:

C.A. Davies, G. Davies, H.A.L. Evans, L.D. Evans, P.M. Hughes, P. Hughes-Griffiths, D.M. Jenkins, L.M. Stephens and J. Tremlett

Also in attendance:

Councillors D.M. Cundy and J.D. James

The following Officers were in attendance:

W. Walters, Chief Executive

C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services

J. Morgan, Director of Community Services

G. Morgans, Director of Education & Children's Services

J. Jones, Head of Regeneration

L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law

P.R. Thomas, Assistant Chief Executive (People Management & Performance)

A. Williams, Head of Waste and Environmental Services

I.R. Llewelyn, Forward Planning Manager

D. Hockenhull, Marketing and Media Manager

L. Jenkins, Executive Board Support Officer

S. Rees, Simultaneous Translator

R. Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 10.00 am - 11.00 am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interests.

3. MINUTES - 21ST JUNE 2021

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on the 21st June 2021 be signed as a correct record.

4. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BY MEMBERS

The Chair advised that no questions on notice had been submitted by members.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TASK AND FINISH GROUP FINAL REPORT TRADING STANDARDS SERVICES - FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION SAFEGUARDING SCHEME (FESS).

With reference to minute 5 of the meeting of the Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held on 10th June 2019 the Executive Board considered the final report from the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group, presented by its Chair Cllr. John James, which had been established to review the Trading Standards Services – Financial Exploitation Safeguarding Scheme (FESS).

The Group's main aims for the review had been to explore whether the portfolio of crime prevention, victim support and education activities consolidated within the FESS initiative provided an effective strategy to help combat fraud victimisation and promoted corporate health and wellbeing objectives in the wake of the Social Services and Wellbeing Wales Act 2014 and the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015.

The Executive Board thanked the Committee, Officers and the Chair for their work on the report and the Executive Board Member - Social Care and Health added that she would ensure that its findings were shared with the Safeguarding team particularly as many scams targeted the elderly.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to endorse the final report and recommendations of the Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group's review of the Trading Standards Services – Financial Exploitation Safeguarding Scheme (FESS).

7. SIGNATORY TO THE PLACEMAKING CHARTER

The Executive Board considered a report which sought endorsement for the Council to become a signatory of the Placemaking Charter Wales. The report outlined the context and purpose of Placemaking, its role and status in national and local planning policy as well as the content of the Charter. The Charter had been developed by the Design Commission for Wales and the Welsh Government in collaboration with the Placemaking Wales Partnership, which was made up of stakeholders representing a wide range of interests and organisations working within the built and natural environment. It reflected the collective and individual commitment of these organisations to support the development of high-quality places across Wales for the benefit of its communities.

The Council's Planning Committee had recommended endorsement of the report at its meeting on the 24th June 2021.

In response to a concern that the reference to 'Language' under the heading 'Identity' could be more robust it was commented that the Council's own policies would ensure that this was the case.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that the Placemaking Charter Wales be endorsed with Carmarthenshire County Council becoming a signatory.

8. SKILLS AND TALENT PROGRAMME, SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL

The Executive Board considered a report detailing a proposed Business Case for the Skills and Talent programme, within the suite of 9 Swansea Bay City Deal projects, that would deliver a skills training solution offering the best value sustainable skills infrastructure to develop the future workforce for the region. It

was considered that the development of a comprehensive and forward-thinking skills programme was vital to the overall success of the City Deal Portfolio. The programme would align the available skills provision and identified skills gaps with the needs of Industry across the region as well as the 8 innovative projects that made up the City Deal supporting the growth of GVA, productivity and business investment in the region.

The Leader highlighted the fact that this was the first project under the Swansea Bay City Deal Gateway review process which had received the 'green light'.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

- 8.1 to approve the proposed Business Case for the Skills and Talent programme and its formal submission to the Portfolio Management Office in accordance with the City Deal Implementation Plan to secure City Deal funding approval;**
- 8.2 that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration, in conjunction with the Executive Board Member – Leader, to make any minor amendments to the business case as necessary to obtain approval at local, regional and national governance.**

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR DECIDES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 100B(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972.

The Chair advised that there were no items of urgent business.

CHAIR

DATE