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County Borough Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# SCRUTINY : GOVERNANCE, PERFORMANCE, BUSINESS CHANGE AND CORPORATE SERVICES MEETING

TUESDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 2020

**PRESENT:** Councillors: T Skinner (Chair)  
G Lewis (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: D Sammon and C T Jones

Councillor D Jones (Substitute Member)

**Coopteers:**

J Beard (Public) and C Payne (Public)

**Officers:**

E Cooper (Interim Chief Executive), A Mogford (Head of Corporate Services), D Smith (Brexit Officer), F Donnelly (H R Manager) and S Lyons (Performance and Scrutiny Officer)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
592	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Amos, Councillor H R Jones and Councillor W R Smith.
593	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.

594	Change Programme	<p>Andrew Mogford referred the Committee to the 'Change Programme' report and responded to the following raised by the Committee:</p> <p>Paragraph 4.3.1 – Further clarification sought on this.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked Andrew Mogford for the update to the Committee.</p>
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**Exempt**

The Committee were advised that appendices 1 and 2 of the 'Preparation and Implications of Brexit' report contained exempt information.

After consideration by the Committee it was

**Resolved that:**

The public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 14 and 15 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

595	Preparation and Implications of Brexit	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the 'Preparations and Implications of Brexit' report.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the report and were responded to in detail by the Officers.</p> <p>The Committee also requested further information / actions on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composition of the Brexit Working Group</li> <li>• Inclusion of Councillors on the Working Group</li> <li>• Supplies Disruption – Recommendation that Cabinet be requested to write to Welsh Government in relation to mitigating risks</li> <li>• European Funding – Recommendation that this be referred to the Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee for their consideration</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The update regarding the Council's preparations for Brexit be noted.</p>
596	Work Programme 2019/20	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the 'Work Programme 2019/20' report and advised that the H R update scheduled for this Meeting had been deferred and that the Scrutiny Officer would advise the Committee of the Meeting date for the H R update.</p>
597	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	<p>The Chair circulated to the Committee a paper prepared by the Scrutiny Officer in relation to follow up actions.</p> <p>The Chair also advised that concerns had been raised in relation to the process of Debt Collection.</p>

		<p>A Member then proposed that this matter be raised with Cabinet for their consideration and it was also proposed that the Cabinet Member be invited to a future Meeting.</p> <p>The Committee then agreed to these proposals.</p>
598	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected on the issues that had been considered at the Meeting.
599	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.