

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE CORPORATE AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT 5.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Adams, G. Enright, C. Forehead, A. Gair, D. Harse, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnson (Chair), J. Jones, S. Kent, C. Mann, D. W. R. Preece, A. McConnell (Vice-Chair), C. Thomas, L. Whittle, W. Williams, and C. Wright

Cabinet Members: Councillor P. Leonard (Planning and Public Protection), Councillor N. George (Corporate Services, Property and Highways) and Councillor E. Stenner (Finance and Performance).

Officers: R. Edmunds (Corporate Director of Education and Corporate Services), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), D. Beecham (Electoral Services Manager), L. Donovan (Head of People Services), K. Peters (Corporate Policy Manager), A. Cullinane (Senior Policy Officer – Equalities and Welsh Language, L. Sykes (Deputy Head of Financial Services and s151 Officer), R. Williams (Group Accountant Treasury and Capital) C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Manager), and A. Jones (Committee Services Officer).

Also in Attendance:

Councillors S. Morgan (Leader), J. Pritchard, Deputy Leader (Regeneration and Climate Change), K. Etheridge and J. Blair (Director of Electoral Reform Society Cymru) – Speaker on Agenda Item 7.

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
1.	To receive apologies for absence.	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Fussell and M. Powell.	N/A
2.	Declarations of interest.	There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.	N/A
3.	Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 9 th January 2024	RESOLVED that the minutes of Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 9 th January 2024 be approved as a correct record.	15 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
4.	Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	There had been no matters referred to the Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.	N/A
5.	Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme	Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms this was unanimously agreed. RESOLVED that the Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme be published on the Council's website.	16 For 0 Against 0 Abstention

6.	To receive and consider the Cabinet reports listed on the Agenda.	There had been no requests for any of the Cabinet reports to be brought forward for discussion at the meeting.	N/A
7.	Notice of Motion – Yes To Public Consultation On Scrapping First Past The Post	Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the Notice of Motion, be supported. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal votes. The Motion fell. RESOLVED that the Notice of Motion as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of the Officers report, not be supported.	4 For 10 Against 0 Abstention
8.	Strategic Equality Plan – Objectives and Actions 2024-2028	Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal votes this was unanimously agreed. RECOMMENDED that the views of the Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on the draft Strategic Equality Plan 2024-2028, to be used to inform a version presented to Cabinet and Council for approval and adopted as Council policy.	14 For 0 Against 0 Abstention
9.	Recruitment Update	Following consideration of the report the Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee noted the contents of this report.	N/A
10.	Capital Strategy Report 2024/2025	Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal votes this was unanimously agreed RECOMMENDED to Council that the Annual Capital Strategy Report be approved.	12 For 0 Against 0 Abstention
11.	Treasury Management Annual Strategy, Capital Finance Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2024/2025	Following consideration of the report it was moved and seconded that the recommendations be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal votes this was agreed by the majority The Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Considered and commented on the report and Appendices and RECOMMENDED to Council the following: - 1. The Strategy be reviewed quarterly within the Treasury Management monitoring reports presented to the	11 For 0 Against 1 Abstention

		<p>Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and any changes recommended be referred to Cabinet in the first instance and to Council for a decision. The Authority will also prepare quarterly reports on Treasury Management activities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management be approved as per Appendix 5. 3. The Prudential Indicators for Capital Financing be approved as per Appendices 6 & 7. 4. The MRP policy as set out in Appendix 8 be adopted. 5. The 2023/24 investment strategy and the lending to financial institutions and Corporates in accordance with the minimum credit rating criteria disclosed within this report be continued. 6. The Authority continues to adopt the investment grade scale as a minimum credit rating criterion to assess the credit worthiness of suitable counterparties when placing investments. 7. The monetary and investment duration limits as set in Appendix 3 of the report be adopted. 	
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