MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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MTCBC POLITICAL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Council Notes

1. That Part II of the Local Government Act 2000 gave local authorities the power to operate new political management structures.

2. The four structures consist of three executive arrangements involving a Leader or elected Mayor and a Cabinet and a fourth option – not an executive arrangement – consisting of modernised committee system with board and scrutiny committees – alternative arrangements model (commonly known as “the fourth option”).

Council notes that Merthyr Tydfil CBC is one of only three Local Authorities which operate under the fourth option/alternative arrangements. The remaining nineteen local authorities in Wales operate the Leader and Cabinet Executive model of executive arrangements.

Council notes that local authorities are able to change their political management structures e.g. from fourth option to executive arrangements and vice versa.

Council believes that, although the current use of the fourth option in Merthyr may have worked well in the past, the arrangement is no longer serving the best interests of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough and its residents.

Council therefore calls upon the appropriate officer to begin the process to change the constitutional arrangements from the current fourth option arrangement to the Leader and Cabinet model.

Councillor R Griffin  
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