



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor B E Mansbridge (In the Chair)

Councillors H Barrett, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, B Carter, D Davies, M Davies, E Galsworthy, D Isaac, A Jones, C T Jones, D Jones, G Jones, H R Jones, T Lewis, L A Matthews, J McCarthy, K Moran, D Roberts, W R Smith, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey, 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), Phil Hodgson (Interim Statutory Director of Social Services), Steve Jones (Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Interim HR Manager), Lorraine Buck (Chief Education Officer), Alyn Owen (Head of Economic Development and European Funding), Geraint Morgan (Solicitor), Richard Parry (Consultant for School Improvement) and Ceri Dinham (Senior Communications Officer)

Outside Bodies:

Gareth Williams (Chair of Recovery Board)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1130	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Brown, Councillor T Chaplin, Councillor G Davies, Councillor G Lewis, Councillor L Mytton, Councillor L E Smart and Councillor Raymond Thomas.

1131	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
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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, 13, 14 and 17 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A of Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

1132	115 High Street, Merthyr Tydfil	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A budget to meet the costs of the scaffolding be allocated from earmarked reserves (b) The property be purchased from the owner at nil value on the provision that Welsh Government agrees to the re-profile of the Vibrant and Viable Places programme to include this scheme and associated costs (c) If Welsh Government does not agree to the inclusion of this property under the Vibrant and Viable Places Programme remit then the matter be referred back to Council
1133	Organisational Structure 2015	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>All Officers apart from the Chief Executive left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Councillor J McCarthy entered the Meeting at 5.40 pm and did not vote.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The comments and responses be noted (b) The final structure shown at Appendix 4 be approved subject to Community Regeneration being transferred from under the Director of People and Performance and placed under the Director of Place and Transformation (c) The Chief Executive be required to implement the new structure as soon as is reasonably possible (expected completion of process is June 2015) (d) The Chief Executive work with the Corporate Directors to build upon the evolving Defining Success For 2017 statement and present this to Council at the earliest opportunity (e) An Appointment Panel consisting of five Councillors to include Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Transformational Change, Leader of the Opposition and Councillor Allan Jones be approved to shortlist and interview (if appropriate) the post of Director of People and Performance and to recommend to Council a suitable candidate.

Re-Opened Session

1134	Proposal to fund part-time Nursery Places in Nursery and Primary Schools	<p>Councillor B Carter left the Meeting at 6.00 pm.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation as amended by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology be approved(b) The seven full time nursery places continue to be funded in the new academic year (2015/16)(c) All current part time nursery places be continued for those pupils remaining in nursery classes in the new academic year (2015/16) and all new nursery places be offered on a part time basis for a period of at least 12.5 hours per week
1135	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no urgent business or correspondence.
1136	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received.