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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 206 – 211

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 18 September, 2013 at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. M. V. Davies (Chairman)

Cllrs.

L. A. Beer	H. J. Evans
T. Bowen	M. L. Evans
D. M. Cundy	R. E. Evans
T. Devichand	A. G. Morgan
A. J. Rogers	

206. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Donoghue (T. Bowen deputising), T. J. Jones (Cllr. R. E. Evans deputising) and C. A. Rees.

207. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

208. DESIGNATED PERSONS ORDER

Members considered a consultation document from the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, Welsh Government. The proposed consultation for the Designated Persons Order was an approach to ensuring all public organisations with responsibility for service delivery were subject to scrutiny which examined the services provided in one geographical area.

The Welsh Minister would subject to consultation make a 'Designated Persons Order'. The Order would designate the individuals and organisations which would as a consequence be subject to scrutiny by local authority scrutiny committees.

The relevant bodies under consideration in the first designation phase were:

- Local Health Boards
- NHS Trusts
- Fire and Rescue Authorities

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- National Park Authorities

Town and Community Councils were also named community planning partners. Given the existing democratic mandate, the Welsh Minister was seeking views on whether and how Town and Community Councils could contribute to local collaborative scrutiny and if it was necessary to designate them in the first phase.

Members felt that they would like to be more involved with the scrutiny process and possibly suggesting that the national and regional transport providers as well as the Police Authority also be considered for the first designation or failing that in future phases.

Following discussion during which Members supported the consultation document, it was

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to respond to the consultation exercise by completing the accompanying questionnaire articulating Members' views and observations accordingly.

209. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matters be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 be exercised.

210. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report referenced 9:2013 be accepted.

211. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS POLICY

Further to Minute No. 67, Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) regarding the Council's Alcohol and Drugs Policy.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.25 p.m.
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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 8 October, 2013, adopted by the Council.