



## MINUTES OF MEETING

# AUDIT MEETING JOINT WITH JOINT SCRUTINY

**WEDNESDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillors C T Jones (Chair)  
D Roberts (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: D Chaplin, J Davies, T Rogers, D Sammon,  
C Tovey and J Thomas

**Lay Member:**  
R Williams (Lay Member)

**Other Councillors in Attendance:**  
L Mytton (Cabinet Member), A Barry (Cabinet Member),  
C Davies (Cabinet Member), D Hughes (Cabinet Member) and  
G Thomas (Cabinet Member)

**Officers:**  
E Cooper (Interim Chief Executive), S Jones (Head of Finance),  
C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services -  
Monitoring Officer), M Thomas (Head of Regional Audit Service),  
F Donnelly (H R Manager), G Edwards (Central Services  
Manager), J Jones (Chief Officer Neighbourhood Services),  
L Curtis Jones (Chief Officer (Social Services)), C Long  
(Economic Development & Strategic Tourism Manager), A Owen  
(Interim Deputy Chief Executive), S Walker (Chief Education  
Officer), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and  
Engagement Manager) and A Mogford (Head of Corporate  
Services)

**Outside Bodies:**  
I Phillips and H Goddard (Audit Wales)

M Morgan\* (Democratic Services Officer) and M Edmunds  
(Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
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### Chair

Councillor T Skinner took the Chair for this Joint Committee Meeting

334	Apologies for absence	No apologies for absence were received as all Members were present.
335	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
336	Revenue Budget 2021/22	<p>Steve Jones led the Committee in detail through the 'Revenue Budget 2021/22' report and together with the Officers responded in detail to the following questions raised by the Committee on the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paragraph 5.19 – Free School Meals Entitlement – When will this information be available – What are the costs</li> <li>• Council Tax Bad Debt Provision – Is this still the same figure</li> <li>• Pay Award – How much savings does 2% equate to</li> <li>• Paragraph 3.1 – Teachers Pay Award – Is this Ring Fenced</li> <li>• Appendix 4:</li> <li>• Ref 5 – Explanation requested in relation to 'seeding'</li> <li>• Ref 17 – Clarification requested why no monies allocated in 2021/22 and explanation of the 2022/23 and 2023/24 figures</li> <li>• Ref 51 – Details requested in relation to Gully Sucker Waste</li> <li>• Ref 3 – What is the impact on school budgets – Involvement of the Governing Body</li> <li>• Ref 21 – Explanation requested in relation to the projected placement figures and overspend on the Residential Budget</li> <li>• Ref 47 – Explanation requested in relation to the reduction – Is there any indication of an increase</li> <li>• Ref 46 – What is meant by 'Treatment' – Is there likely to be extra costs to bring the recycle rate up</li> <li>• Ref 15 – Is this the full cost of the Service</li> <li>• Explanation requested on the role of the new staff member</li> <li>• Ref 73 – What degree of certainty is there to claim back from Welsh Government</li> <li>• Ref 41 – Increase in costs – Has discussion taken place to bring back in house and what would be the costs</li> <li>• Ref 33 – Has the South Wales PCC indicated if they would contribute for the function</li> <li>• Ref 70 – Explanation of the effect on the Budget if Council Tax increases less than 4.99%</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix 6:</li> <li>• Have Risk Assessments been carried out</li> <li>• Ref 31 – Has consultation been undertaken and to hear the views of the public</li> </ul> <p>The following comments were also raised by the Members on the report in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fleet Savings</li> <li>• Grounds Maintenance Tractor</li> <li>• Household Waste Recycling Centres - The cost of Fly-tipping, Usage by residents after 5.00pm, The risk of reduced hours, Breakdown of figures for closure 1 day a week and reduced opening hours during summer months</li> </ul> <p>Councillor D Roberts entered the Meeting at 5.34 pm.</p>
337	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.