



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
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MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor D Isaac (In the Chair)

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

Officers:

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Simon Jones (Solicitor), Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director of Customer Services), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Interim HR Manager), Steve Peters (Head of Public Protection and Housing), Dorothy Haines (Head of School Improvement), Anthony Lewis (Head of Education, Planning, Performance and Resources) and Beth Melhuish (Communications)

Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
463	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence received from Councillor M Davies, C Jones, G Lewis, B Mansbridge and K Moran.
464	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were made.

The Deputy Mayor, Leader and Councillor L Mytton expressed their sadness and shock of the untimely passing of Councillor Dave Jarrett.

A one minute silence was held for Councillor Jarrett.

465	Home to School Transport Policy	<p>Councillor H Jones led members through the report and outlined the proposed increased walking distances applied in the Local Authority's Home to School Transport Policy in line with statutory thresholds, and the key outcomes of the public consultation on the recommended options.</p> <p>Debate ensued and questions were asked by members and answered by the appropriate members and officers.</p> <p>Councillors E Galsworthy and B Smith left the meeting at 6.05 pm to attend another meeting and therefore did not vote on this item.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The proposed increase of walking distances to the statutory thresholds be approved to take effect as policy from 1st September 2015.</p>
466	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>The Leader proposed that a Special Council be scheduled for Wednesday, 15th October 2014 at 3.00 pm to consider the consultation on changing employee terms and conditions.</p> <p>This was unanimously agreed by Members.</p>
467	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	<p>There was no communication from the Deputy Mayor.</p>