



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : CHIEF EXECUTIVE (INC. CRIME AND DISORDER) MEETING

TUESDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor T Lewis (In the Chair)

Councillors D Isaac, T Chaplin and A Jones

Cooptees:

Alison Harris

Cabinet:

Councillor B Toomey, Councillor P Williams and Councillor L Matthew

Officers:

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director of Customer Services), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Mark Thomas (Assistant Director - Chief Executive's), Lisa Jones (Interim HR Manager) and Richard Parry (Consultant for School Improvement)

Outside Bodies:

Derek Davies (Welsh Government Advisor)

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
898	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Brown, Councillor K Moran and Mrs N Mahoney Co-opted Member.
899	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
900	Consideration of Agenda items	The Committee considered in detail the items on the agenda.
901	Budget Proposals 2015/16 to 2017/18 - Non Employee	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor B Toomey, Councillor P Williams and Councillor L Matthews to the Meeting.</p> <p>The Chair also welcomed the Officers 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 Committee were also advised that if there were questions in relation to other Service areas these would be raised with the appropriate Officers.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the Budget Proposals and were responded to in detail by the Officers and the Cabinet Members.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Cabinet approved revisions (subject to the outcomes of Public, Employees and Trade Unions consultations) to the Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/16 to 2017/18 relating to the Chief Executive Scrutiny Committee be considered and approved (b) Employee Related budget reductions be considered separately under the exempt report '<i>Budget Proposals 2015/16 to 2017/18 – Employee</i>' to this Chief Executive Scrutiny Committee of 13th January 2015

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

902	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 Appendix 3 of the report.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by the Officers and the Cabinet Members.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Cabinet approved revisions (subject to the outcomes of Public, Employee and Trade Unions consultations) to the Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/16 to 2017/18 relating to the Chief Executive Scrutiny Committee be considered and approved (b) The ongoing Senior Management and Corporate Centre restructures be noted (c) Potential requirement for changes to Employee Terms and conditions be noted (d) The application to the Welsh Government for a Capitalisation Direction be noted
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903	Estyn feedback from monitoring visit	<p>Gareth Chapman referred the Committee to the Feedback Letter – Estyn Monitoring Visit 6th to 8th October 2014 report.</p> <p>Gareth Chapman then referred to recommendations R 3 and R 7 and responded to questions raised by the Committee.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Estyn letter be received and the update noted.</p>
904	Performance Update - Q1 & Q2 Corporate Plan & the Outcome Agreement	<p>Mark Thomas referred to the Corporate Plan Performance Report Mid-Year Update report and led the Committee through the report giving details in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority Area 1 – Raising Standards of Attainment • Priority Area 2 – Employability • Priority Area 3 – Economic Development • Priority Area 4 – Active Lifestyles • Priority Area 5 – Promoting Independence • Priority Area 6 – Meeting the Needs of Vulnerable Children • Priority Area 7 – A Sustainable Environment <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to by Mark Thomas.</p> <p>The Committee were also advised that if there were further questions in relation to the Priority Areas these questions would be submitted to the appropriate Officer with the</p>

		<p>response reported back to the Members.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The content of the report be noted.</p>
905	Scrutiny and Audit Chairs Liaison Group Update	The Committee received an update from the Chair.
906	Forward Work Programme	The Committee considered and agreed the Forward Work Programme.
907	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.