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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 236 – 243

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 October, 2017, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Vice Chairman (in the Chair))

Cllrs.

T. Devichand H. J. Evans
P. M. Edwards A. G. Morgan
A. J. Rogers

236. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. F. Akhtar, J. S. Phillips, C. A. Rees, E. Simmons, W. V. Thomas and I. G. Wooldridge.

237. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

238. SERVICE PLANS 2017/18

Members considered the half yearly report on the Council's Service Plans for 2017/18 which reviewed the key objectives and targets of the wide ranging services provided for the following groups:-

- Administrative Services;
- Community Services;
- Recreation and Leisure Services; and
- Training Services.

RESOLVED that the Service Plans be accepted.

**239. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2018-2023**

Members were circulated with the draft Corporate Plan 2018-2023 received from the Chairman, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA).

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The draft Corporate Plan 2018-2023 set out the draft strategic priorities for the next five years. The plan also contained the 12 draft improvement objectives for 2017/2018 which had been designed to help the FRA to deliver against its strategic priorities. The improvement objectives had been set in the context of the significant challenges facing public services but also reflected an appetite to embrace innovative ideas and new ways of working. The FRA was also keen to embrace the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and had revised the planning arrangements to reflect the new duties and commitments.

RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk responds to the consultation document as agreed by Members.

**240. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL
SECTOR IN WALES**

Members received correspondence from the Independent Review Panel, Welsh Government which had been established to consider the future roles of Community and Town Councils. The review would explore potential roles of local government below Local Authority Councils, drawing on best practice.

Following a discussion, during which Members considered the draft response to the review process and it was

RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk responds to the consultation document as agreed by Members.

241. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT WORKING GROUP

Further to Minute No. 282(6) (8 November, 2016), Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk informing of the deliberations of the working group established to review the community development grant.

The working group met on 9 October, 2016, to appraise the community development grant as resolved by the Council. The criteria and application form were discussed in detail.

Following discussion and consideration of the recommendations put forward by the working group, it was

RESOLVED as follows:

(1) Recommendation not accepted:

Recommendations accepted:

- (2) Examples of activities, events etc. the council has supported would be included as a guide for prospective applicants;
- (3) The Council would not give a grant to voluntary and community organisations holding excessive balances in lieu of the existing condition;
- (4) General administration costs would not be supported;
- (5) Financial support could be given to community groups and organisations for professional artists or groups;

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(6) The start/completion date of the proposed project be clarified on the application form.

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter 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.

243. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report referenced 09:2017 be accepted with a further report presented on item 10.2 at the next meeting.

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The meeting concluded at 5.40 p.m.

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