



## SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON THURSDAY 24TH MAY 2012 AT 6.40PM

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#### PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. G. Oliver - Mayor  
Councillor D.M. Gray - Deputy Mayor

#### Councillors:-

Miss. L. Ackerman, M. Adams, Mrs. E.M. Aldworth, H.A. Andrews, A.P. Angel, Mrs. K.R. Baker, Mrs. G. Bevan J. Bevan, P.J. Bevan, L. Binding, D. Bolter, D.G. Carter, Mrs. A. Collins, P. Cook, C.J. Cuss, H.W. David, W. David, H.R. Davies, D.T. Davies, K. Dawson, N. Dix, C., Mrs. D. Ellis, C. Elsbury, Mrs. C. Forehead, Ms E. E. Forehead, J.E. Fussell, Mrs. J. Gale, L. Gardiner, N. George, C.J. Gordon, R.W. Gough, Mrs. P. Griffiths, D.T. Hardacre, D. Havard, C. Hawker, A.G. Higgs, G.J. Hughes, K. James, M.P. James, S. Jenkins, G. Johnston, Mrs. B.A. Jones, G. Jones, Ms. J.G. Jones, S. Kent, G. Kirby, A. Lewis, K. Lloyd, C.P. Mann, S. organ, Mrs. R. Passmore, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, M.J. Prew, J. Pritchard, J.A.Pritchard, D. Rees, L.R. Rees, K.V. Reynolds, R. Saralis, Mrs. M.E. Sargent, Mrs. . ummers, J. Taylor, L.G. Whittle, T.J. Williams, R. Woodyatt

#### Together with:

A. O'Sullivan (Chief Executive), N. Barnett (Deputy Chief Executive), S. Aspinall (Corporate Director - Education, Lifelong Learning and Leisure), D. Perkins (Head of Legal Services and Governance), G. Williams (Principal Solicitor), A. Jarrett (Assistant Director - Children's Services), J. Jones (Democratic Services Manager), Colin Jones (Head of Performance and Property), S. Couzins(Chief Hosing Officer), T. Shaw (Head of Engineering Services), B. Hopkins (Assistant Director - Our School Our Future), H.C. Morgan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A. Blackman, R.T. Davies, Mrs. D. Price and J.E. Roberts.

#### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

**2. A COMPACT FOR CHANGE BETWEEN THE WELSH GOVERNMENT AND THE WELSH LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Consideration was given to the report which outlined the Welsh Government's Change Agenda which provides a mechanism for the Welsh Government and Local Government to deliver change over the lifetime of the current Assembly Term and detailed the development of collaborative and national service delivery agreed by the Welsh Government and the Welsh Local Government Association.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that the Compact is "based on the development of voluntary collaborations between Councils" and contains an implementation programme that sets out a number of service areas in which Local Authorities are expected to work more collaboratively at a regional and national level. The Compact is being considered by all twenty-two Welsh local authorities with the majority having already approved its content.

Members were reminded of the significant amount of work that has already been undertaken in this area, particularly within Social Services, Waste Management and Education and of other collaborative arrangements including Procurement and ICT services.

Whilst the paper sets out the principle framework of the work, the detail will need to be considered on a case-by-case basis as proposals are brought forward.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report the Compact be approved and adopted.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2012 they were signed by the Mayor.

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MAYOR