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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 35 – 43

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, and via remote attendance on Wednesday, 17 May, 2023, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. R. E. Evans (Chairman)

Cllrs.

S. R. Bowen	S. N. Lewis
D. M. Cundy	J. S. Phillips
A. Evans	W. E. Skinner
N. Evans	A. G. Stephens
B. M. Williams	

Absent: S. M. T. Ford

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. J. P. Hart.

36. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

37. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

(1) HUMAN RESOURCES

RESOLVED that Cllrs. R. E. Evans (Chairman of Committee), S. N. Lewis (Leader of Council) and D. M. Cundy be appointed.

(2) APPEALS

RESOLVED that Cllrs. J. S. Phillips (Chairman of Council), B. M. Williams (Vice-Chairman of Committee) and W. E. Skinner be appointed.

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38. APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS

(1) WHOLE PLACE PLAN

RESOLVED that Cllrs. S. N. Lewis (Leader of Council), J. S. Phillips (Chairman of Council), S. R. Bowen, D. M. Cundy, N. Evans, R. E. Evans (Chairman of Committee), W. E. Skinner and B. M. Williams be appointed.

(2) CLIMATE CHANGE STEERING GROUP

RESOLVED that Cllrs. S. N. Lewis (Leader of Council), J. S. Phillips (Chairman of Council), S. R. Bowen, N. Evans, R. E. Evans, W. E. Skinner, A. G. Stephens and B. M. Williams be appointed.

**39. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER
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Members considered a consultation document from the Partnership and Complaints Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) on the proposal to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in an area of the Llanelli Town Centre to address alcohol and drug related nuisance, crime and disorder.

The previous PSPO was due to expire on 30 September, 2023. CCC believed that the previous PSPO in the town centre had been effective in reducing alcohol related anti-social behaviour. CCC was proposing to introduce a new Order for a further period of three years which, in addition to the current powers dealing with alcohol related nuisance and disorder would also give the police additional powers to reduce anti-social behaviour caused by controlled drugs or psychoactive substances.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the Public Spaces Protection Order be supported.

**40. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS
FRAMEWORK – (RICHARD PENN REPORT)**

Members received a consultation document from the Welsh Government informing of the independent review that was undertaken by Mr Richard Penn, a former local authority Chief Executive and former Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

The terms of the review were as follows:

- An audit of the codes of conduct adopted by all the required authorities against the Model Code of Conduct to identify any local variances.
- An analysis of the effectiveness of the framework in fostering high standards of conduct in local government in Wales and public confidence in those arrangements.
- Consideration of whether the framework was still ‘fit for purpose’, including whether the 10 principles of conduct were still relevant and whether the Model Code of Conduct

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required updating. This included identification of areas where improvements could/should be made to the current arrangements.

- Consideration of the role of standards committees including their role in relation to community councils and whether the establishment of sub-committees had any impact on the process of supporting community councils and dealing with complaints.
- An analysis of the arrangements and protocols in place within authorities to support members and staff in preventing the need for issues to arise in the first place, or to prevent them escalating beyond local resolution. This included areas such as clear communications and signposting, training and awareness and local authorities' approach to addressing concerns.
- Consideration of the current sanctions and whether they were still appropriate.

The Clerk stated that according to the report findings the review concluded that the current framework was 'fit for purpose' and worked well in practice.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the consultation document be noted.

41. 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.

42. TRAINING VEHICLES

The Finance Manager informed members of the procurement of a new vehicle for the Training Department.

The Logistics Apprenticeship team operated two small vans. The vans were integral to the delivery operations of the Driving Goods Vehicle apprenticeship programme as apprentices could carry out assessments on the van pathway to achieve the framework. This was an essential part of the delivery, making best use of the Assessors and apprentice time to avoid keeping employer vehicles off the road interrupting the employer's traffic planning and scheduling.

A small wheelbase van was sufficient to meet requirements and a search of local dealerships and regional suppliers across the south west region had shown there was limited availability for outright purchase in the new and nearly new van market. Delivery times were quoted between 8 to 10 months. As an alternative to this lease options were obtained for consideration and this would coincide with the next Apprenticeship contract tender.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the lowest quotation for a lease of a Peugeot Partner 100 1.5 Blue HDi 100 vehicle provided by Car Leasing People, 2 Acorn Business Park, Stockport, SK4 1AS for a monthly rental of £264.07 for a period of 36 months be accepted.

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43. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Technical and General Operations Manager informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report referenced 05:2023 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 5.10 p.m.

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