



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

PRESENT: Councillors C Tovey (Chair)
H Barrett (Vice-Chair)

Councillors J Amos, A Barry, C J Barry, S P Brown, B Carter, D Chaplin, M Colbran, C Davies, J Davies, L Davies, E Galsworthy, K Gibbs, D Hughes, D Isaac, S Jago, C T Jones, D Jones, G Lewis, L Mytton, K O'Neill, G Richards, D Roberts, T Rogers, D Sammon, T Skinner, W R Smith, J Thomas, G Thomas, I Thomas and S Thomas

Officers:

G W Chapman (Chief Executive), E Cooper (Deputy Chief Executive), S Jones (Senior Solicitor), S Jones (Head of Finance), M Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), L Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), S Walker (Chief Education Officer), A Mogford (Business Change Manager), F Donnelly (H R Manager), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), B Melhuish (Corporate Communications Officer), A Taylor (Democratic Services Team Leader), P H Davies (Purchasing Manager), G Evans (Audit Manager), A Lewis (Chief Accountant), P Lewis (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager) and S Peters (Head of Public Protection and Housing)

Outside Bodies:

C Davies, J Morgan, H Goddard and C Smith
(Wales Audit Office)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION

Welcome

The Chair welcomed Councillor J Davies to his first Full Council Meeting.

The Chair also congratulated Councillor D Roberts and Councillor C Jones on their appointments as Leader and Deputy Leader of the Labour Group.

346	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H R Jones.
347	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor J Thomas Declared his Interest in Item 12 – Home to School Transport and Item 13 – Post-16 Home to School Transport as he is working in the industry.</p> <p>Councillor A Barry Declared his Interest in Item 12 – Home to School Transport and Item 13 – Post-16 Home to School Transport as he is working in the industry.</p>
348	MTCBC Annual Improvement Report 2017/18	<p>The Chair welcomed Colin Davies and Justine Morgan of the Wales Audit Office to the Meeting.</p> <p>Colin Davies referred the Council to the Annual Improvement Report 2017-18 and gave details of the Summary Report and the Recommendations and Proposals for Improvement.</p> <p>Questions were then raised by the Members on the report and were responded to by Mr Davies.</p> <p>Councillor K O'Neill Leader of the Council then thanked Colin Davies for the report.</p> <p>The Chief Executive then advised that this was the last Presentation from Colin Davies to the Authority and he thanked Mr Davies and Justine Morgan for their services and support to the County Borough over the years.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The content of the report be noted.</p>
349	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	The Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings.
349a	Full Council: 25/07/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 25 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
349b	Cabinet: 25/07/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 25 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
349c	SACRE: 14/06/2018	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Minutes of the SACRE Meeting held 14 June 2018 be</p>

		accepted as a correct record.
349d	Standards: 20/07/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Standards Meeting held 20 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
349e	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 18/07/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 18 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
349f	Licensing Committee: 18/07/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 18 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
349g	Rights of Way: 30/07/2018	Resolved that: The Rights of Way Committee held 30 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
349h	Audit: 09/07/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 9 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
349i	Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 04/09/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 4 September 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
349j	Scrutiny : Regeneration and Public Protection: 17/07 2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held 17 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
349k	Scrutiny : Learning and LAESCYP: 16/07/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee held 16 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
349l	Scrutiny : Learning and LAESCYP: 03/09/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Learning and LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee held 3 September 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
349m	Scrutiny : Social Services: 24/07/2018	Resolved that: The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held 24 July 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
349n	Scrutiny :	Resolved that:

	Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside: 18/06/2018	The Minutes of the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee held 18 June 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
350	Annual Governance Statement for Financial Year 2017/18	Resolved that: The Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 be approved.
351	Appointment of Audit Committee Lay Member	Resolved that: Mr Robert T Williams be appointed Lay Member to the Council's Audit Committee for the remaining term of this Council. A Member then thanked Mr D Gibby the outgoing Lay Member for his contribution to the Committee.
352	Letter of Representation 2017/18	Resolved that: Representations regarding the 2017/18 Financial Statements be approved and communicated to the Appointed Auditor.
353	Statement of Accounts 2017/18	The Chair welcomed Helen Goddard and Caitlin Smith of the Wales Audit Offices to the Meeting. Helen Goddard referred the Council in detail to the 'Audit of Financial Statements Report – Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council'. Resolved that: The Audited Statement of Accounts for 2017/18 being the financial year ended 31 March 2018 be approved.
354	Ethical Employment Practices In Supply Chains – Code Of Practice	Resolved that: (a) The sign up to the Code of Practice and prioritising the commitments in accordance with available resources be approved and (b) The establishment of a Working Group from HR, Legal, Procurement and Safeguarding to create an Action Plan, Monitor and Deliver the Code of Practice be approved.
355	Annual Scrutiny Report 2017–18	Councillor A Barry referred the Council to the 'Annual Scrutiny Report – 2017/2018'. A Member stated that comments from the Scrutiny Chairs had been included in previous reports and why had they been omitted from this report. Another Member then enquired if the recommendation as outlined under Paragraph 2.2 of the report included the Audit Committee. Councillor A Barry advised that the recommendation should include Audit Committee and also recommended that the

		<p>comments of all Scrutiny Chairs that had been omitted from the report be submitted to a Meeting of Full Council.</p> <p>Comments were then raised by Members in relation to the location of Scrutiny Meetings as there was no Webcasting equipment in the Committee Rooms.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The contents of the report be noted (b) A pilot scheme be introduced for the Webcasting of Scrutiny and Audit Committee Meetings (c) That a report be submitted to a Meeting of Full Council containing the comments of the Scrutiny Chairs.
356	Change to Committee Appointments 2018-2019	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Councillor Jeremy Davies be appointed to the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee.</p>
357	Home to school Transport	<p>Councillor A Barry and Councillor J Thomas having Declared their Interest in this item left the Chamber for this item.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The start of a public consultation regarding options for the provision of mainstream Home to School Transport which will be conducted from October 2018 to January 2019 be approved.</p>
358	Post-16 Home to School Transport	<p>Councillor A Barry and Councillor J Thomas having Declared their Interest in this Item left the Chamber for this item.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>Option 3 (amended) be approved for the reasons set out in the report: taking in to consideration the advantages and disadvantages of each option, the financial implications and the public consultation feedback.</p>
359	Period Poverty	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The findings and recommendations of the report as outlined in Appendix 2 be noted.</p>
360	Petition received by the Authority	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
361	Update to the Email Acceptable Use Policy	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
362	Locking of Cemetery	<p>This item was withdrawn.</p>

	Gates	
363	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
364	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.