



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : REGENERATION AND PUBLIC PROTECTION MEETING

TUESDAY, 5TH JUNE, 2018

PRESENT: Councillors J Amos (Chair)

Councillors C J Barry and G Lewis

Cooptees:

H Hopkins (Public), H Jackson (Voluntary Sector) and M Ellis (Youth Forum Representative)

Other Councillors in Attendance:

G Thomas (Cabinet Member)

Officers:

S Walker (Chief Education Officer), A Owen (Chief Officer (Regeneration and Public Protection)), A Mogford (Business Change Manager), S Peters (Head of Public Protection and Housing), A Cooper (Business Change Officer) and M Purnell (Performance)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
28	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Brown, Councillor B Carter and Councillor M Colbran.
29	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.

	(including whipping declarations)	
30	Post-16 Home to School Transport - Following Consultation	<p>The Chair welcomed Councillor G Thomas Cabinet Member and the Officers to the Meeting.</p> <p>Alyn Owen referred the Committee to the 'Post-16 Home to School Transport – Following Consultation' Report.</p> <p>The following questions were then raised by the Committee and were responded to in detail by Councillor Thomas and the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommendation as contained within the report • Finance - Explanation requested on the type of travel and the size of the bus • Paragraphs 1.2.2 and 1.2.3 – How many pupils were affected under Option 2 and Option 3 and why was Option 3 the preferred Option • What subjects were currently available in Merthyr Tydfil that could fall outside the proposal • Pupil numbers at the Merthyr Tydfil College • Paragraph 8.2 – Were there any alternatives coming forward from the consultation exercise • Appendix 1 – Pupil Voice – Were there any links made to other youth groups operating within the County Borough • How many paper questionnaires were sent – What was the percentage rate • With the Options what could be the possible impact on NEETS • Were there any specialised courses run in Merthyr Tydfil that pupils would not be able to access • What is the take up for Agricultural Courses • Do other Councils bus pupils into the County Borough for courses • Is there provision at Merthyr Tydfil College to support the local economy with the Courses provided • Minimum numbers required for a course – If insufficient what happens then • Fees • NEETS and the approach to University • Appendix 1 – Paper Questionnaire Results – The number that responded <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The content of the report be noted.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked the Officers for attending and the update to the Committee.</p>
31	Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018-19	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the 'Scrutiny Committee Work Programme' report and requested comments from the Committee.</p>

		<p>A Member then requested updates on the Bus Station</p> <p>Another Member also stated that it would be useful for Officers to give updates as and when required.</p> <p>Alyn Owen responded that he would be happy to give briefings and updates at any time.</p> <p>The Committee then agreed the Committee Work Programme.</p>
32	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow Up Actions	The Chair advised that there was no update on this item.
33	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected on the issues that had been considered at the Meeting.
34	Any Other Business as deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.