



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
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MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor B E Mansbridge (In the Chair)

Councillors C J Barry, R Braithwaite, S P Brown, B Carter, T Chaplin, D Davies, M Davies, E Galsworthy, D Isaac, A Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, G Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, T Lewis, L A Matthews, J McCarthy, K Moran, L Mytton, D Roberts, L E Smart, W R Smith, Raymond Thomas, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey, P Williams and S Williams

Officers:

Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director of Customer Services), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Phil Hodgson (Interim Statutory Director of Social Services), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Interim Head of Human Resources), Jill Bow (Service Improvement Manager), Mark Anderton (Head of Adult Social Services) and Beth Melhuish (Corporate Communications)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer) and Jayne Overbury (PA to the Mayor)

| ITEM NO. | AGENDA MATTER | DECISION |
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| 1189 | Apologies for Absence | Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H Barrett. |
| 1190 | Declarations of Interest | No Declarations of Interest were made. |
| 1191 | Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 10 February 2015 of Scrutiny : Social Services & | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held 10 February 2015 |

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| | Social Regeneration | be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1192 | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 11 February 2015 of Cabinet | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 11 February 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1193 | Minutes of meeting Monday, 16 February 2015 of Scrutiny : Customer Services | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Customer Services Scrutiny Committee held 16 February 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1194 | Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 17 February 2015 of Scrutiny : Chief Executive (inc. Crime and Disorder) | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Chief Executive's Scrutiny Committee held 17 February 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1195 | Minutes of meeting Monday, 23 February 2015 of Scrutiny : Schools | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Schools Scrutiny Committee held 23 February 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1196 | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 25 February 2015 of Joint Negotiating and Consultative Group | Councillor D Roberts advised that his apologies for absence needed to be recorded in the Minutes. Resolved subject to the foregoing that: The Minutes of the Joint Negotiating and Consultative Group Meeting held 25 February 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1197 | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 25 February 2015 of Cabinet | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 25 February 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1198 | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 25 February 2015 of Full Council | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 25 February 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1199 | Minutes of meeting Monday, 2 March 2015 of Audit Committee | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 2 March 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1200 | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 4 March 2015 of Licensing Committee | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 4 March 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1201 | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 4 March 2015 of Licensing Committee | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 4 March 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1202 | Minutes of meeting | Resolved that: |

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| | Wednesday, 4 March 2015 of Planning , Regulatory and Licensing Committee | The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 4 March 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1203 | Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 11 March 2015 of Cabinet | Resolved that: The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 11 March 2015 be accepted as a correct record. |
| 1204 | Pay Policy Statement 2015-16 | Declaration of Interest All Officers apart from Lisa Jones Interim Human Resources Manager left the Meeting for the consideration of this item. Resolved that: (a) The Authority's Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16 be amended to include the following paragraph which can be found at 14.2 of the Pay Policy Statement: <i>'The Council employs Chief Officers under JNC terms and conditions which are incorporated into their contracts (Director and Chief Executive). The JNC for Chief Officers negotiates on National (UK) annual costs of living pay increases for this group, and any award of same is determined on this basis. Chief Officers employed under JNC terms and conditions are contractually entitled to any National JNC determined pay rises and this Council will therefore pay these as and when determined in accordance with current contractual requirements.'</i> (b) The Pay Policy 2015-16 to be implemented 1 st April 2015 be approved |
| 1205 | Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/16 - 2017/18 | Resolved that: (a) The Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20 of £36.978 million outlined in Appendix B of the report be approved, subject to funding confirmation from external providers (b) The Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/16 to 2017/18 (including the Treasury Management Policy and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16) outlined in Appendix C of the report be approved (c) The Prudential Indicators contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan be approved with authorisation for managing and monitoring the authorised limit and operational boundary delegated to the Chief Finance Officer |
| 1206 | Discounts for Long Term Unoccupied Properties | Resolved that: (a) The current 50% discount be retained in the 2015/2016 financial year in respect of long-term vacant dwellings as defined in class C of Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as |

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| | | <p>amended (see Appendix B of the report)</p> <p>(b) No discount be applied in respect of unoccupied and furnished dwellings as defined by classes A and B of Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (see Appendix B of the report)</p> <p>(c) The future impact of the Housing Wales Act be noted</p> |
| 1207 | The Revised Constitution for the Joint Supplies Service | <p>Arising on paragraph 2.7 of the report it was noted that 'stringer' should read 'stronger'.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The revised Joint Supplies Constitution as set out in Appendix 2 of the report for a five year term be approved</p> <p>(b) Delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Procurement Manager, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member to deal with any further variations to the Joint Supplies Constitution, once concluded, that may be proposed from time to time, provided that such variations are within budget and the overall principles of the Joint Supplies service</p> |
| 1208 | Proposals to Dereister Glendere and Park View | <p>Councillor H R Jones left the Meeting at 6.29 pm and returned at 6.30 pm.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) Deregistration of Glendere and Park View be agreed</p> <p>(b) Glendere and Park View be established as supported accommodation with a preferred provider</p> <p>(c) The Council enter into detailed negotiations with staff about opportunities for redeployment within the Council, TUPE or Voluntary Early Retirement</p> <p>(d) Deregistration of Glendere and Park View will not require the current residents to move from their homes be noted</p> |
| 1209 | Organisational Structure 2015 (ADDITIONAL ITEM) | <p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Lisa Jones Interim Human Resources Manager left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>(a) The appointment of Lorraine Buck as Corporate Director (People and Performance) from 1st April 2015 subject to the normal checks be confirmed</p> <p>(b) The appointments of Lisa Jones as Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development and Lisa Curtis Jones as Chief Officer (Social Services) from 1st April 2015 subject to the normal checks be noted</p> <p>(c) An update on the implementation of the</p> |

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| | | Organisational Structure from the Chief Executive be provided to the scheduled Full Council Meeting on 22 nd April 2015 |
| 1210 | To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence | The Leader advised of the Special Council Meeting that had been convened for Wednesday 1 April 2015 and the purpose of the Meeting. |
| 1211 | To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor | No Communications were received. |