



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : REGENERATION, **PUBLIC PROTECTION AND** **HOUSING MEETING**

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2021

PRESENT: Councillors L Davies (Chair)

Councillors M Colbran, J Thomas and S Thomas

Cooptees:

A Millar (MTBWYF) and R Stone (Public)

Other Councillors in Attendance:

K O'Neill (Cabinet Member)

G Thomas (Cabinet Member)

Officers:

A Owen (Deputy Chief Executive), M Purnell (Performance and Scrutiny Officer), C Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager), D Ryan-Newton (Community Services Officer), Z Thomas (European & External Funding Support Officer) and P H Davies (Purchasing Manager) and M Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
282	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Gibbs and Co Optee H Hopkins
283	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were received.

284	Issues Arising from the End of European Funding	<p>Deputy Chief Executive A Owen introduced the item to the committee and provided an overview of the report with assistance from officers C Long, D Ryan-Newton and Z Thomas.</p> <p>The following questions were raised by the committee and were responded to in detail by the officers in attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity was sought in relation the current end dates in tables 4 and 5 on Page 8 of the report • 5.3 of the report states that 72 experienced support staff will be made redundant are these just Council staff or does this figure include staff from key partners we work with. If key partner figures are not included do you have any indication of the redundancies key partners could face • In terms of a future report could we have details of the effects on out key partners and the possible redundancies they face • In relation to the Levelling Up and the Shared Prosperity Fund is there any indication on how the funding will work and whether it will be delivered by Central or Welsh Government <p>After a number of comments from the committee in relation to the report and questioning the Chair thanked the officers for the report and their responses to the questions raised by the committee.</p>
285	Merthyr Tydfil Recovery, Transformation & Improvement (RTI) Plan - Economic Recovery (Working Life) Theme	<p>Deputy Chief Executive A Owen introduced the report to the committee and highlighted the salient points with the assistance of Officers C Long and P Davies.</p> <p>The following question were raised by the committee and were responded to in detail by the officers in attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it possible to provide the committee with a report at Novembers meeting in relation to the City Status application and the possible impact it could have on our Recovery, Transformation and Improvement Plan and Economic Recovery themed work and also the Kickstart project as it is also highlighted in this current report <p>Following comments the Chair thanked the Officers for the report and their responses to the questions raised.</p>
286	Committee Work Programme 2021-2022	<p>The Chair provided an update in relation to the co-production exercise around homelessness and housing and suggested the committee continue with the exercise and bring in homelessness and housing officers and Registered Social Landlords towards the end of the year.</p>

287	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow Up Actions	The Chair confirmed that there were no referrals, feedback and follow up actions.
288	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected on the matters that had been discussed at the Meeting.
289	Any Other Business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent, thanked the committee for their attendance and closed the meeting