



MINUTES OF MEETING

CABINET MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor G Thomas (Chair)
A Barry (Vice-Chair)

Councillors D Hughes, J Jenkins, M Jones and M Symonds

Officers:

E Cooper (Chief Executive), C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services - Monitoring Officer), A Owen (Deputy Chief Executive), C Dinham (Communications, Consultation and Engagement Manager), H Brown (Head of HR and Organisational Improvement), J Jones (Director of Neighbourhood Services), L Hull (Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer), L Curtis Jones (Director of Social Services), S Walker (Director of Education) and A Stephens (Cabinet Policy Officer)

E Galeozzie (Democratic Services Officer) and O Moore (Democratic Services Officer)

Decisions made will come into force 5 working days after publication, unless it is subject to a call-in by a Scrutiny Committee

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
654	Apologies for absence	No apologies for absence were received as all Members were present.
655	Declarations of Interest	Councillor D Hughes Declared his Interest in Item 8 - Summary of Summer 2023 Outcomes.

656	Ombudsman Annual Letter for Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council - 2022/23	<p>Councillor A Barry led the Members through the 'Ombudsman Annual Letter for Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council - 2022/23' report.</p> <p>The following comments were raised:</p> <p>It's pleasing to see the decrease in reports and complaints, and it shows the good work of the Standards Committee.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>2.1 The content of the Ombudsman's Annual letter be noted and debated.</p>
657	Capital Monitoring 2023/24 – Quarter 3	<p>Councillor A Barry advised that this was the last Cabinet Meeting for Adele Lewis and thanked her for her help and guidance to the Cabinet.</p> <p>Councillor A Barry then led the Members through the 'Capital Monitoring 2023/24 – Quarter 3' report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>2.1 The Quarter 3 Capital Monitoring Report for 2023/24 be noted.</p> <p>2.2 The budget amendments for core-funded projects as outlined in 4.1 below be approved.</p> <p>2.3 Variances to the budgets as per paragraphs 4.2 be noted.</p>
658	Budget Consultation 2024/25	<p>Councillor A Barry led the Members through the 'Budget Consultation 2024/25' report.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Head of Communications Ceri Dinham, and her team for their valuable work in public engagement.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>2.1 The results of the Budget Consultation be received, considered and approved.</p>
659	Revenue Budget Monitoring 2023/24 - Quarter 3	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>2.1 The Revenue Budget Monitoring report for the 2023/24 financial year based on 3rd Quarter projections be accepted.</p> <p>2.2 Budget Virements outlined in Appendix 2 be approved.</p> <p>2.3 Managers to urgently address projected budget deficits</p>

		within their respective service areas, identifying all possible remedial measures to offset projected deficits, be approved.
660	Dedication of a Public Right of Way running from Trefechan to the Taff Trail - Vaynor 48	<p>Councillor Michelle Symonds led the Members through the ‘Dedication of a Public Right of Way running from Trefechan to the Taff Trail - Vaynor 48’ report.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Officers for their work.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>2.1 The route shown on the attached plan be dedicated as a public right of way with the status of bridleway, be approved.</p> <p>2.2 A dedication agreement be drafted to dedicate the strip of land, be approved.</p> <p>2.3 A Definitive Map Modification Order be made to record the route on the Council’s Definitive Map and Statement, be approved.</p>
661	Summary of Summer 2023 Outcomes	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for information be received.</p>
662	Transforming Towns Programme for Merthyr Tydfil: Castle House Re-development and Strategic Enterprise Projects	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for information be received.</p>
663	Appointment of Local Authority Governors	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report for information be received.</p>
664	Any Other Business Deemed Urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no other business deemed urgent.

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665	Capital Programme 2024/25 – 2027/28	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The recommendations detailed in Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 of the report be approved.</p>
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