



MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor K Gibbs (In the Chair)

Councillors J Amos, H Barrett, A Barry, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, S P Brown, B Carter, D Chaplin, M Colbran, C Davies, L Davies, D Hughes, D Isaac, S Jago, C T Jones, D Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, L Mytton, K O'Neill, G Richards, D Roberts, T Rogers, D Sammon, T Skinner, W R Smith, J Thomas, G Thomas, I Thomas, S Thomas and C Tovey

Officers:

Ellis Cooper (Deputy Chief Executive), Geraint Morgan (Solicitor), Steve Jones (Head of Finance), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Sue Walker (Chief Education Officer), Cheryllee Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), Alyn Owen (Chief Officer (Regeneration and Public Protection)), Michael Campbell (Building Services Manager), Jeremy Ashdown (H R Manager) and Ceri Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager)

Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
707	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E C Galsworthy.
708	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
709	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	The Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings.
709a	Full Council: 10/1/2018	Arising on Minute Number 617 – Primary School Competition for Design of #Shwmaeronment Logo – a

		<p>Member advised that the following be added for clarity: 'Just over 100 years ago 90% of the population here spoke Welsh'.</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 10 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
709b	Licensing Committee: 20/12/2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 20 December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
709c	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 20/12/2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 20 December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
709d	Democratic Services Committee: 27/11/2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Democratic Services Committee held 27 November 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
709e	Audit: 8/1/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 8 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
709f	Audit/Joint Scrutiny: 17/1/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Joint Audit / Joint Scrutiny Committee held 17 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
709g	Scrutiny : Joint Committee/Audit: 17/1/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Joint Scrutiny / Audit Committee held 17 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
709h	Scrutiny : Learning and LAESCYP: 4/12/2017	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee held 4 December 2017 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
709i	Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 9/1/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 9 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
709j	Scrutiny : Regeneration and Public Protection: 16/1/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 16 January 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
710	Revised Medium Term	A Member enquired if notification had been received from

	<p>Financial Plan 2018/19 To 2021/22 - Update February 2018</p>	<p>the Police in relation to the Precept figure.</p> <p>Steve Jones advised that notification had been received in relation to the Precept and it was an increase of 7% for the next financial year.</p> <p>A Member then recommended that the Council debate this increase and also referred to the issue of Community and Neighbourhood Policing.</p> <p>Another Member then recommended that the Police Superintendent be invited to address the Council in relation to Community Policing.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The implications of the Final Local Government Settlement for 2018/19 outlined in Section 5 of the report and Appendices 1 to 3 be noted and accepted (b) The Service Budget Reductions (Already Approved) outlined in Section 6 of the report and Appendix 4 be noted (c) The Cabinet recommended Service Budget Reductions (Not Requiring Business Cases) outlined in Section 6 of the report and Appendix 5 be approved (d) The Cabinet recommended Additional Budget Demands outlined in Section 7 of the report be approved (e) The Cabinet recommended Additional Corporate Budget Reductions outlined in Section 8 of the report be approved <p>Further Resolved that:</p> <p>The Chief Superintendent of Police be invited to address a Meeting of Full Council</p>
711	<p>Driving On Council Business</p>	<p>Councillor A Barry led the Members in detail through the 'Driving on Council Business' report.</p> <p>Arising on the report a Member enquired how many staff drove Council vehicles and how many employees drove their own vehicles for work purposes.</p> <p>Mick Campbell advised that he would supply the Members with these figures.</p> <p>Questions were also raised in relation to Staff Health and Training and were responded to by the Officers.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Driving on Council Business Policy be approved.</p>
712	<p>Members' Social Media Policy</p>	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Members Social Media Policy be approved and the</p>

		information Governance Forum be authorised to update and amend the Policy as necessary.
713	Release Of Sky Lanterns & Balloons From Council Owned Land & Property	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A voluntary ban of the release of sky lanterns and balloons from Council owned land and property be approved with immediate effect (b) A Corporate instruction be issued to all building managers within the Council advising of the ban (c) An instruction be sent to all council tenants advising of the ban (d) The ban will apply to events on Council owned land and property hosted by the Council and/or third parties (e) The ban will also apply to the sale of sky lanterns from Council owned land and property
714	Repayable Funding Award From Welsh Government To Deliver Private Sector Housing Loan Products	This item was withdrawn.
715	Notification of the activation date ('go live date') of Council's new Common Housing Allocations Policy called 'Living Merthyr Tydfil'	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
716	Exempt	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>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 15 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>
717	Revised MTFP 2018-19 to 2021-22 - Service Budget Reduction Business Cases	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The item be deferred for further information.</p>
718	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
719	To receive communications from Her / His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.