



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : SCHOOLS MEETING

FRIDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor L Mytton (In the Chair)

Councillors M Davies, K Moran and C Tovey

Cabinet Members:

Councillors B Toomey, P Williams, H R Jones and L A Matthews

Cooptees:

Teresa Bradley, Maureen Harris and Alan Rees

Officers:

Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Paul Lewis (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager) and Richard Parry (Consultant for School Improvement), Joanne Turner (Accountant)

Outside Bodies:

Karl Napieralla (Recovery Board)

Howard Jones (Scrutiny Manager) and Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
871	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Davies, Councillor G Lewis and Councillor S Williams.
872	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.

873	Budget Proposals 2015/16 to 2017/18 - Non Employee	<p>Councillor P Williams entered the Meeting at 10.31 am.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Councillor B Toomey, Councillor P Williams, Councillor H Jones and Councillor L Matthews to the Meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Toomey then gave an overview to the Committee of the Budget setting process and gave details of the Revenue Settlement.</p> <p>Steve Jones referred to the Budget Proposals 2015/16 to 2017/19 – Non Employee report and led the Committee in detail through the report together with Appendices 1 to 9.</p> <p>The Chair advised that if there were questions in relation to other Service areas that these would be raised and reported back at the next Committee.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the Budget Proposals and were responded to in detail by Steve Jones and the Cabinet Members.</p>
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Exempt

Resolved that:

The public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 and 13 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

874	Budget Proposals 2015/16 to 2017/18 - Employee	<p>Steve Jones referred to the Budget Proposals 2015/16 to 2017/18 – Employee report and led the Committee in detail through the report together with appendices 1 to 4. He also circulated to the Committee Risk Assessments relating to references 1 and 2 of Appendix 2 of the report.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to by Steve Jones and the Cabinet Members.</p> <p>A Committee Member also requested sight of the Enhanced Provision Programme Document.</p> <p>A Member then recommended that the two items in relation to the Budget stand deferred for a further Meeting and that the appropriate Officers be invited to attend this Meeting.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>That a Special Scrutiny Meeting be convened as soon as possible to further consider:</p> <p>Budget Proposals 2015/16 to 2017/18 – Non Employee Budget Proposals 2015/16 to 2017/18 – Employee</p>
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Re-Opened Session

875	Home to School Transport - Review Update	<p>Councillor K Moran and Mrs M Harris left the Meeting at 11.30 am and returned at 11.32 am.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Paul Lewis to the Meeting.</p> <p>Paul Lewis referred to the Home to School Transport Update report and led the Committee in detail through the report.</p> <p>A Committee Member then requested sight of the Risk Assessments together with details of the routes.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>This item be deferred and further considered at the next scheduled Meeting.</p>
876	Scrutiny and Audit Chairs Liaison Group Update	The Committee received an update.
877	Frequency of Schools Scrutiny Committee meetings	This item was not considered.
878	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair, Karl Napieralla and the Committee reflected on the issues that had been raised at the Meeting.
879	Forward Work Programme	The Committee considered and agreed the Forward Work Programme.
880	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there were no items deemed urgent.