



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
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MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : GOVERNANCE, PERFORMANCE, BUSINESS CHANGE AND CORPORATE SERVICES MEETING

MONDAY, 29TH JUNE, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor T Lewis (In the Chair)

Councillors D Isaac, G Jones, L Mytton, D Roberts, W R Smith
and S Williams

Cooptees:
Nicola Mahoney

Officers:
Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Jane Sellwood
(Central Librarian) and Richard Parry (Consultant for School
Improvement)

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
127	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Carter and Councillor L E Smart.
128	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.

129	Corporate Plan Performance Report, Quarter 4 (Year End update)	<p>The Chair welcomed Mark Thomas to the Meeting.</p> <p>Mark Thomas referred to the Corporate Plan Performance Report, Quarter 4 report and led the Members through the report in detail.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who made the judgements • When will funding be received and the current situation • What are the exit strategies if Grants are coming to an end • Are any groups highlighted as priorities • Identification of problem areas and the receiving of reports on problem areas • The whole system of reporting and the receiving of up to date performance information • What mechanisms are in place to ensure all data is present • Use of the Verto System and timescales • Meeting the needs of vulnerable children • Fly tipping issues <p>Mark Thomas then responded in detail to the questions that had been raised.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The update on progress against delivery of the Corporate Plan and Outcome Agreement be noted (b) Scrutiny Members follow up with their respective Scrutiny Committees any performance issues, especially in relation to delivery of the Outcome Agreement <p>The Chair then thanked Mark Thomas for the update to the Committee.</p>
130	Annual return - Standards for Welsh Public Libraries	<p>The Chair welcomed Jane Sellwood to the Meeting.</p> <p>Jane Sellwood referred to the Annual return – Standards for Welsh Public Libraries report and led the Members through the report in detail.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are we doing • Are complaints received and if so how many and what are the main reasons • Priority areas <p>Jane Sellwood then responded in detail to the questions raised.</p>

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131	Scrutiny Committees Membership, Remits and Meeting dates	Resolved that: The contents of the report be noted.
132	Draft Annual Scrutiny Report - 2014 / 2015	Resolved that: The report be received and the contents noted.
133	A Review and Evaluation of Member Scrutiny 2014/15 and Recommendations for 2015/16	The Chair referred to the A Review and Evaluation of Member Scrutiny 2014/15 and Recommendations for 2015/16 report. He also stated that the Chair of the Audit Committee should be a Member of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee and that he would take this matter forward with the Chief Executive. Resolved that: The report be received.
134	Forward Work Programme 2015/16	Richard Parry referred to the Preparation of Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/16 report and outlined to the Committee the type of items that should be included on the agenda. Resolved that: The contents of the report be noted and the Committee progresses with the preparation of the Work Programme.
135	Meeting Commencement Time	Resolved that: In future Pre Meetings be held prior to the commencement of the Committee Meeting at 4.00 pm and that the Committee start time be 4.30 pm.
136	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	The Chair advised that there was no update on this item.
137	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	This item was not considered.
138	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.