



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : REGENERATION **AND PUBLIC PROTECTION** **MEETING**

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor J Amos (In the Chair)

Councillors S P Brown, M Colbran, E Galsworthy and G Lewis

Councillor Geraint Thomas – Cabinet Member

Coopteers: Howard Jackson

Youth Forum Representative: Morgan Ellis

Officers:

Alyn Owen (Chief Officer (Community Regeneration)), Chris Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager), Paul Lewis (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager) Deb Newton-Ryan (Community Services Officer), Antonio Pompa (BID Co-ordinator) and Ryan Evans (Community Safety Manager)

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
519	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Barry and Councillor B Carter.
520	Declarations of Interest (including whipping)	No Declarations of Interest were made.

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521	Wellbeing Objectives - Working Life 1; Making Skills Work for Merthyr Tydfil: Developing the Workforce of the Future	<p>Chris Long and Deb Newton-Ryan referred the Committee to the Working Life 1 / Making Skills Work for Merthyr Tydfil: Developing the Workforce of the Future (Wellbeing Objective)' report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee on the report and were responded to in detail by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the pay levels of the jobs offered by Trego Mills - What are the hours being offered • How many applicants were there from the Recruitment Fair – How many applicants were from Merthyr Tydfil and how many from outside the County Borough – When will employment commence - What are the Transport links – Bus Routes - What is the employment profile – What percentage of employees on Point 1 – What is the breakdown of employee numbers on other levels – What level of salaries are being provided - Are there both full and part time opportunities for employment - What is the percentage of young people who have applied for employment - What is the turnover of staff on the current site • KPI as a measurable value- Why is Average subjective Wellbeing score for participants in employability programmes included as a KPI when there is no target and can't measure its success or otherwise – Is there a target • Paragraph 7.4 - Fourteen referrals have been received – Has employment been found • Paragraph 8.3 - Have there been any indications that there will be efficiencies around the running costs of the Neighbourhood Learning Centre – What risks are envisaged • Paragraph 8.4 - Further details requested on ' Work and Health Programme' • Appendix II – Year 11 leavers – What are the reasons for these figures <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The content of the report be noted.</p>
522	Continued Development of the Town Centre	<p>Alyn Owen referred the Committee to the 'Continued Development of the Town Centre' report.</p> <p>Antonia Pompa then referred the Committee to Appendix B – Overview of Town Centre Perception Survey.</p> <p>Paul Lewis also gave an outline of the work undertaken by Trading Standards and Licensing around the Night Time Economy</p> <p>Ryan Evans also gave an update to the Committee in relation to Community Safety.</p>

		<p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are underage people turned away at the door or at the bar • How did the Perception Survey compare with other Local Authorities – Will another Survey be undertaken next year to allow for comparison • What is the comparison between the older and younger generation in the night time – Police presence – Where to go to report Crime – How to provide more safeguarding – Drunkenness • Paragraph 5.7 – Night Shelter – Where is the location and when is it opening • Paragraph 5.15 – Awarding of grants • Can enforcement action be taken in relation to the condition of some shop fronts • Paragraph 7.1 – Has a Champion been nominated • Appendix A – Glossary of Terms requested <p>Alyn Owen advised that the Appendix would be re-issued with the letters in full</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the percentage for anti-social behaviour for Merthyr Tydfil • What is being done regarding vandalism - Have young people been asked to co-operate and to work with the older generation <p>An invite was then extended to the Officers to attend a Youth Cabinet Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 5.3 – The Action Plan identifies numerous issues that need to be addressed. How are all the actions required monitored in the action plan – Are Targets being set – When will they be completed <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The comments made by the Committee be noted.</p> <p>Councillor E C Galsworthy left the Meeting at 3.30 pm.</p>
523	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow Up Actions	The Chair advised that there was no update on this item.
524	Forward Work Programme	The Chair referred the Committee to the ‘Scrutiny Committee Work Programme’ report and the Committee agreed the Work Programme.
525	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	<p>The Chair and the Committee reflected in detail on the issues that had been considered at the Meeting namely the issues of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment at Trego Mills • Homelessness

526	Any Other Business as deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
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