



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol  
MERTHYR TUDFUL  
MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# **SCRUTINY : GOVERNANCE, PERFORMANCE, BUSINESS CHANGE AND CORPORATE SERVICES MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: T Skinner (Chair)

Councillors: J Amos, H R Jones, D Roberts, D Sammon and  
W R Smith

**Cooptees:**

J Beard (Public)

**Other Councillors in Attendance:**

A Barry (Cabinet Member)

**Officers:**

C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services -  
Monitoring Officer), M Thomas (Head of Corporate Services),  
A Mogford (Business Change Manager), A Lewis (Head of  
School Planning Performance and Resource), M Purnell  
(Performance and Scrutiny Officer), C Long (Economic  
Development & Strategic Tourism Manager) and A McCafferty  
(Performance and Scrutiny Officer)

**Outside Bodies:**

Ian Davy (VAMT)

Jayne Sellwood, Wendy Groves, Geraint Morgan and Jeremy  
Ashdown (Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
379	Apologies for Absence	No apologies for absence were received.
380	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	<p>Councillor D Sammon Declared his Interest in Item 3 – Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust: The Portfolio of Possibilities as he is a Member of the Trust Board and has received Dispensation.</p> <p>Councillor A Barry Declared his Interest in Item 3 – Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust: The Portfolio of Possibilities as he is a former Member of the Trust Board.</p>

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **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 14 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

381	Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust: The Portfolio of Possibilities	<p>Councillor A Barry having Declared his Interest in this Item left the Chamber for the consideration of this Item.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Jayne Sellwood, Wendy Groves, Geraint Morgan and Jeremy Ashdown from the Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust to the Meeting.</p> <p>Jayne Sellwood then referred the Committee to the Presentation as contained within the agenda and gave an update in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Portfolio of Possibilities</li> <li>• Summary of the Review Findings</li> <li>• Initial Recommendations from the Review</li> <li>• Position in June 2018 and Position in September 2018</li> <li>• Change Board</li> <li>• Staff Ideas / Staff Forum</li> <li>• Financial Position</li> <li>• Provisional Recruitment Timetable</li> <li>• Communications with Staff and other Communication Methods</li> <li>• Next Steps</li> <li>• Brand, Culture and Values</li> </ul> <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the Presentation and were responded to in detail by Jayne Sellwood and the other Trust Representatives.</p> <p>The Chair then thanked the representative of the Trust for</p>
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		<p>attending and for the update to the Committee.</p> <p>Recommendations were then proposed by the Committee and after discussion and consideration of the proposed recommendations it was</p> <p><b>Resolved that the following recommendations be made:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Committee receive by the next Meeting a copy of the Recovery Plan</li> <li>(b) A Recovery Board be set up with the Terms of Reference and Membership to be agreed by both Parties</li> </ul> <p>Councillor D Sammon did not vote on the recommendations as he had Declared his Interest in this Item.</p>
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### **RE-OPENED SESSION**

382	Local Authority Support to the Third Sector Services	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the 'Local Authority Support to the Third Sector Services' report.</p> <p>Chris Long then led the Members in detail through the report and responded to the following questions raised by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request made for a report on where we are going</li> <li>• Staffing</li> <li>• Meeting with Working Groups – Feedback to the Committee requested.</li> <li>• Draft Check List – Will this be updated</li> <li>• Paragraph 3.6 – Incorrect date</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The contents of the report be noted.</p>
383	Annual Performance Report 2017-2018	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the 'MTCBC Draft Annual Performance Report'.</p> <p>Andrew Mogford then led the Committee through the report and together with Anne Marie McCafferty responded in detail to the following questions raised by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequate objectives – Inclusion on Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes</li> <li>• Appendix 2 – Project: Improving Parental Involvement in Learning - Reasons for the Corporate Strategy for Parental Engagement</li> <li>• Project: Improving outcomes for Pupils with additional Learning Needs – Explanation requested – Request also made for more detail to be included under Next Steps</li> <li>• Table 5 – Why no correlation between Projects and Quality of Life</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can it be determined what the objectives are meant to be</li> <li>• Explanation requested in relation to 'Books to Life'</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The content of the report be noted.</p> <p>Councillor H R Jones left the Meeting at 5.45 pm.</p>
384	Wales Audit Office Scrutiny Report	Andrew Mogford advised the Committee that the Wales Audit Office Scrutiny Report would be agendered for the next Scrutiny Meeting.
385	Capturing Feedback from Scrutiny Chairs	Andrew Mogford advised that the voice of the Scrutiny Chairs would be incorporated into an information report for a Meeting of Full Council.
386	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	There was no update on this item.
387	Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018-19	The Chair referred the Committee to the 'Scrutiny Committee Work Programme' report and the Committee agreed the Work Programme.
388	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected in detail on the issues that had been considered in the Meeting.
389	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.