



MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
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MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor M Davies (In the Chair)

Councillors H Barrett, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, S P Brown, B Carter, T Chaplin, E Galsworthy, A Jones, D Jones, H R Jones, G Lewis, T Lewis, L A Matthews, J McCarthy, K Moran, L Mytton, M O'Neill, D Roberts, S Slater, W R Smith, Raymond Thomas, Richard Thomas, B Toomey, C Tovey, P Williams and S Williams

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), Lisa Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), Dorothy Haines (Chief Officer (Learning) - Chief Education Officer), Steve Jones (Head of Finance - Chief Finance Officer), Lisa Jones (Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development) and Vicky Robst (Corporate Communications)

Mair Morgan (Scrutiny / Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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Minutes Silence

The Council observed a Minutes Silence for Mr Stanley Thomas MBE Freeman of the County Borough.

458	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Isaac, Councillor C T Jones, Councillor G Jones, Councillor B E Mansbridge and Councillor L E Smart.
459	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
460	Statement of Accounts 2014/15	Resolved that: The Audited Statement of Accounts for 2014/15 being the financial year ended 31 March 2015 be approved.
461	Letter of Representation 2014/15	Resolved that: Representations regarding the 2014/15 Financial Statements be approved and communicated to the Appointed Auditor.
462	Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15	Gary Evans advised the Council of amendments to the report since the publication of the agenda: Section 3 – The Governance Framework Paragraph (d) – Amendment to first sentence from ‘Workshops have been held to develop a Corporate Self Evaluation Model’ to read ‘In July / August of 2013 a series of Workshops were held to develop a Corporate Self Evaluation Model’ Alteration throughout whole document where necessary to change ‘Authority’ to ‘Council’ for uniformity Paragraph (g) – Insertion of text after first sentence ‘In addition, there have been a number of changes required as a result of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011’ Paragraph (k) – Insertion of text into second sentence to change from ‘The Whistleblowing Policy was updated and amended during 2014/2015 to include more detailed monitoring of staff awareness and improved record keeping measures’ to ‘The Whistleblowing Policy was updated and amended during 2014/2015 to incorporate legislative change. A programme of work has been agreed to include more detailed monitoring of staff awareness and improved record keeping measures’. Resolved subject to the foregoing that: The Annual Governance Statement be approved.
463	Syrian Refugee Crisis	The Leader led the Council through the ‘Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (SVPRS)’ report. A Member then referred to the Collection Point that had been organised and asked if this could be continued. Resolved that: (a) The Council provide full in principle support to assisting the resettlement of Syrian refugees,

		<p>providing appropriate and adequate resources are provided to assist in this matter</p> <p>(b) A report to be brought back to Council when full financial implications are known after the Meeting with the WLGA</p>
464	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Chair advised that there was no urgent business or correspondence.
465	To receive communications from His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received.