



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 31st July, 2014

Agenda Item 4

SUBJECT:

Medium Term Service Planning – Service Change Proposals -
Leisure Services

**Cabinet Members Present
County Borough Councillors:**

A.Morgan (Chairman), R.Bevan, A.Crimmings, M.Forey, E.Hanagan,
K.Montague and M.Webber

**Apologies for Absence
County Borough Councillors:**

P.Cannon and G.Hopkins

**Other Members in Attendance
County Borough Councillors:**

S.Bradwick, W.J.David (Mrs.)A.Davies, (Mrs.)C.Leyshon, P.Jarman,
S.Rees-Owen, G.Stacey, L.Walker and C.J.Williams

1. DECISION MADE:**Agreed –**

- That Llantrisant Leisure Centre, Rhondda Sports Centre and Michael Sobell Sports Centre (which will include Aberdare Swimming Pool), all be retained as core centres with opening hours as set out in section 5.6 of the report on page 38 with implementation of the optimum operating structures as identified by the review. At these centres the bars should only function on a full cost recovery basis.
- Llantrisant Leisure Centre, Rhondda Sports Centre and Michael Sobell Sports Centre will be open on bank holidays. Cafe facilities should be retained at Llantrisant and Rhondda, in the short term, with a review of their profitability to be undertaken.
- That further work be undertaken to identify the investment requirements in these centres moving forwards, particularly in relation to Rhondda Sports Centre.
- That Abercynon, Hawthorn, [Rhondda Fach](#) and Tonyrefail Leisure Centres be retained as satellite centres with reduced opening hours as set out in section 5.5 of the report on pages 37 and 38. Thus ensuring that savings are realised, whilst also ensuring that peaks in usage are accounted for and maximising income generation. These centres will also be open on bank holidays.
- That the Jacuzzis in Abercynon and Hawthorn are removed to support the need for savings as they do not sit with the core purpose of a leisure centre or swimming pool provision. That the bars at both Abercynon and Hawthorn centres operate on a full cost recovery basis only.
- That appropriate Officers be instructed to develop the marketing of leisure services and the use of social media and other channels to communicate more effectively.
- That the management structure across the service is reviewed so that a leaner, more efficient structure is established.
- That Bronwydd Pool and Llantwit Fardre Leisure Centre not be closed at the current time and that Officers, as set out in paragraph 5.9 of the report, explore opportunities to work with existing trusts, community groups or third sector organisations, who may wish to create a trust to maintain a future for these two facilities as well as monitoring any income generation improvements that may be accomplished through a more targeted marketing approach.

- That the Cabinet receive a further report in relation to Bronwydd Pool and Llantwit Fardre Leisure Centre before the end of this financial year in order to consider the longer term future of these centres.
- In relation to Hawthorn Pool, to await the outcome of the report on the structural survey undertaken at the facility as referenced in Agenda item 3 of the Cabinet meeting held on 31st July 2014 before making any judgement on its future.
- That Officers undertake a more broader piece of work to establish the viability of a trust model for Leisure Services in Rhondda Cynon Taf for future consideration by the Cabinet.

Note: Following the observations made by the Group Director, Corporate Services whilst presenting the report of the Corporate Management Team and the comments of the respective Cabinet Members, the following Members made comments on the proposals:-

- County Borough Councillors G.Stacey, L.Walker, P.Jarman and S.Rees-Owen.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- The need to inform Members of the further work undertaken with regard to options for Leisure Services as requested by the Cabinet at its meeting held on the 14th May, 2014.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- As shown at Appendix 2 to the report.

4. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None

5. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):

N/A

6. (a) IS THE DECISION URGENT AND NOT TO BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YES NO ✓

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. **Wednesday, 13th August, 2014** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

6. (b) IF YES, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS URGENT:

N/A

6. (c) SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)

4th August, 2014



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(Proper Officer)

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(Dated)