



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
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MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor B E Mansbridge (**In the Chair**)

Councillors H Barrett, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, S P Brown, B Carter, T Chaplin, D Davies, G Davies, E Galsworthy, D Isaac, D L Jarrett, A Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, G Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, T Lewis, L A Matthews, J McCarthy, K Moran, L Mytton, D Roberts, W R Smith, Raymond Thomas, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, P Williams and S Williams

Officers:

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director of Customer Services), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Mark Thomas (Assistant Director - Chief Executive's), Sue Hughes (Assistant Director Social Regeneration), Lisa Jones (Interim HR Manager), Dorothy Haines (Head of School Improvement) and Adele Lewis (Chief Accountant)

Outside Bodies:

Gareth Williams (Chair of Recovery Board)
Jeremy Evans (Wales Audit Office)

Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer) and Matthew Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
454	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence received from Councillors M Davies, C Tovey and L Smart.
455	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were made.

456	Statement of Accounts 2013/14	<p>Councillor L Mytton left the meeting at 5.35 pm</p> <p>The Leader presented to Members the final audited statement of accounts for the 2013/14 financial year, and highlighted the summary revenue outturn 2013/14 as set out in Table 1 of the report.</p> <p>Questions were raised by Members and answered by the appropriate officers.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The Audited Statement of Accounts for 2013/14, being the financial year ended 31st March 2014, be approved.</p>
457	Letter of Representation 2013/14	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Representations regarding the 2013/14 Financial Statements be approved and communicated to the Appointed Auditor.</p>
458	Annual Governance Statement 2013/14	<p>Councillor L Mytton returned to the meeting.</p> <p>The Leader referred to the addendum which was sent to Members separately,</p> <p>He briefed Members on the main points within the Significant Governance Issues which included the Estyn Report on Local Authority Services, Auditor General's Annual Improvement Report 2013 and Scrutiny Arrangements.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The Annual Governance Statement be approved.</p>
459	Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council's Standing Orders be amended to incorporate the amendments required by the Regulations. • A further report be put to Council annexing the amended Standing Orders.
460	Home to School Transport Policy	<p>The Leader advised this item be deferred as additional information is required before Members are able make a decision.</p> <p>This report will be considered at the Special Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 30th September 2014.</p>
461	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>

462	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	There was no communication from His Worship the Mayor.
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