

FULL COUNCIL MEETING



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

Thursday, 19 February 2015

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Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council to be held at the **COUNCIL CHAMBER** on **Wednesday, 25th February, 2015** at **5.30 pm** being a Meeting for the following purposes.

Any reference documents referred to but not published as part of this agenda can be found on the Council's website or intranet under Background Papers.

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members of the Council are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and prejudicial interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct.

Note:

- a. Members are reminded that they must identify the item number and subject matter that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest; and
- b. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a prejudicial interest they **must** notify the Chair when they leave.

OPEN SESSION

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

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| 3. | Minutes of meeting Monday, 12 January 2015 of Scrutiny : Customer Services | (Pages 1 - 4) |
| 4. | Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 13 January 2015 of Scrutiny : Chief Executive (inc. Crime and Disorder) | (Pages 5 - 8) |
| 5. | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 14 January 2015 of Joint Negotiating and Consultative Group | (Pages 9 - 10) |
| 6. | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 14 January 2015 of Scrutiny : Social Services & Social Regeneration | (Pages 11 - 14) |
| 7. | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 14 January 2015 of Cabinet | (Pages 15 - 18) |
| 8. | Minutes of meeting Monday, 19 January 2015 of Audit Committee | (Pages 19 - 22) |
| 9. | Minutes of meeting Monday, 19 January 2015 of Scrutiny : Schools | (Pages 23 - 26) |
| 10. | Minutes of meeting Monday, 26 January 2015 of Scrutiny : Schools | (Pages 27 - 30) |
| 11. | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 28 January 2015 of Cabinet | (Pages 31 - 34) |

12. Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 28 January 2015 of Full Council **(Pages 35 - 40)**
13. Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 4 February 2015 of Licensing Committee **(Pages 41 - 42)**
14. Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 4 February 2015 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee **(Pages 43 - 46)**

Committee Report(s)

15. Budget and Council Tax 2015/16 - State of the Council Debate
To consider report of the Chief Executive. **(Pages 47 - 84)**
16. Council Tax Resolution 2015/16
To consider report of the Chief Executive. **(Pages 85 - 92)**
17. Workforce Equalities Policy
To consider report of the Chief Executive. **(Pages 93 - 100)**
18. Council Tax Discretionary Relief Policy
To consider report of the Corporate Director of Customer Services. **(Pages 101 - 112)**
19. Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme
To consider report of Corporate Director of Customer Services. **(Pages 113 - 114)**
20. Merthyr Tydfil Local Housing Market Assessment 2015
To consider report of Corporate Director of Customer Services. **(Pages 115 - 122)**
21. Gellideg Housing Cooperative Project
To consider report of the Corporate Director of Customer Services. **(Pages 123 - 134)**

22. Changes to 'Housing Choice' - Housing Allocations Policy

To consider report of the Corporate Director of Customer Services. **(Pages 135 - 142)**

CLOSED SESSION

Exempt Item(s)

In order that the following can be considered in private, it is suggested that the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and 16 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

23. Leisure and Culture Trust – Public Open Space Notice

To consider report of Corporate Director of Customer Services. **(Pages 143 - 144)**

RE-OPENED SESSION

Other Items

24. To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence
25. To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor

By order of the Mayor

**GARETH CHAPMAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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