



MINUTES OF MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 2020

PRESENT: Councillors H Barrett (Chair)
M Colbran (Vice-Chair)

Councillors J Amos, A Barry, C J Barry, B Carter, C Davies, J Davies, L Davies, E Galsworthy, K Gibbs, D Hughes, D Isaac, C T Jones, D Jones, H R Jones, M 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, S Thomas and C Tovey

Officers:

E Cooper (Interim Chief Executive), C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), S Jones (Head of Finance), J Jones (Chief Officer Neighbourhood Services), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), A Lewis (Chief Accountant), R Barnett (Parks and Open Spaces Manager), A Lewis (Head of School Planning Performance and Resource), A Lloyd (Head of Children's Services), C Long (Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager) and C Morris (Highways & Engineering)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
764	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Chaplin and Councillor S Jago.
765	Declarations of Interest	Councillor I Thomas Declared his Interest in Item Four – Council Tax Resolution 2020/21 as he is a Member of the Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council and has Dispensation to Speak and Vote.

766	Budget Requirement and Council Tax 2020/21 - State of the Council Debate	<p>Carys Kennedy advised that there was need for further discussion on the two agenda items and therefore the Meeting would be adjourned for one hour.</p> <p>The Meeting was then adjourned until 6.00 pm.</p> <p>Upon resumption of the Meeting:</p> <p>Councillor K O'Neill Leader of the Council referred to the Budget Requirement and Council Tax 2020/21 – State of the Council Debate' report and addressed the Council reviewing and summarising some of the key achievements of the Authority and its Officers.</p> <p>Councillor K O'Neill also thanked all Members, Officers and Staff of the Authority for their continued support, particularly in such difficult times of decreasing finance and for delivering high performing services for the Citizens of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough.</p> <p>Councillor K O'Neill then moved the recommendations as contained within the report.</p> <p>Considerable debate then ensued on the report with the questions raised by Members being responded to in detail by the Officers.</p> <p>The Council were also advised of typographical errors in Appendix G – Ref 41- Corporate Costs as it should read '2019' not '2009' and Appendix K – Ref 22 – Ysgol Y Graig Infrastructure should read '2021' not '2020'.</p> <p>After consideration by the Members it was</p> <p>Resolved subject to the foregoing that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Council Tax increase of 4.99% for 2020/21 ('Band D' of £1,669.71) for the County Borough Council be approved (b) The Budget Requirement of £127.533 million for 2020/21 (net revenue budget) be approved (c) The core funded Capital Programme of £46.331 million for the period 2020/21 to 2023/24 be approved (d) The Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24 (including the Capital Strategy Report 2020/21 and Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020/21) be approved (e) The Prudential Indicators contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan be approved with authorisation for managing and monitoring the authorised limit and operational boundary delegated to the Chief Finance Officer (f) The Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2020/21 as detailed in Paragraph 8.4 of the report be approved (g) The Chief Finance Officer's comments relating to the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of reserves be noted
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767	Council Tax Resolution 2020/21	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The formal Statutory Council Tax resolutions 2020/21 as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report and summarised in Paragraph 5.1 of the report be noted and approved (b) The Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales approved precept for 2020/21 of £5,018,102 for the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council area be noted (c) The Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council approved precept for 2020/21 of £23,250 for the Community Council area be noted (d) The Welsh Government 2020/21 Non Domestic Rate for Wales of 53.5 pence in the pound be noted
768	To deal with any other urgent business or correspondence	The Mayor advised that there was no business deemed urgent.
769	To receive communications from Her/His Worship the Mayor	No Communications were received from His Worship the Mayor.