



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor D Isaac (In the Chair)

Councillors H Barrett, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, S P Brown, B Carter, T Chaplin, D Davies, M Davies, E Galsworthy, A Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, G Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, B E Mansbridge, L A Matthews, J McCarthy, K Moran, L Mytton, M O'Neill, D Roberts, S Slater, L E Smart, W R Smith, Raymond Thomas, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey and S Williams

Officers:

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director (Place and Transformation) - Deputy Chief Executive), Dorothy Haines (Chief Officer (Learning) - Chief Education Officer), Cheryllee Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), Steve Jones (Head of Finance - Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development), Judith Jones (Head of Planning), Mark Anderton (Head of Adult Services), Tom Bramley (Landscape Architect) and Ceri Dinham (Senior Communications Officer)

Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1080	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T C Lewis and Councillor P Williams.

1081	Declarations of Interest	Councillor A Jones Declared his Interest in Item 20 – Biffa Profit Sharing Scheme as he is a Deacon of Horeb Chapel.
1082	Social Services and Wellbeing Act	<p>Councillor L Matthews advised the Council with regard to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act that would come into force in April 2016.</p> <p>The Council then viewed a Video available on the Social Services Improvement Agency (SSIA) website entitled 'What Matters to You, Matters to Us' which gave an insight into the Act.</p>
1083	Minutes of meeting Monday, 18 January 2016 of Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 18 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1084	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 19 January 2016 of Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 19 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1085	Minutes of meeting Monday, 25 January 2016 of Rights of Way Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee held 25 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1086	Minutes of meeting Monday, 25 January 2016 of Scrutiny : Learning and LAESCYP	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee held 25 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1087	Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 26 January 2016 of Scrutiny : Regeneration, Planning and Countryside	<p>Arising under Members present the Minutes should read Councillor C Barry and not Councillor P Williams.</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Regeneration, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 26 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1088	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 27 January 2016 of Cabinet	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 27 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1089	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 27 January 2016 of Scrutiny : Joint Scrutiny Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Committee held 27 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>

1090	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 27 January 2016 of Audit Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 27 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1091	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 27 January 2016 of Full Council	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 27 January 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1092	Minutes of meeting Monday, 1 February 2016 of Audit Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 1 February 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1093	Minutes of meeting Monday, 1 February 2016 of Democratic Services Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Democratic Services Committee held 1 February 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1094	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 3 February 2016 of Objections and Appeals Sub Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Objections and Appeals Sub Committee held 3 February 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1095	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 3 February 2016 of Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 3 February 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1096	Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 10 February 2016 of Cabinet	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 10 February 2016 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
1097	The City Deal	<p>The Leader Councillor B Toomey referred the Council to 'The City Deal' report and advised that since the preparation of the report certain events had moved on and consequently the timelines set out in the report were inaccurate.</p> <p>The Leader also reminded the Council that even if the Deal is agreed by both Governments, as Leader of the Council he would be authorised to sign the formal City Deal Offer Document only on the basis that it does not commit the Council until the detailed proposals are negotiated and agreed by the constituent Authorities.</p> <p>The Leader further advised that on Monday this week the core negotiating team consisting of Councillor Phil Bale Leader of Cardiff, Councillor Andrew Morgan, Leader of Rhondda Cynon Taf and Councillor Peter Fox Leader of Monmouthshire presented the final business case to the other Leaders of the South East Wales Region and the Leaders signed off the Document and the negotiating team</p>

		<p>formally presented to the Welsh Government Challenge Session on Monday afternoon.</p> <p>The Leader then referred to Paragraph 3.4 of the report where the core negotiating team is referred to as being made up of the three Council Leaders plus a senior member of the Business and Higher Education Sectors, but advised that last Monday the Westminster Government rejected this so the team consisted of just the three Leaders.</p> <p>On Tuesday 23 February 2016 the Core Negotiating Team met with the Secretary of State for Wales and other Central Government figures in London to present our case in the second Challenge Session.</p> <p>The formal outcome of both Challenge Sessions is not yet available, however, in the event of a successful outcome the formal signing of the City Deal should take place within the next two weeks or so.</p> <p>In the event of a successful Deal, only then when each constituent Authority is in full agreement with the proposals will we be asked to sign the formal Deal Document which will then become binding and this could take between six and eighteen months.</p> <p>The Leader also advised that there were no additional financial implications at this time although a further report to Council will be presented in due course in order to finance a dedicated Project Team to take the Deal forward.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The contents and updates of the report be noted (b) In the event that the Deal is agreed by the UK Government and the Welsh Government at the outcome of the Challenge Sessions, the Leader of the Council be authorised to sign the formal 'City Deal' offer document on the basis that it does not commit the Council until such time as the detailed proposals are negotiated and agreed between the constituent Authorities.
1098	Amendment to the Redeployment Policy 2015	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Redeployment Policy is amended at Section 12 to reflect the following: <p><i>Pay Protection is available for employees who are redeployed to a job that has a lower salary than or reduced hours to their substantive post. The pay protection will be no more than the financial value of one grade or 5 hours less per contractual week</i></p> <p><i>e.g If an employee is currently on a Grade 7 and wishes to be considered for a redeployment job role of Grade 4 (reduction of 3 grades) the employee will <u>only</u> be eligible for pay protection for one grade lower, which</i></p>

		<p>(a) The draft Merthyr Tydfil Open Space Strategy and associated Action Plans be approved for consultation</p> <p>(b) Six weeks of public consultation on the draft Merthyr Tydfil Open Space Strategy and associated Action Plans commences during March 2016.</p>
1102	Ffos y Fran Community Fund	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report be received.</p>

CLOSED SESSION

Exempt Item

Resolved that:

The public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 16 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

1103	Agency Labour Procurement Contract	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The content of this report be noted.</p>
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RE-OPENED SESSION

1104	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
1105	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received.