



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL

MINUTES OF MEETING

CABINET MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor B Toomey (In the Chair)

Councillors P Williams, C J Barry, B Carter, D Jones and L A Matthews

Councillor W R Smith – Scrutiny Chair

Officers

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Carys Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), Ellis Cooper (Corporate Director (Place and Transformation) - Deputy Chief Executive), Lorraine Buck (Corporate Director (People and Performance) - Lead Director for Children and Young People), Steve Jones (Head of Finance - Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development), Alyn Owen (Chief Officer (Community Regeneration)), Dorothy Haines (Chief Officer (Learning) - Chief Education Officer), Gary Thomas (Transformation Change Manager), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Chris Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager) and Richard Parry (Consultant for School Improvement) Alex Stephens (Regeneration)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1336	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H R Jones.

1337	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
1338	Development of the Cyfarthfa Furnaces and Iron Works Site	<p>The Chair welcomed Mr Morgan Chambers, Mr Rob Thompson and Dr Hefin Jones of the Merthyr Tydfil Heritage Trust to the Meeting.</p> <p>Representatives of the Trust then made a Presentation to the Committee in relation to the Trevithick Steam Railway and Cyfarthfa Ironworks – Business Case and Master Plan.</p> <p>Details were then given on:</p> <p>Stage 2 – Project Consultants Phase One, Two, Three Four a, Four b and Five Development Programme Summary</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Members on the Presentation and were answered by the Trust representatives and the appropriate Officers.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked the representatives from the Trust for their Presentation and invited the Trust to give a further Presentation to Full Council following the publication of the report.</p>
1339	A review and evaluation of Member Scrutiny 2014-15 and recommendations for 2015/16	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor W R Smith and Richard Parry to the Meeting.</p> <p>A Member then recommended that recommendation 6.2 be amended together with a further recommendation.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Progress during 2014/15 in terms of the quality and effectiveness of the Scrutiny and Audit processes and the recommendations be noted as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report (b) The Cabinet recognises and supports the need to be more focused and in particular to avoid duplication of effort by Officers and Members. Cabinet therefore accepts fully the recommendations identified in Appendix 2 of the report and the Chief Executive is charged with implementing those recommendations in terms of the development of work plans and agendas, dissemination of effective practice and training (c) Cabinet recommends to the next available Council that the existing Scrutiny Committees be reconstituted to reflect the observations set out in paragraph 12 of Appendix 2 of the report. As a consequence:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chief Executive's Scrutiny Committee would be reconstituted as the Corporate, Performance and Business Change Scrutiny Committee • The Schools Scrutiny Committee as the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee • The Customer Services Scrutiny Committee as the Neighbourhood Services Public Protection and Community Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, to include Crime and Disorder • The Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee as the Social Services Scrutiny Committee
1340	Any Other Business Deemed Urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.