



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol  
MERTHYR TUDFUL  
MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# FULL COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 2019**

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

Councillors J Amos, A Barry, C J Barry, 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, H R 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), C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), E Cooper (Deputy Chief Executive), S Jones (Head of Finance), M Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), L Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), S Walker (Chief Education Officer), C Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), A Owen (Chief Officer (Regeneration and Public Protection)), A Mogford (Business Change Manager), F Donnelly (H R Manager), B Melhuish (Corporate Communications Officer), J Jones (Head of Planning and Countryside), M Parry (Revenues Manager), L French (Revenue Officer), C Clarke (Housing Officer), S Lewis-Abbott (Supporting People) and J Raine (Planning Policy & Implementation)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
726	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Brown.

727	Declarations of Interest	<p>Councillor S Jago Declared her Interest in Item Six – Council Tax Discounts for Long Term Unoccupied Properties as she takes advantage of the empty property discount scheme.</p> <p>Councillor H Barrett Declared his Interest in Item Six – Council Tax Discounts for Long Term Unoccupied Properties as he takes advantage of the empty property discount scheme.</p>
728	Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)	The Council approves as accurate (subject to any amendments) the Minutes of the following Meetings:
728a	Full Council: 19/12/2018	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 19 December 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
728b	Cabinet: 19/12/2018	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held 19 December 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
728c	Licensing Committee: 28/11/2018	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 28 November 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
728d	Licensing Committee: 28/11/2018	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 28 November 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
728e	Licensing Committee: 19/12/2018	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Licensing Committee held 19 December 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
728f	Standards: 23/11/2018	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Standards Committee held 23 November 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
728g	Planning, Regulatory and Licensing: 13/12/2018	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee held 13 December 2018 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
728h	Scrutiny : Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services: 08/01/2019	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held 8 January 2019 be accepted as a correct record.</p>
728i	Scrutiny : Social Services: 04/12/2018	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee held</p>

		4 December 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
728j	Democratic Services Committee: 10/12/2018	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The Minutes of the Democratic Services Committee held 10 December 2018 be accepted as a correct record.
729	Scrutiny Committee Quorum	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The quorum for the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee shall be at least four Councillors present.
730	Adoption Of Council Tax Reduction Scheme For The Financial Year 2019/20	<b>Resolved that:</b>  The decision to adopt a Council Tax Reduction Scheme to commence in April 2019 for the 2019/20 financial year be approved.
731	Council Tax Discounts for Long Term Unoccupied Properties	Councillor S Jago and Councillor H Barrett having Declared their Interest in this item left the Chamber for the consideration of this item.  <b>Resolved that:</b>  (a) The determination to apply a new level of 0% discount effective from 1 April 2019 for all Class C, Long Term Unoccupied properties, as defined in Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended, be approved (See Appendix B) (b) The determination to apply no discount in the 2019/20 financial year in respect of Long Term Unoccupied Properties as defined by Classes A and B of Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended be approved (See Appendix B) (c) The determination to apply no premium in the 2020/21 financial year in respect of Long Term Unoccupied Properties, and Unoccupied and Furnished Dwellings be approved (This position to be reviewed in 2019 in relation to financial year 2021/22)
732	The Replacement Merthyr Tydfil Local Development Plan (2016 - 2031): Report of Consultation and Submission for Examination	<b>Resolved that:</b>  (a) The responses to the Replacement Deposit Local Development Plan representations as contained at Appendix 1 be approved (b) The Schedule of Focused Changes at Appendix 2 for Statutory Public Consultation purposes, the results of which will be considered by an independent Inspector in due course be approved (c) The Submission of the Replacement Local Development Plan and accompanying documentation to Welsh Government and the Planning Inspectorate for Examination in accordance with the approved LDP Delivery Agreement and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations

		<p>2005 (as amended) be approved</p> <p>(d) Delegated powers be vested with the Head of Planning and Countryside in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Planning to negotiate issues, agreed amendments and respond to requests for further information as required by the Inspector during the examination process</p> <p>(e) The Head of Planning and Countryside in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Planning be authorised to make any necessary typographical and minor changes to the Local Development Plan, Consultation Report, Proposed Focused Changes and associated submission documents</p>
733	Amendments to Common Allocation Policy	<p>Cerys Clarke referred to Paragraph 5.1 of the report – Financial Implications and advised that the cost was shared between the Local Authority and four Regional Social Landlords so the financial implication was £1072.60 and not £5363 as shown in the report.</p> <p><b>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</b></p> <p>The proposed changes to the Policy be approved.</p>
734	Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan Annual Update 2019-20	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The Local Commissioning Plan 2019/20 including the commissioning of new services be approved.</p>
735	Petition Received by the Authority	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
736	Adoption Allowances and Inter-Agency Adoption Fees – Children’s Services	<p><b>Resolved that:</b></p> <p>The report for Information be received.</p>
737	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	<p>The Mayor congratulated Mark Thomas on his new appointment and thanked him for his service to the Council over the years.</p> <p>Other Members also paid tribute to Mark Thomas for his service to the Authority and wished him well in his new role.</p>
738	To receive communications from Her / His Worship the Mayor	<p>No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.</p>