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**LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL**

**Minute Nos: 231 – 239**

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, 17 October, 2018, at 4.45 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr. S. M. Donoghue (Chairman)

**Cllrs.**

S. M. Caiach                      H. J. Evans  
S. L. Davies                      J. P. Hart  
A. G. Morgan

**231.                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. T. Devichand, P. M. Edwards, C. A. Rees A. J. Rogers, E. Simmons and I. G. Wooldridge.

**232.                      MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**233.                      SERVICE PLANS 2018/19**

Members considered the half yearly report on the Council's Service Plans for 2018/19 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 update on the Service Plans be accepted.

**234.                      TEMPO (SPICE CYMRU) - TIME CREDITS**

Members received the mid-term progress report from the Community Development Officer on how the Time Credits Programme was performing in its third year.

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The Time Credits programme was a priority intervention in year one of the Council's Whole Place Plan.

Since 1 March, 2018, the Council had handed out 40 time credits to the community at Whole Place Plan review sessions, litter picks and through the training department.

There were eight active groups that incorporate Time Credits. Those groups had recorded handing out 546 time credits on 50 separate occasions. The Council had 5,000 time credits in place at the beginning of year 1 and of this original allocation, there were just over 1,750 time credits remaining.

Each year Spice carried out a member evaluation to look at the impact Time Credits had on people's lives. The responses this year had been broken down to a local level and they had provided data returned by the Llanelli Rural Time Credit Members. Some of the highlights were as follows:

- a) 85% report improved quality of life
- b) 45% feel less isolated and lonely
- c) 70% had developed new friends and acquaintances
- d) 33% were more physically active
- e) 30% had learned new skills
- f) 27% established a new community group or project

A networking session was held in September 2018 for groups signed up to the Llanelli Rural Time Credits scheme. Groups were invited to attend a get together at Trallwm Hall where they interacted with each other and produced a number of new opportunities for their organisations.

More earn opportunities would arise from the "Street Buddy" scheme scheduled to launch in November and at the community group sign up session also to be held in November, 2018.

During discussion, Members commented that a detailed breakdown cost for the third year had not been received and by way of response the Community Development Officer commented that Spice had recently gone through a re-brand. As of 4 October, the new name was Tempo. As part of the re-brand a general review of the product had been commissioned by the new Chief Executive. A breakdown cost would be obtained at the completion of the review and it was

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The report be noted;
2. Tempo be invited to a future Council meeting to address Members;
3. A detailed breakdown cost for the third year shall be reported to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

**235. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES  
DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20**

Members were circulated with the draft Annual Report 2019/20 received from the Chairman, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. In accordance with the requirements of Section

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147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Panel's draft annual report included proposals which would take effect for the financial year 2019.

Members' attention was drawn to section 13 of the report wherein it stated the payments to members of community and town councils. Members were informed that the Panel recognised the wide variation in responsibilities and accountabilities in the local council sector. The Council was categorised as a 'Band A Council' given its income or expenditure exceeded £200,000. No material changes had been made to the various determinations set out in the draft report in respect of Band A Councils. In view of such, it was

**RESOLVED** that the draft Annual Report 2019/20 be noted for budgeting purposes and to await the publication of the final Annual Report expected to be published in February 2019 before considering whether to review the extent of senior responsibility payments and the amount of personal allowance paid over to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council.

**236. CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND PRACTICE  
FOR REGISTRANTS WITH THE EDUCATION WORKFORCE  
COUNCIL (EWC)**

Members received a consultation document from the Fitness to Practise Manager, Education Workforce Council on the revised Code of Professional Conduct and Practice for Registrants.

The current Code of Professional Conduct and Practice for Registrants with the Education Workforce Council was prepared and published on 1 April, 2015, by the Welsh Government in accordance with the Education (Wales) Act 2014.

The Code set out the key principles of good conduct and practice that registrants must uphold. It was intended to guide judgements and decisions and inform learners, parents, guardians, employers and the general public of the standards they could expect from registrants.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Training Manager be authorised to complete the consultation document questionnaire in respect of the revised code of professional conduct demonstrating the Council's general support.

**237. THE WELSH PARLIAMENT AND ELECTIONS  
(WALES) BILL**

Members received correspondence from the National Assembly for Wales informing that the Assembly's Commission decision to introduce the Welsh Parliament and Elections (Wales) Bill had been debated on the 10 October, 2018, for Assembly approval and was approved.

The Bill would:

- change the legislature's name to Senedd Cymru/ Welsh Parliament;
- lower the minimum voting age for Assembly elections to 16;
- amend the law relating to disqualification from being an Assembly Member; and

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- make other changes to the Assembly's electoral and internal arrangements.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**238. 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.

**239. STAFFING MATTERS**

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

**RESOLVED** that the report referenced 10:2018 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.35 p.m.

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