



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

AUDIT MEETING JOINT MEETING WITH JOINT SCRUTINY

WEDNESDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 2019

PRESENT: Councillors C T Jones, D Roberts, J Davies, G Lewis,
D Sammon, C Tovey and J Thomas

Lay Member:
R Williams (Lay Member)

Other Councillors in Attendance:
A Barry (Cabinet Member), K Gibbs (Cabinet Member),
D Hughes (Cabinet Member), L Mytton (Cabinet Member),
K O'Neill (Cabinet Member) and G Thomas (Cabinet Member)

Officers:
G W Chapman (Chief Executive), C Kennedy (Head of Legal and
Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), E Cooper (Deputy
Chief Executive), S Jones (Head of Finance), F Donnelly (H R
Manager), A Mogford (Business Change Manager), M Thomas
(Head of Corporate Services), G Evans (Audit Manager),
P H Davies (Purchasing Manager), C Dinham (Communications,
Consultation and Engagement Manager), C Evans (Chief Officer
(Neighbourhood Services)), C Hole (Head of Community
Wellbeing), L Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)) and
A Owen (Chief Officer (Regeneration and Public Protection))

Outside Bodies:
H Goddard and C Smith (Wales Audit Office)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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673	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Amos.
674	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.

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 Paragraphs 13 and 14 under Part 4 of Schedule 12A Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

675	Temporary Increased Enhancement of the Voluntary Redundancy / Voluntary Early Retirement (VR/VER) Package	<p>The Chair of the Joint Committee referred the Committee to the 'Temporary Increased Enhancement of the Voluntary Redundancy / Voluntary Early Retirement (VR/VER) Package' report.</p> <p>The Committee were also circulated with additional papers in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of amendments to the report • A Risk Assessment that had been omitted from the report • An updated Financial and Staffing summary due to withdrawal of an application <p>The Committee then received a Presentation giving details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Situation – Updated MTFP 2018/19 to 2021/22 • Major Financial Pressures for 2019/20 • VER/VR Timeline / Enhancement Offer / Considerations • H R Process • Risk Assessment – Gateway Process • Communications Strategy • Next Steps <p>Questions were then raised by the Committee on the report and were responded to in detail by the Officers and the Cabinet Members.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report be noted.</p>
676	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.