



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
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## MINUTES OF MEETING

# SCRUTINY : SOCIAL SERVICES & SOCIAL REGENERATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillor W R Smith (In the Chair)

Councillors T Lewis, B E Mansbridge and J McCarthy

**Cabinet :**

Councillor B Toomey, Councillor P Williams, Councillor L Matthews and Councillor B Carter

**Officers:**

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Phil Hodgson (Interim Statutory Director of Social Services), Lisa Curtis Jones (Head of Children's Services), Sue Hughes (Assistant Director of Social Regeneration), Mark Anderton (Head of Safeguarding, Quality and Performance), Ian Benbow (Head of Adult Social Regeneration and Development), Jonathan Strong (Principal Officer Financial Management) and Richard Parry (Consultant for School Improvement), Stacey Evans (Accountant)

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
913	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Braithwaite and Mr C Brazier Co-opted Member.

914	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
915	Consideration of Agenda items	The Committee considered in detail the items on the agenda.
916	Budget Proposals 2015/16 to 2017/18 - Non Employee	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor B Toomey, Councillor P Williams, Councillor L Matthews and Councillor B Carter 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>Phil Hodgson then referred in detail to Appendix 9 of the report and responded to questions raised.</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><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>(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 Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee be considered and approved</p> <p>(b) Employee Related budget reductions be considered separately under the exempt report '<i>Budget Proposals 2015/16 to 2017/18 – Employee</i>' to this Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee of 14th January 2015</p>

## **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*

917	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 2 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><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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 Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee be considered and approved</li> <li>(b) The ongoing Senior Management and Corporate Centre restructures be noted</li> <li>(c) Potential requirement for changes to Employee Terms and Conditions be noted</li> <li>(d) The application to the Welsh Government for a Capitalisation Direction be noted</li> </ul>
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### **Re-Opened Session**

918	Task & Finish Group Update	The Chair updated the Committee in relation to the findings of the Task and Finish Group.
919	Scrutiny and Audit Chairs Liaison Group Update	The Committee received an update from the Chair.
920	Forward Work Programme	The Committee considered and agreed the Forward Work Programme.
921	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.