

Wrexham County Borough Council Decision Notice – Executive Board Tuesday, 12 June 2018

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
4	Confirmation of Minutes	RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 May 2018 be signed as a correct record.
5	Allocation of Lead Member Responsibilities	<p>RESOLVED – That the following allocation of Lead Responsibilities to the Members of the Executive Board, as named in report MP/03/18 be approved with immediate effect:</p> <p>Lead Member for Economy - Economic Development & Regeneration – Councillor Terry Evans Lead Member for People - Education – Councillor Phil Wynn Lead Member for People – Children’s Services – Councillor William Baldwin Lead Member for People - Health and Adult Social Care – Councillor Joan Lowe Lead Member for People – Communities, Partnerships, Public Protection and Community Safety – Councillor Hugh Jones Lead Member for People - Youth Services and Anti-poverty – Councillor Andrew Atkinson Lead Member for Place - Housing – Councillor David Griffiths Lead Member for Place - Environment & Transport – Councillor David A Bithell Lead Member for Organisation - Finance, Performance, Health & Safety and Governance – Councillor Mark Pritchard Lead Member for Organisation - Planning and Corporate Services – Councillor David Kelly</p> <p>Reason for decision</p> <p>To provide information on Lead Members and their respective responsibilities appointed by the Leader of the Council for the remainder of the Municipal Year.</p>

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6	Response to Notice of Motion – Advice Services Review	<p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>(i) That a grant of £25,000 be paid to Wrexham CAB to enable the delivery of advice services.</p> <p>(ii) That Officers, in consultation with the relevant Lead Members, continue to engage with Wrexham CAB with a view to securing the long term viability of their advice services.</p> <p>Reason for decisions</p> <p>To enable the delivery of approximately 5000 interviews based on the average cost per interview.</p>
7	Welsh Language Annual Monitoring Report 2017-18	<p>RESOLVED - That the 2017/18 Welsh Language Annual Monitoring Report be approved.</p> <p>Reasons for decision</p> <p>(i) To ensure that the Council carries out its duties with regard to the Welsh language as outlined in its Welsh Language Standards.</p> <p>(ii) To enable the Welsh Language Annual Monitoring Report for 2017/18 to be published on its website as required by the Language Commissioner in accordance with Standards 158, 164 and 170.</p>

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8	Wrexham County Borough Council Involvement Strategy	<p>RESOLVED - That the Wrexham County Borough Council Involvement Strategy be approved, and the vision and commitments made within it be endorsed.</p> <p>Reason for decision</p> <p>To support WCBC’s commitment to the vision within the Strategy: that all people have the information they need to influence the planning and delivery of services. They are engaged and consulted with on decisions which affect them, and where possible we work together to design and deliver services.</p>
9	Request for Delegated Powers / Authority for Head of Environment and Planning	<p>RESOLVED - That the Head of Environment and Planning be given the full range of delegated authority powers provided for under the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017.</p> <p>Reason for decision</p> <p>To ensure that Officers are properly authorised to carry out the duties and functions of the Council.</p>
10	Wrexham Community Safety Partnership, Elected Member Representative	<p>RESOLVED - That Councillor Hugh Jones, in his role as Lead Member for Communities, Partnerships, Public Protection and Community Safety, be appointed as the Elected Member representative onto the Wrexham Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>Reason for decision</p> <p>To enable an elected member to be part of the statutory community safety</p>

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		<p>partnership, and ensure WCBC fulfils its requirements towards meeting the Crime and Disorder Act 1988.</p>
11	Play Pledge and Play Sufficiency Partnership	<p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>(i) That the Play Pledge for Wrexham be endorsed and the development of a Play Sufficiency Partnership that will work to identify barriers to children accessing time and space for play and provide oversight of the Play Sufficiency Action Plan be supported.</p> <p>(ii) That Heads of Department be supported to identify relevant officers to be involved in the partnership to ensure that knowledge, skills and resources are coordinated in support of play.</p> <p>Reasons for decisions</p> <p>(i) At a time of reducing investment in play provision, the Play Pledge would help to ensure that appropriate consideration is given to protecting and improving children’s time, space and permission for play within the public realm and other Local Authority run services. In doing so the agreement would enable the Local Authority to demonstrate its commitment to the Play Sufficiency Duty by establishing cross departmental and organisational support for children’s play at no additional cost to the authority.</p> <p>(ii) Whilst the Play Development Team will continue to provide the driving force, maintaining momentum and coordinating cross-departmental activities in support of children’s play, this approach will help ensure that</p>

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		<p>the work of each relevant department/organisation is represented on the Play Sufficiency Partnership. This process would also formalise existing links between the Play Development Team and other departments/organisations and would enable new links to be formed with those partners not yet involved.</p> <p>(iii) The intention is that this partnership meets as regularly as capacity realistically allows to review progress against the play sufficiency action plans and discuss particular challenges associated with improving children’s opportunities for play (more frequent meetings may be required when completing the actual play sufficiency assessments). In between these times actions would be progressed via ongoing email and telephone communication between individuals, and by smaller working groups if necessary. An appropriate level chair should also be identified to ensure ongoing full council commitment to the Play Sufficiency Duty and reports made to the Public Service Board on progress made.</p>
12	Updated Tenant and Resident Association (TARA) Funding Recognition Criteria	<p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>(i) That the updated funding criteria for Tenant and Resident Associations be approved.</p> <p>(ii) That the current guidance for all active Tenant and Resident Associations be reviewed to ensure that Executive Board Members are confident that all active Tenant and Resident Associations are representative of the tenants.</p> <p>(iii) That a further report be brought back to Executive Board in 12 months time on the work undertaken to ensure the effectiveness of the criteria.</p>

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		<p>Reason for decision</p> <p>To ensure that Tenant and Resident Associations across the County Borough continue to receive relevant support from the council following the closure of the Wrexham Tenants' Federation.</p>
13	Draft Local Planning Guidance Note 35: Great Crested Newt Mitigation Requirements - Johnstown Newt Site SAC and the Wider Countryside	<p>RESOLVED - That Local Planning Guidance Note 35: Great Crested Newt Mitigation Requirements – Johnstown Newt Site SAC and the Wider Countryside as supplementary planning guidance be approved for use in the planning process.</p> <p>Reason for decision</p> <p>To enable the Council to meet the requirements of the Habitats Directive and to provide a standard framework for on-site and off-site mitigation requirements for developments affecting GCN in the Johnstown SAC area.</p>
14	Appointment of Members to Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels and Working Groups	<p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>(i) That the size and political balance (where appropriate) of the Statutory Groups set out in Appendix 1 to report HCCS/37/18 be approved, and the appointment of Members to those seats so as to give effect to the wishes of the Political Groups to which the seats are allocated be agreed.</p> <p>(ii) That the size and political balance (where appropriate) of the Executive Board Sub-Committees and Non-Statutory Groups set out in Appendix 2 to</p>

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		<p>report HCCS/37/18 be approved, and the appointment of Members to those seats so as to give effect to the wishes of the Political Groups to which the seats are allocated be agreed.</p> <p>(iii) That this matter be dealt with as an urgent item of business in accordance with Standing Order 43(1) of the Council’s Standing Orders.</p> <p>Reason for decisions</p> <p>To agree the appointment of Members to the Statutory and Non-Statutory Groups established by the Executive Board. The reason for urgency is to allow these bodies to operate immediately.</p>
15	Forward Work Programme	<p>RESOLVED - That the Forward Work Programme be approved.</p> <p>Reason for decision</p> <p>To approve the current list of items included in the Forward Work Programme.</p>
18	Education Update	<p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>(i) That formal consultation with staff and key stakeholders in line with the Councils Organisational Design Toolkit be undertaken.</p> <p>(ii) That following the consultation process, a further report be brought back to Executive Board.</p>

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		<p>(iii) That this matter be dealt with as an urgent item of business in accordance with Standing Order 43 (1) of the Council's Standing Orders.</p> <p>Reason for decisions</p> <p>To begin consultation immediately so that the options can be fully explored and staff and learners are engaged in the process as soon as possible.</p>