



## MINUTES OF MEETING

# FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillors H Barrett (Chair)  
M Colbran (Vice-Chair)

Councillors J Amos, A Barry, B Carter, D Chaplin, C Davies, J Davies, L Davies, E Galsworthy, K Gibbs, D Hughes, D Isaac, S Jago, C T Jones, D Jones, M 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:**

C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), E Cooper (Interim Chief Executive), S Jones (Head of Finance), L Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), S Walker (Chief Education Officer), J Jones (Chief Officer Neighbourhood Services), A Owen (Interim Deputy Chief Executive), A Mogford (Head of Corporate Services), F Donnelly (H R Manager), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), A Taylor (Head of Democratic Services), C Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager), M Davies (Countryside Planning - Ecologist), A Lewis (Head of School Planning Performance and Resource), A Lloyd (Head of Children's Services), M Parry (Revenues Manager), J Raine (Planning Policy & Implementation), J Sellwood (Leisure, Culture and Sports Development Manager) and S Price (Benefits)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION

670	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C J Barry and Councillor H R Jones.
671	Declarations of Interest	Councillor L Davies Declared his Interest in Item Fourteen – Cyfarthfa Park, Castle, Museum, Art Gallery and Heritage Assets Operated by The Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust as he does some work for the Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust.
672	Youth Offending Service - Prevention	This item was deferred.
673	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings:
673a	Full Council: 18/12/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 18 December 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673b	Cabinet: 18/12/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 18 December 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673c	Audit: 30/09/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 30 September 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673d	Scrutiny : Joint Committee: 30/09/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Committee held 30 September 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673e	Audit: 19/12/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 19 December 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673f	Standards: 15/11/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Standards Committee held 15 November 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673g	SACRE: 26/11/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the SACRE Meeting held 26 November 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673h	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 16/10/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 16 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673i	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 08/01/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing

		Committee held 8 January 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
673j	Licensing Committee:15/01/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 15 January 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
673k	Licensing Committee: 15/01/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 15 January 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
673l	Scrutiny : Learning and LGES: 07/10/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee held 7 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673m	Scrutiny : Social Services: 08/10/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 8 October 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673n	Scrutiny : Social Services: 17/12/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 17 December 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673o	Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 26/11/2019	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 26 November 2019 be accepted as a correct record.
673p	Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 07/01/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 7 January 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
673q	Scrutiny : Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside: 13/01/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 13 January 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
673r	Scrutiny : Regeneration and Public Protection: 14/01/2020	<b>Resolved that:</b> The Minutes of the Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 14 January 2020 be accepted as a correct record.
674	Revenue Budget 2020/21	<b>Resolved that:</b>  (a) The implications of the Provisional Local Government Settlement for 2020/21 outlined in Section 6 of the report and Appendices 1 to 3 be noted and accepted

		<p>(b) The Cabinet recommended net Corporate Additional Demands outlined in Section 7 of the report and Appendix 4 be approved</p> <p>(c) The Service Budget Reductions previously approved by Council outlined in Section 8 of the report and Appendix 5 be noted</p> <p>(d) The Cabinet recommended Corporate Budget Reductions outlined in Section 9 of the report and Appendix 6 be noted and approved</p> <p>(e) The Cabinet recommended Budget Reserve and General Reserve contributions of £600,000 and £300,000 respectively outlined in Section 10 of the report be approved</p> <p>(f) The Cabinet recommended Provision for Further Commitments of £764,000 outlined in Section 11 of the report be approved</p>
675	Welsh Government Consultation: Changes to Executive Governance Arrangements in Principal Councils	<p>Councillor A Barry referred the Members to the 'Welsh Government Consultation: Changes to Executive Governance Arrangements in Principal Councils' report and proposed an amendment to recommendation 2.1 to read:</p> <p>'In order to compile a collective response the forwarding to Democratic Services by any Member of any comments or observations be agreed'</p> <p><b>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</b></p> <p>(a) In order to compile a collective response the forwarding to Democratic Services by any Member of any comments or observations be agreed</p> <p>(b) The sharing of this collective response with all Councillors for their information be agreed.</p>
676	Adoption Of Council Tax Reduction Scheme For the Financial Year 2020/21	<p>Councillor J Amos left the Meeting at 5.50 pm and returned at 5.54 pm.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The adoption of a Council Tax Reduction Scheme to commence in April 2020 under the requirements of the Prescribed Requirements Regulations for the 2020/21 financial year be approved.</p>
677	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Replacement Local Development Plan 2016 – 2031: Inspector's Report and Adoption	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(a) The findings of the Inspector's binding report attached at Appendix 1 be noted and the Adoption of the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) 2016 – 2031 be approved</p> <p>(b) The Chief Officer for Planning and Neighbourhood Services be authorised to make minor typographical or factual corrections, presentational changes or consequential amendments to the Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) arising from the Inspector's recommended changes in accordance with Paragraph 1.9 of the Inspector's</p>

		<p>report</p> <p>(c) The necessary arrangements are made to translate and publish the Replacement Local Development Plan, including making the Plan available on the Council's Website and at deposit locations in accordance with the 2005 Local Development Plan Regulations (as amended) be approved</p> <p>(d) Use of adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) prepared to supplement the Policies of the existing adopted Local Development Plan (LDP) 2006 – 2021 as material considerations in the determination of planning applications be approved until they are replaced or otherwise withdrawn.</p>
678	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Nature Recovery Action Plan (2019 – 2024)	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>Council adoption of the Merthyr Tydfil Nature Recovery Action Plan be approved.</p>
679	Corporate Parenting Board Update	<p>Councillor C Davies referred the Members to the 'Corporate Parenting Board Update' report and advised of amendments to the report:</p> <p>Paragraph 5.10 – Placement Type – Merthyr Tydfil Foster Carers – Number of Looked after young people in placement type as at 31.03.18 should read 52 not 26.</p> <p>Councillor C Davies also gave a detailed explanation of Paragraph 5.6 of the report in relation to the numbers and the reduction of the numbers themselves stabilising young people and to keep them close to home.</p> <p>Councillor C Davies also proposed a further recommendation of 'Provision to the Members of an update Workshop on Councillors Corporate Parenting Roles and Responsibilities'.</p> <p><b>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</b></p> <p>(a) The contents of the report be noted</p> <p>(b) Provision to the Members of an update Workshop on Councillors Corporate Parenting Roles and Responsibilities be agreed</p>
680	Securing Sufficient Nursery Education for the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(a) The Nursery Education Offer of English Medium Places proposed for academic year 2020/2021 as detailed in Paragraph 7.2 of the report is sufficient for the County Borough and the Local Authority is working towards securing sufficient provision of Welsh Medium Nursery Education Places as detailed in Paragraphs 6.51 and 6.52 of the report be approved</p> <p>(b) The Nursery Education Admissions Policy detailed in Section 7.0 of the report be approved and reviewed annually as part of published admission</p>

		<p>arrangements with a three yearly update on Nursery Education Provision being brought back to Council</p> <p>(c) The funding of April Foundation Phase Nursery 1 (FPN1) places implemented through the Scheme of Delegation from April 2020 (subject to the relevant consultations) be approved</p> <p>(d) The revenue budget required to deliver a seedling Welsh Medium Primary School as detailed in Paragraph 9.3 of the report be built into the Medium Term Financial Plan from 2021 onwards be approved</p> <p>(e) The long term Nursery Education Strategic aims for Foundation Phase Nursery 1 (FPN1) and Foundation Phase Nursery 2 (FPN2) places set out in Paragraphs 8.5 and 8.6 of the report be approved</p> <p>Councillor S Thomas left the Meeting at 6.38 pm and returned at 6.40 pm.</p>
681	Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW) Annual Letter 2018/19	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
682	Exempt	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></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>
683	Cyfarthfa Park, Castle, Museum, Art Gallery And Heritage Assets Operated By The Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust	<p>Councillor L Davies having Declared his Interest in this Item left the Chamber for the consideration of this Item.</p> <p>Councillor E C Galsworthy left the Meeting at 7.00 pm.</p> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The recommendations as contained within the report be accepted.</p>
684	Feasibility Study For Internal Agency Follow Up	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
685	Business Rates - Application For Hardship Relief	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
686	Preparations And Implications Of Brexit	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
687	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>

688	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	The Mayor extended his congratulations to Councillor S Thomas and his Partner on the birth of their baby.
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