

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 5.00 P.M.

#### PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Adams, C. Andrews, C. Bishop, M. Chacon-Dawson, R. Chapman, P. Cook, S. Cook, D. Cushing, C. Cuss, E. Davies, T. D. Davies MBE, G. Ead, C. Elsbury, G. Enright, K. Etheridge, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, E. Forehead, J. E. Fussell, A. Gair, C. Gordon, D. Harse, T. Heron, A. Hussey, D. Ingram-Jones, M. James, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnston, J. Jones, S. Kent, A. Leonard, P. Leonard, C. Mann, A. McConnell, B. Miles, C. Morgan, S. Morgan, T. Parry, L. Phipps, M. Powell, D.W.R. Preece, H. Pritchard, J. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, J. Rao, J. Reed, R. Saralis, J. Scriven, S. Skivens, E. Stenner, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, L. Whittle, S. Williams, W. Williams and C. Wright.

Officers: C. Harray (Chief Executive), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), M. S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment), S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), R. Kyte (Head of Regeneration and Planning), I. Mullis (Senior/Principal Planner), L. James (Principal Planner), J. Williams (Assistant Director Adult Services), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

#### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

P. Diamond (Head of Regional Partnership Team, Gwent Regional Partnership Board) and N. Harris (Service Manager, Partnerships and Development, Gwent Regional Partnership Board).

#### APOLOGIES:

Councillors: E. M. Aldworth, A. Angel, A. Broughton-Pettit, N. Dix, C. Forehead, N. George, B. Owen, D. Price, J. Roberts, J. Simmonds, A. Whitcombe, J. Winslade and K. Woodland.

The decisions and declarations of interest are set out below. For further details please refer to the relevant report.

The full individual voting result on all items can be found with the Council Agenda on the Caerphilly County Borough [Website](#).

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest.	Councillor S. Cook declared a personal interest in <u>Agenda Item 7 – Gwent Regional Partnership Board (RPB) Area Plan and RPB Annual Report 22-23</u> , as he works for the NHS. As this was a personal interest only there was no requirement for him to leave the meeting and he could take full part in the debate and vote.	No vote required
3.	Presentation of Awards.	The presentation of awards were noted.	No vote required

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4.	To approve and sign the following minutes: -  Council held on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved as a correct record.	53 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
4a.	Statement from the Leader.	The statement from the Leader was noted.	No vote required
5.	Provisional Revenue Budget Outturn for 2022/23.	It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.  RESOLVED that: -  1. The proposed use of surplus General Fund balances totalling £3.455m as detailed in Section 5.11 of the attached report be considered and approved.  2. The recommendation of the Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer to maintain the General Fund balance at £15.166m be approved.	48 For 2 Against 5 Abstentions
6.	Constitutional Arrangements and Political Balance.	It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.  RESOLVED that: -  1. All 60 non-executive members will be members of the Joint Scrutiny Committee.  2. Co-opted members to be invited to a meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee if the subject matter is relevant to them.  3. The Chair of each Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting will be one of the three Scrutiny Committee Chairs and will be determined by the subject matter.  4. The Council's Monitoring Officer is given approval to amend the Council Constitution to reflect these changes.  5. The review of the political balance for the authority as set out in	49 For 3 Against 2 Abstentions

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		Appendix 1 with no change to the allocation of seats be noted.	
7.	Gwent Regional Partnership Board (RPB) Area Plan and RPB Annual Report 22-23.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The joint commitments within the Area Plan be considered.</li> <li>2. The RPB Annual Report and progress made against the objectives be reviewed; and any feedback/comments be provided.</li> <li>3. The joint priorities in the Area Plan and Caerphilly Integrated Service Partnership Board plan be noted, and at a future date, how these can be integrated in the Council's corporate plan going forward be discussed.</li> </ol>	54 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
8.	Adoption of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Arrangements for the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The CCRCD JOSC be appointed as the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the SEWCJC.</li> <li>2. The Draft Terms of Reference for its functions in respect of the SEWCJC, as attached at Appendix 2, be approved.</li> <li>3. The cost of administering the JOSC for the SEWCJC will be included in a service level agreement between RCTCBC and the SEWCJC, to be concluded in due course, be noted.</li> </ol>	50 For 1 Against 3 Abstentions
9.	Waiver of 6 Month Councillor Attendance Rule.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p>	54 For 0 Against 1 Abstention

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		1. That the current absence from all Council and Committee meetings of Councillor Dianne Price due to her ill-health be authorised and approved for a further period of six months ending on 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024, or until she resumes attendance if that is sooner, in accordance with section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.	
10.	Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2021 - Annual Monitoring Report 2023 (Including the Annual Community Infrastructure Levy Report).	<p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The findings of the 2023 Annual Monitoring Report be considered, noted and approved.</li> <li>2. The 2023 Annual Monitoring Report (including the Annual Community Infrastructure Levy Report) be submitted to the Welsh Government before the deadline of 31 October 2023.</li> </ol>	48 For 0 Against 5 Abstentions
11.	To receive announcements from the Mayor.	The Mayor's announcements were noted.	No vote required
12.	To receive petitions under Rule of Procedure 28(3).	No petitions were received.	No vote required
13.	To receive and to answer questions received under Rule of Procedure 10.	Question received and answer noted.	No vote required
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