



MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

JOINT MEETING WITH AUDIT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor D Roberts (In the Chair)

Councillors T Skinner, J Amos, C J Barry, R Braithwaite, D Chaplin, M Colbran, L Davies, S Jago, C T Jones, D Jones, G Lewis, T Rogers, D Sammon, J Thomas, S Thomas, I Thomas and C Tovey

Cooptees:

Claire Brown, Robert Holdaway, Rosemary Lazell and Alan Rees

Councillors: K O'Neill, L Mytton, H Barrett, A Barry and G Thomas – Cabinet Members

Officers:

Gareth Chapman (Chief Executive), Ellis Cooper (Deputy Chief Executive), Steve Jones (Head of Finance), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Jeremy Ashdown (H R Manager), Cheryllee Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), Andrew Mogford (Strategic Business Analyst), Matthew Rivers, Alyn Owen (Chief Officer (Community Regeneration)), Kerry O'Donovan (Corporate Risk and Equalities Manager), Mark Anderton (Head of Adult Services) and Annabel Lloyd (Head of Children's Services)

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

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
650	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Brown, Councillor C Davies, Councillor E C Galsworthy, Councillor K Gibbs, Councillor H R Jones, Councillor G Richards, Councillor W R Smith, Mr H Jackson, Mrs A Roberts and Mr B Lewis Co-opted Members and Councillor D Hughes Cabinet.
651	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	<p>Councillor D Sammon Declared his Interest in Item Three – Revised Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 – Update as he is the Council Representative on the Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust and is also the Owner of the Merthyr Times Newspaper.</p> <p>Councillor C Tovey Declared his Interest in Item Three – Revised Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 – Update and Item Four - Revised Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 – Service Budget Reduction Business Cases.</p>
652	Revised Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 - Update	<p>The Chair welcomed the Cabinet Members and the Officers to the Meeting.</p> <p>Steve Jones referred the Committee to the 'Revised Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 – Update' report and also gave a Presentation giving details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Revisions • Review Council Report – 13 December 2017 • Revisions Post Council Report • Financial Implications – Budget Deficits • Revised MTFP – Pre Final Settlement • Implications of Provisional Settlement • Welsh Local Government Revenue Settlement 2018 – 2019 • Changes on Key Datasets • Corporate Additional Demands • Corporate Budget Reductions • Budget Reserve Re-profile • Service Budget Reductions • School's Savings • Revised MTFP – Post Final Settlement • Implications of Final Settlement • Additional Welsh Government Funding • Additional Budget Demands • Additional Corporate Budget Reductions • Financial Implications <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The revisions to the Medium Term Financial Plan be noted and accepted.</p>

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 Paragraph/s 14 and 15 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

653	Revised Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 - Service Budget Reduction Business Cases	<p>Councillor C Tovey having Declared his Interest in this item left the Meeting for the consideration of this item.</p> <p>Kerry O'Donovan referred the Committee to the 'Revised Medium Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 – Service Budget Reduction Business Cases' report and also gave a Presentation in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Proposals• Business Cases• Recommended Options <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the Report and Presentation and were responded to in detail by the Cabinet and the Officers.</p> <p>Mr A Rees left the Meeting at 3.25 pm.</p> <p>Councillor T Skinner left the Meeting at 4.08 pm and returned at 4.10 pm.</p> <p>Councillor L Davies left the Meeting at 4.11 pm and returned at 4.13 pm.</p> <p>Mr R Holdaway left the Meeting at 4.20 pm.</p> <p>Councillor T Rogers left the Meeting at 4.20 pm and returned at 4.22 pm.</p> <p>The Chair then called for at ten Minute recess from 4.30 pm to 4.40 pm.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The judgements and evaluations be noted.</p>
654	Any Other Business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.