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Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach on Tuesday, 4th June, 2019 at 5.30 pm to consider the matters contained in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

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**Christina Harrhy**  
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## AGENDA

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| 1 To receive apologies for absence. |       |
| 2 Mayor's Announcements.            |       |

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3 To receive petitions under Rule of Procedure 28(3).

4 Presentation of Awards.

5 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.

To approve and sign the following minutes: -

6 Council held on 16th April 2019. 3 - 8

7 Annual Meeting of Council held on 9th May 2019. 9 - 20

8 To receive and to answer questions received under Rule of Procedure 10(2).

1. To the Leader of Council from Councillor Adrian Hussey.

Can the Leader offer the latest position with regards to the introduction of a strategic development plan and how this and the associated new 'light-touch' LDP can help improve our GVA performance?

9 To receive and to answer questions received under Rule of Procedure 10(4).

1. To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection from Councillor Carl Thomas.

Can the Cabinet Member provide me with an update regarding the Welsh Government latest position, concerning valuations relating to the Hafodyrnys air quality consultations?

2. To the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure, Sustainability & Wellbeing of Future Generations Champion from Councillor Andrew Whitcombe.

Can the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member share with me what progress the Council is making towards becoming a 'greener' Council and County Borough?

To receive and consider the following reports: -

10 Notice of Motion - Climate Change. 21 - 30

11 Response to Caerphilly Electoral Review 2019. 31 - 38

12 Contract Arrangements of the Interim Chief Executive. 39 - 42

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## CIVIC DIARY ENGAGEMENTS

**9th May – 2nd June 2019**

9th May 2019	Council Annual General Meeting
13th May 2019	Attended launch of Fostering Fortnight at Risca Park and Waunfawr Park, Crosskeys
15th May 2019	Attended photo session at Ty Penallta to launch Fostering Fortnight
17th May 2019	Visited Trinant School
19th May 2019	Attended Caerphilly 2k and 10k race at Owain Glyndwr playing fields, Caerphilly
21st May 2019	Attended Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace
23rd May 2019	Attended Hendre Infants School Food and Summer Fair
30th May 2019	Attended the 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Basement Project in Blackwood Library
2nd June 2019	Attended the opening of the Lakeside View Café at Parc Cwm Darren

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## COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL 2019 AT 5.00PM

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#### PRESENT:

Councillor M. Adams - Mayor  
Councillor J. Simmonds - Deputy Mayor

#### Councillors:

Mrs E. Aldworth, C. Andrews, A. Angel, P.J. Bevan, C. Bezzina, A. Collis, S. Cook, C. Cuss, W. David, M. Davies, D.T. Davies, N. Dix, C. Elsbury, K. Etheridge, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, Ms E. Forehead, J.E. Fussell, A. Gair, Ms J. Gale, N. George, C. Gordon, R.W. Gough, D.T. Hardacre, L. Harding, D. Harse, D. Havard, A. Hussey, V. James, M. James, L. Jeremiah, Mrs B. Jones, S. Kent, G. Kirby, Mrs A. Leonard, Ms P. Leonard, C.P. Mann, Mrs P. Marsden, S. Morgan, B. Owen, Mrs G. Oliver, Mrs L. Phipps, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, J. Pritchard, J. Ridgewell, J.E. Roberts, R. Saralis, J. Scriven, G. Simmonds, J. Simmonds, S. Skivens, Mss E. Stenner, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, R. Whiting, L G. . Whittle, T. Williams, B. Zaplatynski

#### Together with:-

C. Harry (Interim Chief Executive), M.S. Williams (Interim Corporate Director of Communities), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), D. Street (Corporate Directors Social Services and Housing), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), R. Kyte (Head of Regeneration and Planning), L. James (Senior Planner), D. Lucas (Team Leader Strategic and Development Planning), C. Forbes-Thompson (Interim Head of Democratic Services), M. Jacques (Scrutiny Officer), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer).

#### WEB-CASTING FILMING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Interim Chief Executive reminded those present that the meeting was being filmed and would be made publically available in live and archive form via the Council's website. She advised that decisions would be made via the electronic voting system.

#### MINUTES SILENCE

Council stood for a minutes silence in remembrance of Carson Price, of Hengoed who tragically died in Ystrad Mynach Park on Friday 12th April 2019. Thoughts of condolence were expressed for his Parents, Family and Friends.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. Binding, D. Cushing, K. Dawson; Mrs C. Forehead, A. Higgs, G. Johnston, B. Miles, Mrs G. Oliver, B. Owen, T. Parry, Mrs D. Price, Mrs M.E. Sargent, W. Williams.

**2. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor referred to the many events and visits that he and the Deputy Mayor have undertaken since the last meeting and made specific reference to the Muslim Council for Wales Interface and Training event, the Cwm Aber Primary School re-enactment of the mining disaster which was a very moving tribute and the 80th Birthday celebration for former Councillor and Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Mr Michael Gray and referred to upcoming Mayoral engagements and duties over the course of the next few weeks.

**3. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS UNDER RULE OF PROCEDURE 28(3)**

There were no petitions to be presented.

**4. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services welcomed Members of the KLA Dance Group who achieved nationwide recognition by reaching the live final of the 'The Greatest Dancer' primetime BBC television show proving that they are a force to be reckoned with on the national dance stage.

In calling the KLA forward the Cabinet Member expressed the Councils pride in their success and acknowledged and congratulated Clara, Ariella, Ava, Izzie, Nellie, Halle-Mai, Emily and Hanna for their outstanding performance and for the way in which they superbly represented Caerphilly County Borough.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**6. SPECIAL COUNCIL – 21ST FEBRUARY 2019**

Subject to an amendment in that Councillor S. Kent was noted as having given apologies for the meeting when he had been present, the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on the 21st February 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on the 21st February 2019 be approved as correct records and signed by the Mayor.

**7. COUNCIL – 5TH MARCH 2019**

RESOLVED that the minutes of Council held on the 5th March 2019 be approved as correct records and signed by the Mayor.

**8. TO RECEIVE AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RECEIVED UNDER RULE OF PROCEDURE 10(4)**



There were no questions received.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Consideration was given to the following reports.

### 9. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Governance introduced the report which outlined the history and background of the scrutiny function in order to provide context to the recent Wales Audit Office report, 'Scrutiny Fit for the Future' and provided options and suggestions for areas of improvement.

Members referred to sections 3.3 and 3.12 of report in relation to Independent representation and asked that an Independent Member be considered for a Vice Chair role and a place on the Scrutiny Leadership Group. Concerns were also expressed in relation to decision made at scrutiny committees that are subsequently overruled by Cabinet. The Leader of Council advised that he would be happy to work with all Group Leaders with regard to representation and scrutiny process and confirmed that he would like to see scrutiny undertake more in-depth reviews of policy.

The Monitoring Officer advised Members that Scrutiny Committees are advisory and as such had no decision making powers they can only make recommendations to Cabinet for their consideration. In terms of the constitution the decisions being taken were functions of the executive and were therefore fully in compliance with the constitution and relevant legislation.

Members expressed their support for Option 3 as detailed within the report as it would provide some much needed balance to the scrutiny process; it was felt that some current committees were being overloaded.

Clarification was sought in relation to the webcasting of scrutiny committee meetings and the Interim Head of Democratic Services confirmed that this was something that she wished to progress. However this would be very much dependent on equipment, broadcast platform and contracts being fully explored and a sustainable resolution sourced.

Following consideration of its content and for the reasons given in the Officer's report it was moved and seconded that recommendations 3.1, 3.2, Option 3 at 3.3 and 3.4-3.13 be approved and by way of the electronic voting system and in noting there was 1 against this was agreed by the majority present.

Councillors J. Taylor and M. James wished it noted that they had been unable to register their vote had they done so they would have voted for the motion.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the names of the Education for Life and Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committees be changed to reflect the terms of reference for the respective scrutiny committee and no longer refer to the former Caerphilly Community Strategy;
- (ii) Option 3 as set out in 5.18 of the Officers report be approved;
- (iii) the increase in the number of scrutiny committees be reviewed 12 months after the change is implemented;
- (iv) the frequency of meetings continue on a six weekly basis;

- (v) the number of Members who sit on scrutiny continue to be 16;
- (vi) the Chairs and Vice Chairs be consulted on all reports to their respective scrutiny committees in a timely fashion where applicable, in order to allow them to ensure that the information requested by the scrutiny committee is included;
- (vii) public engagement with the scrutiny process be further developed by use of social media and utilising existing Council mechanisms, consideration also be given to the webcast of scrutiny committee meetings;
- (viii) scrutiny specific training as detailed in 5.25 of the Officer's report be further developed and monitored by the Scrutiny Leadership Group;
- (viii) the Cabinet Member statement be removed from Scrutiny Committee agendas with Cabinet Members presenting reports to Scrutiny Committee for their portfolio areas and answering questions on those reports, with the assistance of Officers to answer technical questions;
- (x) a specific agenda item for the Scrutiny Committees to carry out policy development work be added to Scrutiny Committee agendas;
- (xi) a scrutiny improvement action plan be developed to be monitored by the Scrutiny Leadership Group;
- (xii) the Monitoring Officer be given authority to amend the Council's Constitution to reflect the decisions taken in respect of committee structure, size and terms of reference.

## **10 THE USE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING DATA**

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Governance introduced the report which sought to regularise the publication of electronic voting information after meetings of the Council.

It was noted that even though the Council holds the information on how each Member has voted current practice is that only the numbers of how Members voted are published. The names of the Members are only published where a recorded vote has been requested in the Chamber. Members were advised that if Members wish for a recorded vote to take place then it can still be requested if 10 Members support the proposal.

Following consideration of its content and for the reasons given in the Officer's report it was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained therein be approved and by way of the electronic voting system this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the inclusion of Members' names on how they voted in the electronic voting information pack be published following each meeting of Council.

## **11. YSTRAD MYNACH MASTER PLAN**

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability introduced the report which detailed the main issues identified by respondents during the public consultation exercise on the Draft Ystrad Mynach Masterplan and sought the approval of Council to formally adopt the final Ystrad Mynach Masterplan.

The Cabinet Member formally placed on record his thanks to all the Officers who had been involved in producing the Masterplan.

Reference was made to the list on consultees on the report and that the Local Ward Members for Ystrad Mynach had not been listed as consultees to the report. The consultation process undertaken with Local Ward Members was then discussed and clarification given that both local ward members had been given extensive opportunities to be involved on stakeholder consultation meetings. Clarification was then sought in relation to the expansion of the Centre of Sporting Excellence proposed within the Masterplan. The Member felt that the consideration had not been given to the number of complaints by residents living adjacent to the facility, further to this the Member expressed disappointment that its use is limited to football or rugby and that the gymnasium equipment housed therein could only be accessed with the support of a qualified coach. The Member went on to reference the fact the Centre did not add to the economic value of the Town Centre and added to existing infrastructure difficulties primarily in relation to traffic generation and any expansion would only exacerbate these issues.

Officers confirmed that the Centre had been designed specifically for rugby and football and detailed an extensive list of local rugby and football teams that utilised its facilities. The current contract arrangements were outlined and operation times were detailed illustrating its availability for community use. In relation to the strength and conditioning suite, the Officer advised that due to the heavy weights involved appropriate supervision during their use was essential in order to ensure the health and safety of the user.

In terms of responses received during the consultation Members suggested that number of objections received should be featured rather than being grouped into similar themes and that positive responses should also be featured.

The Officer confirmed that the data referred to was available and could be circulated to Members following the meeting.

Members recognised the aspirational elements of the Masterplan but concerns were expressed with regard to the impact on the A472, as there were no plans to improve or revitalise this roadway. Reference was then made to the alleged negative impact of the recent culvert works on Ystrad Mynach Town Centre.

Officers acknowledged that the A472 as a strategic highway was subject to heavy traffic, however part of the wider strategic plan was to get people out of cars and off roads and reference was made to proposals for the train station which would increase accessibility. Members were advised that the Masterplan offered a holistic approach to regeneration including tourism, active travel and economic development, for instance proposals to expand local business opening hours to generate more income within the Town Centre.

A Member referenced the low response rate to the consultation process and expressed the concern that this could not be considered as truly representational. As set out under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, Officers confirmed that there had been a lot of work with various stakeholders in advance, involving them in shaping the Masterplan, through seeking their views and these were then included in the Masterplan that was issued for consultation and would therefore have had an impact on response levels. It is also possible that people who were happy with the plan may not have thought to respond.

Following consideration of its content and for the reasons contained in the Officer's report it was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained therein be approved, by way of the electronic voting system and in noting there were 5 against and 1 abstention this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the representation received as part of the public consultation exercise be noted

and the Officer recommendation set out in the Report of Consultation be endorsed;

- (ii) the Ystrad Mynach Masterplan as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Adopted Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2021, and as a tool for guiding regeneration activity in the wider Ystrad Mynach area be adopted.

The meeting closed at 18:05pm

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2019 they were signed by the Mayor.

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MAYOR



## ANNUAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2019 AT 6.00PM

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#### PRESENT:

Councillor M. Adams - Mayor  
Councillor J. Simmonds - Deputy Mayor

#### Councillors:

Mrs E. Aldworth, C. Andrews, A. Angel, J. Bevan, C. Bezzina, L. Binding, A. Collis, S. Cook, D. Cushing, C. Cuss, W. David, M. Davies, D.T. Davies, K. Dawson, K. Etheridge, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, Ms E. Forehead, A. Gair, Ms J. Gale, N. George, C. Gordon, R.W. Gough, L. Harding, D. Havard, D. Harse, A. Higgs, A. Hussey, M. James, G. Johnston, Mrs B. Jones, G. Kirby, Mrs A. Leonard, Ms P. Leonard, C.P. Mann, Mrs P. Marsden, B. Miles, S. Morgan, Mrs G. Oliver, B. Owen, T. Parry, Mrs L. Phipps, D.V. Poole, D.W.R. Preece, J. Ridgewell, J.E. Roberts, R. Saralis, Mrs M.E. Sargent, J. Scriven, G. Simmonds, Ms E. Stenner, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, R. Whiting, L.G. Whittle, T. Williams, W. Williams, B. Zaplatynski.

#### Together with:

C. Harry (Interim Chief Executive), D. Street (Corporate Director of Social Services and Housing), M.S. Williams (Interim Corporate Director Communities), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services), R. Tranter (Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal Services) and A. Dredge (Committee Services Officer).

#### 1. **WEB-CASTING FILMING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Interim Chief Executive reminded those present that the meeting was being filmed and would be made publically available in live and archive form via the Council's website. She advised that decisions would be made via the electronic voting system.

#### 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.J. Bevan, N. Dix, C. Elsbury, Mrs C. Forehead, J. E. Fussell, D. Hardacre, V. James, L. Jeremiah, S. Kent, Mrs D. Price, J. Pritchard and S. Skivens.

#### 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**4. RETIRING MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The retiring Mayor, Councillor M. Adams welcomed all those present to the Annual Meeting of Council and thanked fellow Members for their support and spoke of the privilege it had been meeting the truly inspirational residents and talented young people of the borough during his mayoral year. Councillor Adams thanked his wife Gloria for acting as his consort and Councillor J. Simmonds for being his deputy over the last twelve months. Particular thanks were paid to the Civic Office Team for their patience and hard work. In concluding his address Councillor Adams paid thanks to all those who supported his charity appeal for the Matthew Walklin make a Smile Foundation and confirmed he was still awaiting some donations and would announce the final total raised as soon as possible.

**5. TO ELECT A MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY 2020 AND MAKE A CIVIC SALARY PAYMENT**

It was moved and seconded that Councillor J. Simmonds be elected as Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council. By way of the electronic voting system and in noting that 2 Members had not voted this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that Councillor J. Simmonds be elected Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council until the appointment of a successor at the Annual Meeting in May 2020.

Councillor J. Simmonds thanked his fellow Members for the honour bestowed upon him and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Interim Chief Executive. He advised that his consort would be his wife, Karen Simmonds.

**6. PRESENTATION OF PAST MAYOR AND CONSORTS' BADGES**

The Mayor presented Councillor Adams with his mayoral badge acknowledging his role as Mayor for the past year.

**7. TO APPOINT A DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY 2020 AND MAKE A CIVIC SALARY PAYMENT**

It was moved and seconded that Councillor C. Andrews be elected as Deputy Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council. By way of the electronic voting system and in noting there were 2 against and 1 abstention, this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that Councillor C. Andrews be elected Deputy Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council until the appointment of a successor at the Annual Meeting in May 2020.

Councillor C. Andrews thanked her fellow Members for the honour bestowed upon her and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Interim Chief Executive. She advised that her consort would be her mother Susan Bradford.

**8. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mayor, Councillor J. Simmonds expressed his honour and privilege of becoming Mayor. He paid tribute to Councillor Adams for the introductions and countless engagements they had attended in the past year looked forward to an interesting, enjoyable and busy year ahead. Councillor Simmonds thanked his wife, Members and Officers for their current and future support and announced that during his term of office his chosen charity's would be Action for Children and Liver for Life.

**9. TO NOTE THAT COUNCILLOR D.V. POOLE WILL RECEIVE A SENIOR SALARY PAYMENT AS LEADER OF COUNCIL**

It was moved and seconded that Councillor D.V. Poole be appointed as Leader of Caerphilly County Borough Council and receive a senior salary payment. By way of the electronic voting system and in noting that there were 5 abstentions and 2 Members had not voted this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that the appointment of Councillor D.V. Poole as Leader of Caerphilly County Borough Council and his receipt of a senior salary payment be noted.

**10. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER(S) AND MAKE A SENIOR SALARY PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the appointments of Councillors Mrs B. A. Jones and S. Morgan as Deputy Leaders of Caerphilly County Borough Council and their receipt of a senior salary payment be noted.

**11. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET**

RESOLVED that the appointments by the Leader of Council as to the membership of the Cabinet and their receipt of a senior salary payment be noted: -

Deputy Leader and Finance, Performance and Governance (and share the Deputy Senior Salary payment)	Councillor Barbara Jones
Deputy Leader and Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability and Well Being and Future Generations Champion (and share the Deputy Senior Salary payment)	Councillor Sean Morgan
Corporate Services	Councillor Colin Gordon
Education and Achievement	Councillor Philippa Marsden
Environment and Public Protection	Councillor Eluned Stenner
Homes and Places	Councillor Lisa Phipps
Neighbourhood Services	Councillor Nigel George
Social Care and Well Being	Councillor Carl Cuss

**12. LEADER OF THE MAIN OPPOSITION GROUP – COUNCILLOR C.P. MANN**

It was moved and seconded that Councillor C.P. Mann be appointed as Leader of the main opposition group and receive a senior salary payment. By way of the electronic voting system and in noting there was 1 against, 4 abstentions and 2 Members had not voted this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that the appointment of Councillor C.P. Mann as Leader of the main opposition group and his receipt of a senior salary payment be noted.

**13. LEADER'S STATEMENT**

Councillor D.V. Poole as part of his statement presented a video montage which outlined some of the 600 plus services that the Council delivers, every hour of every day. He stated that Caerphilly is a modern, forward thinking Local Authority and this is why he decided on this approach.

The Leader had distributed a document to all Councillors ahead of the meeting that gives a flavour of some of the things that the Council can feel very proud of and what is being achieved for the benefit of the communities across the borough. Councillor Poole expressed his sincere gratitude to the hard working staff right across the organisation, for their continued professionalism and commitment to the people Caerphilly serve. This appreciation was echoed by Members.

Councillor Poole advised that over the coming months, lots of work will be taking place to help re-define the shape of the council as Caerphilly embarks on a journey of transformation. Members will need to play a key part in this process, as will the communities with the full support of residents, the business community and other key partners. The philosophy for this transformation process is one of 'Social Heart – Commercial Head'. This philosophy reflects the desire to uphold social principles, while recognising the need to adopt a more commercial mind set in the way Caerphilly conducts business in future.

In terms of looking ahead at the next 12 months Members were advised of some significant projects that will continue to progress and new projects introduced. These include improving educational attainment that will continue to be a key priority for the Council. The bold strategy 'Shared Ambitions' provides a solid platform that will help provide every learner with the best possible life chances. Significant progress continues to be made in the delivery of WHQS programme – with over 85% of internal works and over 70% of external works completed to date. The 2020 target for completion of WHQS remains fully achievable, and this has been fully endorsed by the Wales Audit Office in their most recent review of the scheme. The energy agenda will also continue to be a key priority and Cabinet has recently endorsed an ambitious electric vehicle strategy, which outlines the aspirations to provide a new electric vehicle infrastructure across Caerphilly.

Regional working will also be a priority and Members were advised that the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal continues to make solid progress. The Leader along with the Interim Chief Executive will continue to ensure Caerphilly achieves the best possible outcomes for its residents through this partnership. It is fundamental that Caerphilly works together with the 9 partner Authorities, actively marketing and promoting this borough in order to attract the jobs and investment that will transform the region in the future. Other projects include taking forward the Sports and Active Recreation Strategy and the digital transformation agenda.

In relation to closing the gap between poverty and prosperity Councillor Poole assured Members this will remain a key focus for him and for the Council during his time in office.

In conclusion, Councillor Poole accepted that there were challenging but also exciting times ahead for Caerphilly and there would also be difficult decisions to make but by working together as 'Team Caerphilly' the Council has a real opportunity to thrive.

#### **14. CONSTITUTION MATTERS**

Consideration was given to the report which outlined matters in accordance with the Council Procedural Rules and provided an update on changes to Part 2 the Articles of the Constitution and Part 3 the Scheme of Delegation to the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer. This will allow the necessary changes referred to in the report to be made to the Council's Constitution. The Constitution and the proposed changes (track changed in italics) were appended to the report.

Members were advised that the Council's Procedural Rules require the Annual Meeting to appoint at least one Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a Standards Committee and such other Committees; the Council consider appropriate to deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are executive functions. Council, at its meeting on 16th April 2019 endorsed changes to the Scrutiny Committee Structure. The Constitution has been amended to include the following Overview and Scrutiny Committees together with the amended Terms



of Reference, with the membership to remain at 16 per committee and the committee cycle to remain at six weekly: Education Scrutiny Committee, Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee (plus Partnership Scrutiny Committee), Social Services Scrutiny Committee, Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Members noted the Terms of Reference for each of the Scrutiny Committees and were requested to endorse the change of name in respect of the Environment Scrutiny Committee to the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee.

A Member referenced the Call-In procedure in respect of Cabinet Decisions as the current 3 day period is not considered sufficient time for Members to respond and requested that the Constitution be amended to extend the time period. The Monitoring Officer advised that this issue can be dealt with by way of a future report presented to Council. Clarification was sought in respect of how committee seats should be allocated to political groups in so far as practicable. The Officer advised that the principle of political balance is proportionate to the total Membership of the Council. The majority group would usually dominate with Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees with the exception of Scrutiny Committees as defined in the Local Government Act 2011 where the majority group cannot take all the Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs. There were reports listed later on the agenda confirming the Chairs and Vice-Chairs for all Committees.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By way of the electronic voting system and in noting that 1 Member had not voted this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report: -

- (i) the information contained in the report be noted;
- (ii) the recommendations set out at paragraphs 5.3, 5.4, 5.10, 5.12 and 5.15 be approved.

**15. TO APPOINT THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND MAKE A SENIOR SALARY PAYMENT**

It was moved and seconded that Members be appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair of the following Scrutiny Committees for the ensuing year in accordance with the names presented at the meeting.

An amendment was then moved and seconded, in that Councillor Bob Owen be nominated as Vice-Chair of Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee. By way of the electronic voting system and in noting there were 13 for, 41 against, 3 abstentions and 1 Member had not voted, the amendment was therefore declared lost.

The substantive motion was then taken by way of the electronic voting system and in noting that there were 4 against and 1 abstention, this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed as Chair and Vice Chair of the following Scrutiny Committees for the ensuing year and the Chair receive a senior salary payment.

**Education Scrutiny Committee**

Chair Councillor T. Parry

Vice-Chair Councillor Mrs C. Andrews

**Social Services Scrutiny Committee**

Chair Councillor L. Binding

Vice-Chair Councillor J. Bevan

**Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee/Partnerships Scrutiny Committee**

Chair Councillor J. Pritchard

Vice-Chair Councillor G. Kirby

**Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee**

Chair Councillor D.T. Davies

Vice-Chair Councillor A. Hussey

**Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**

Chair Councillor J. Ridgewell

Vice-Chair Councillor C. Forehead

**16. TO APPOINT THE MEMBERSHIP ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

It was proposed that sixteen Members be appointment to serve on the following Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the names supplied to the Interim Chief Executive by the respective groups. By way of the electronic voting system this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that sixteen Members be appointed to serve on the following Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups.

Education Scrutiny Committee

Social Services Scrutiny Committee

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee/Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee

Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

**17. TO APPOINT THE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS TO COMMITTEES**

It was proposed that Members be appointed as Chair and/or Vice-Chair of the following committees for the ensuing year in accordance with the names presented at the meeting and that the payment of senior salary be made where appropriate. By way of the electronic voting system and in noting there was 1 against, this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that the following Members be appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair of the following committees for the ensuing year and the payment of a senior salary where appropriate be noted: -

**Appeals Panel (Disciplinary/Grievance)**

Chair Councillor W. David

Vice-Chair Councillor Mrs C. Forehead

**Appointments Committee**

Chair Councillor Mrs E. M. Aldworth

Vice-Chair Councillor Mrs C. Forehead

**Democratic Services Committee**

Chair Councillor D. Cushing

Vice-Chair Councillor G. Kirby

**Investigating and Disciplinary Committee**

To be appointed by the Committee

**Licensing Committee**

Chair Councillor D. W. R. Preece

Vice-Chair Councillor J. Simmonds

**Planning Committee**

Chair Councillor M. Adams

Vice-Chair Councillor A. Whitcombe

**18. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

It was noted that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee will be appointed at the first meeting of the Audit Committee following the Annual Meeting of Council and that a senior salary payment will be made to the Chair.

**19. TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLITICAL BALANCE REPORT**

It was proposed that Members be appointed to serve on the listed committees in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by respective groups. By way of the electronic voting system this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that subject to the foregoing, Members be appointed to serve on the following in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups:-

Appeals Panel (Disciplinary/Grievance)(3 Members/3 substitutes)  
Appointments Committee (7 Members plus relevant Cabinet Member)  
Audit Committee (12 Members)  
Democratic Services Committee (16 Members)  
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (7 Members)  
Licensing and Gambling Committee/Taxi and General Committee (15 members)  
Planning Committee (20 Members)  
Standards Committee (2 Members/2 substitutes)  
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee (5 Cabinet Members)

**20. TO CONSTITUTE SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS AND BOARDS**

It was proposed that Members be appointed to serve on the following sub-committees/working parties/panels and boards in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups.

A Member requested the Leader to consider an Independent Member to sit on Scrutiny Leadership Group. In response the Leader confirmed that he is happy with the current arrangements and this Group is made up of Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

By way of the electronic voting system and in noting there were 6 against, 3 abstentions and 1 Member had not voted, this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that Members be appointed to serve on the following sub-committees/working parties/panels and boards in accordance with the names supplied to Democratic Services by the respective groups: -

Advisory Panel for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors (8 members)  
Bargoed Town Centre Management Group (6 local Members and Cabinet Member)  
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group (5 local Members and Cabinet Member)  
Caerphilly Community Safety Delivery Strategy Group (1 Member)  
Caerphilly Homes Task Group (Welsh Housing Quality Standard)(7 Members)  
Caerphilly Local Access Forum (Cabinet Member)  
Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group (9 ward Members and Cabinet Member)  
Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee (16 Members)  
Corporate Health and Safety Committee (7 Members)  
Corporate Joint Consultative Committee (all Cabinet Members)  
Education Achievement Service Board (1 Member)

Education Achievement Service Audit/Risk Assurance Committee (2 Members)  
Future Generations Advisory Panel (11 Members)  
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel (15 Members)  
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group (ward Members and Cabinet Member)  
Pensions/Compensation Committee (8 Members)  
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Scrutiny Panel (2 Members)  
Risca Town Centre Management Group (5 local Members and Cabinet Member)  
River Rhymney Task Group (3 Members)  
Scrutiny Leadership Group (Chair/Vice - Scrutiny Committees/Democratic Services Committee and Audit Committee)  
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (6 Members)  
View Point Panel (relevant Cabinet Members)  
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee (15 Members)  
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group (4 local Members and Cabinet Member)

## **21. TO APPOINT/NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

It was proposed that Members be appointed to sit on the following associations and outside bodies. By way of the electronic voting system and in noting there was 1 against, this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that Council be represented on associations and outside bodies by the following Members and/or officers: -

**Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council**  
Councillors D. Price, Mrs T. Parry, J. Simmonds

**Anti-Poverty Champion**  
Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Governance -  
Councillor Mrs B.A. Jones

**Army Benevolent Fund - Gwent**  
Councillor A. Whitcombe

**Armed Forces Community Covenant Champion**  
Councillor A. Whitcombe

**Association of Public Services Excellence (APSE) Welsh Regional Committee**  
Cabinet Members for Corporate Service, Homes and Places, Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability - Councillors C.J. Gordon, Mrs L. Phipps and S. Morgan

**Caerphilly Foster Panel**  
Councillor J. Simmonds

**Carbon Reduction Group**  
Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability – Councillor S. Morgan

**Cardiff Capital Region Joint Committee (Regional Cabinet)**  
Leader of Council - Councillor D.V. Poole and Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability - Councillor S. Morgan

**Care and Repair - Caerphilly**  
Cabinet Member for Homes and Places - Councillor Mrs L. Phipps and Private Sector Housing Manager

**Child Poverty Champion**

Cabinet Member for Social Care and Well Being - Councillor C.J. Cuss

**Citizens Advice Bureau Trustee Board**

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services - Councillor C.J. Gordon

**Coleg Gwent Further Education Corporation (Crosskeys Community Partnership)**

Councillor D.T. Hardacre

**Coleg Harlech WEA North**

Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement - Councillor Mrs P. Marsden

**Coleg Y Cymoedd Corporation (formerly Ystrad Mynach College Board of Governors)**

Sian Farquharson, Challenge Advisor EAS

**Consortium of Local Authorities Wales (CLAW)**

Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Homes and Places - Councillors D.V. Poole and Mrs L. Phipps

**Corporate Parenting Group**

Cabinet Members for Social Care and Well Being and Education and Achievement  
Councillors C.J. Cuss and Mrs P. Marsden, Councillors L. Binding, D. Cushing,  
Ms J. Gale (Foster Panel Member)

**Corporate Safeguarding Group**

Cabinet Members for Social Care and Well Being and Education and Achievement  
Councillors C.J. Cuss, Mrs P. Marsden and Councillor D. Cushing, 1 Independent

**Dementia Friend Champion**

Councillor Mrs C. Andrews

**Domestic Abuse Champions**

Cabinet Members for Corporate Services and Neighbourhood Services - Councillors  
C.J. Gordon and N. George

**Equalities Champion**

Councillor J. Pritchard

**Fields in Trust (formerly National Playing Fields Association)**

Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services - Councillor N. George

**Future Generations Champion**

Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability - Councillor S. Morgan

**Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee**

Councillor Mrs B.A. Jones and A.G Higgs

**Greater Gwent Cremation Joint Committee**

Councillor J. Simmonds and J. Taylor

**Groundwork Wales**

Councillor D. Havard

**Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations**

Relevant Officer and Councillor A. Higgs

**Gwent Regional Partnership Board**

Cabinet Member for Social Care and Well Being - Councillor C.J. Cuss

**Gwent Archives Joint Committee**

Councillors Mrs B.A. Jones and A.G. Higgs

**Gwent Police and Crime Panel - politically balanced across Gwent**

Councillors Mrs C. Forehead, G. Kirby and C.P. Mann

**Homeless Person Champion**

Cabinet Member for Homes and Places - Councillor Mrs L. Phipps

**Industrial Communities Alliance (formerly Coalfield Communities Campaign)**

Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability - Councillor S. Morgan

**Islwyn Indoor Bowls Club Management Board**

Councillor M. Adams and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services - Councillor N. George

**Joint Council for Wales**

Cabinet Members for Corporate Services and Homes and Places - Councillors C.J. Gordon and Mrs L. Phipps

**The Learning Centre (Pupil Referral Unit)**

Councillor M. Evans

**Local Authority Action for Southern Africa (LAACTSA)**

Councillor R. Saralis

**Local Government Association**

Leader of the Council - Councillor D.V. Poole and Cabinet Members for Finance, Performance and Governance, Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability and Neighbourhood Services - Councillors Mrs B.A. Jones, S. Morgan and N. George

**Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Joint Steering Group** (Formally Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Regeneration Partnership)

Cabinet Members for Neighbourhood Services and Environment and Public Protection, - Councillors N. George and Mrs E. Stenner (substitute Councillor C. Thomas)

**Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust**

Councillor D. Havard

**Older Persons Champion**

Councillor Mrs B.A. Jones

**Pen Bryn Oer Wind Farm Community Benefit Panel**

Member for Twyn Carno Ward - Councillor C. Cuss

**PFI Liaison Committee**

Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement - Councillor Mrs P. Marsden

**Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee**

Cabinet Members for Neighbourhood Services and Corporate Services - Councillors N. George and C.J. Gordon

**Regional Technical Statement (Aggregates)**

Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability - Councillor S. Morgan

**Regional Transport Authority**

Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability - Councillor S. Morgan

**Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales**

Councillor A. Whitcombe

**Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership**

Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection - Councillor Mrs E. Stenner

**Schools Admission Forum**

Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement - Councillor Mrs P. Marsden

**Schools Budget Forum**

Cabinet Members for Education and Achievement and Finance, Performance and Governance - Councillors Mrs P. Marsden and Mrs B.A. Jones

**South East Area Environment Group**

Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection - Councillor Mrs E. Stenner

**South East Wales Strategic Planning Group**

Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection - Councillor Mrs E. Stenner

**South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority**

Councillors D.T. Davies, A. Hussey, C. Elsbury

**South Wales Regional Aggregates Working Party**

Cabinet Member for Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability - Councillor S. Morgan

**Sportlot Community Chest Panel**

Councillors A. Gair, C. Thomas and W. Williams

**St. Johns Cymru Wales**

Councillor Mrs C. Andrews

**Urban Commission (Local Government Association)**

Councillor S. Morgan

**Wales and National Nuclear Free Zone Forum**

Councillor Mrs C. Forehead

**Wales Council for Deaf People**

Councillor A. Gair

**Welsh Books Council (3 years) and Wales Book Council Executive Committee (1 year)**

Councillor J. Simmonds

**Welsh Centre for International Affairs**

Councillor D. Havard

**Welsh Church Fund**

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services - Councillor C. Gordon, Substitute - Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Governance - Councillor Mrs B.A. Jones

**Welsh Local Government Association**

Leader of the Council - Councillor D.V. Poole and Cabinet Members for Finance, Performance and Governance, Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability and Neighbourhood Services - Councillors Mrs B.A. Jones, S. Morgan and N. George

**Welsh Local Government Association - Executive Board**

Leader of the Council - Councillor D.V. Poole

**Welsh Purchasing Consortium** - to be disbanded in due course

Cabinet Member for Corporate Services - Councillor C. Gordon

**White Ribbon Campaign**

Councillor N. George

**WJEC**

Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement - Councillor Mrs P. Marsden

**Workers Education Association - South Wales District Committee**

Councillor Mrs C. Forehead

**Youth Champion (appointed by Youth Forum)**

Councillor M. Evans

**Youth Forum**

Councillors C.J. Cuss and J. Pritchard plus Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement - Councillor Mrs P. Marsden and the Youth Champion

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2018 they were signed by the Mayor.

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MAYOR





## COUNCIL – 4TH JUNE 2019

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – CLIMATE CHANGE**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

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- 1.1 The attached report, which was considered by the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on 14th May 2019 detailed a Notion of Motion, received from Councillor S. Morgan and supported by Councillors D.V. Poole, B. Jones, C. Cuss, C. Gordon, L. Phipps, N. George, P. Marsden, E. Stenner, C. Mann and K. Etheridge, as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation to Council, in accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Council's Constitution.
- 1.2 Members considered the following Notice of Motion:
- the Council declare a Climate Emergency;
  - commit to making Caerphilly County Borough Council a net zero carbon local authority by 2030;
  - within 12 months develop a clear energy plan for a route towards being net zero carbon;
  - ask that Welsh and UK Government call on World Leaders to acknowledge the overwhelming scientific evidence that Climate Change has been created by human activity;
  - call on Welsh and UK Government to provide the necessary support and resources to enable effective carbon reduction and move to a less resource intensive future;
  - call on Welsh Government to measure out countries progress in a way that supports and reflects decarbonisation and the ambitious and forward thinking Well Being and Future Generations Act, rather than simply measuring resource use and consumerism;
  - work with Public Service Board and Cardiff Capital Region City Deal partners to develop opportunities to deliver carbon savings and to take advantage of the wider benefits of becoming net zero carbon.
- 1.3 The Committee were provided with background information that supported the Notice of Motion, which included details from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on "Global Warming of 1.5°C" published in October 2018, confirmed that the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050. The Report describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, and told us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities.
- 1.4 During the course of the ensuring debate, Members raised a number of concerns around climate changes, including recent headlines in which plastic was found at the bottom of the ocean. Further discussions took place around financial implications and concerns were raised around the impact on Council budgets, with particular reference to the budgetary cuts, costs of implementing greener energy sources and developing economies increasing

their carbon emissions. Further queries were raised around schemes to plant more trees across the borough with schools or Housing Developers. As a result, the Committee were asked to note that a report is to be presented to the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee which will outline a number of proposals and options in order to address these concerns, which will be circulated to the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee for information.

- 1.5 Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Notice of Motion as detailed in the Officers Report be supported and recommended to Council. By a show of hands, and in noting that there was 1 abstention, this agreed by the majority present.

RECOMMENDED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's Report the Notice of Motion be supported by Council.

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Appendices:

Appendix Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Report – 14th May 2019



## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 14TH MAY 2019

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – CLIMATE CHANGE**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation to Council. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution.

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor S. Morgan and is supported by Councillors D.V. Poole, B. Jones, C. Cuss, C. Gordon, L. Phipps, N. George, P. Marsden, E. Stenner, C. Mann and K. Etheridge.
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure in now referred to Scrutiny for consideration.

### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the Notice of Motion outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation to Council.

### 4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

### 5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 Councillor S. Morgan requests in his Notice of Motion that Council: -
- (i) Declare a Climate Emergency;

- (ii) Commit to making Caerphilly County Borough Council a net zero carbon local authority by 2030;
- (iii) Within 12 months develop a clear energy plan for a route towards being net zero carbon;
- (iv) Ask that Welsh and UK Government call on World Leaders to acknowledge the overwhelming scientific evidence that Climate Change has been created by human activity;
- (v) Call on Welsh and UK Governments to provide the necessary support and resources to enable effective carbon reductions and move to a less resource intensive future;
- (vi) Call on Welsh Government to move to measure out countries progress in a way that supports and reflects decarbonisation and the ambitious and forward thinking Well Being Of Future Generation Act, rather than simply measuring resource use and consumerism;
- (vii) Work with Public Services Board and Cardiff Capital Region City Deal partners to develop opportunities to delivery carbon savings and to take advantage of the wider benefits of a green economy;
- (viii) Collaborate with experts from the private second and 3rd sectors to develop innovative solutions to becoming net zero carbon.

5.2 The following information supports the Notice of Motion: -

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on “*Global Warming of 1.5°C*” published in October 2018, confirmed that the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050. The Report describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise, and told us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities.

Humanity's future depends on today's bold and brave leaders to make the necessary decisions now in order to safeguard the environment, our future and those of generations to come.

To keep global warming below 1.5°C, and to reduce the chance of Climate Breakdown, we need to reduce our Carbon emissions

5.3 Caerphilly County Borough Council has already shown foresight and leadership when it comes to addressing the issues of sustainability and climate change when it approved its first sustainable development policy in 1997. In April 2006, the Authority signed the Welsh Declaration on Climate Change, and in 2009 approved an ambitious aspirational Carbon Reduction Strategy with a target to reduce its carbon emissions (buildings and street lighting) by 45% of the baseline 07/08 emissions levels.

The authority has a proven track record of delivering energy and carbon improvements by investing to save. The authority was a founding member (2004) of the national Salix scheme, which provides interest free loans from an £800,000 pot,

with the Authority being the top performer in Wales on the volume of annual carbon saved.

## **6. ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

## **7. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES**

- 7.1 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision making roles and responsibilities which will impact on future generations.

### **7.2 Corporate Plan 2018-2023.**

The subject of the Notice of Motion being Climate Change would impact on Objective 5 - Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

## **8. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

- 8.1 The Notice of Motion is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the act as it complies with the rules and regulations of the Council's Constitution which sets out a clear framework for how the Council operates in particular decision making responsibilities which will consider the positive and negative impacts on future generations, long term resilience, economic, environmental and social capital.

## **9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no specific equalities implications that directly affect the Council arising from the report.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **11. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

## **12. CONSULTATIONS**

- 12.1 There has been no consultation undertaken.

### **13. STATUTORY POWER**

#### 13.1 Local Government Act 1972

Author: Emma Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.

## Notice of Motion

To consider the undermentioned Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor Sean Morgan and supported by Councillor David Poole, Councillor Barbara Jones, Councillor Carl Cuss, Councillor Colin Gordon, Councillor Eluned Stenner, Councillor Lisa Phipps, Councillor Philippa Marsden, Councillor Nigel George, Councillor Colin Mann and Councillor Kevin Etheridge

We propose that Caerphilly County Borough Council:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency;
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7. Work with Public Services Board and Cardiff Capital Region City Deal partners to develop opportunities to deliver carbon savings and to take advantage of the wider benefits of a green economy;
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The reason for this motion

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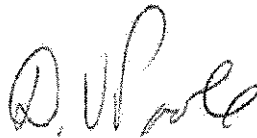
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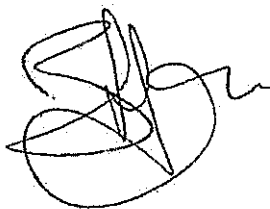
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Councillor David Poole



Councillor Barbara Jones



Councillor Eluned Stenner





Councillor Colin Gordon

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Councillor Lisa Phipps

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Councillor Nigel George

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Councillor Kevin Etheridge

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Councillor Colin Mann

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## COUNCIL – 4TH JUNE 2019

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CAERPHILLY ELECTORAL REVIEW 2019**

**REPORT BY: INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To agree the Council response to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission (“the Commission”) for Wales who are conducting a review of electoral arrangements of Caerphilly County Borough Council.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Members will recall receiving a presentation from the Commission at the meeting of Council on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The Council agreed to form a working group to review the electoral arrangements in the county borough and formulate a response to the Commission. The working group has met on several occasions and the draft response of the Council is attached to this report at Appendix 1. Council is being asked to approve the response for submission to the Commission on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019, when the consultation period on the review of the electoral arrangements ends.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the submission found at Appendix 1 of the report is sent to the Commission as the official response of the Council to the consultation exercise on the review of the electoral arrangements within the county borough.

### **4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 So that the Council responds to the review of electoral arrangements by the Commission.

### **5. THE REPORT**

- 5.1 Members will remember the presentation given by the Commission to the meeting of Council on 5<sup>th</sup> March. The Commission informed Council that the latest ONS estimate has the population of Caerphilly at 180,795, with a population density of less than 10 persons per hectare and under 25% of the population living in settlements smaller than 10,000 people. These factors placed Caerphilly in Category 2. The Commission has established 4 categories of principal council in Wales. The Commission has determined that for Category 2, councils should have a councillor to population ratio of 1:3,000. The Commission determined that the overall Council Size Aim is therefore 60 members. However for this review there is a 10% cap on the reduction in members so the Council Size Aim for this review will be 66 which will result in a ratio of one councillor to 1971 electors.

- 5.2 In carrying out its review the Commission will take into account the aim of establishing one councillor per 1971 electors, community ties, natural and manmade boundaries. The Commission highlighted 7 wards within the county borough of particular concern as they were over or under represented by 25% or more. These wards were Pontlottyn, Bargoed, Aberbargoed, Pengam, Cefn Fforest, Crosskeys and St James.
- 5.3 The Commission advised the meeting of Council in March that it was keen to hear the views of the Council, hence the establishment of the working group by the Council. The working group comprised of the 3 political group leaders, Cllrs Cuss, Jones, Pritchard and Whittle.
- 5.4 The working group has met on 5 occasions and the agreed proposals of the working group are attached at appendix 1 of the report for the approval of the Council. The approved response will then be sent to the Commission on 5<sup>th</sup> June, which will be the conclusion of stage 1 of the review process.
- 5.5 At stage 2 the Commission will consider and develop any proposals submitted to them and publish draft proposals in late 2019/early 2020. It is anticipated that the Commission will meet the group leaders and a further 12 week statutory consultation period will begin.
- 5.6 At stage 3 the draft proposals will represent the Commission's initial views on Caerphilly's electoral arrangements and it will welcome any representations. These will be considered before the Commission formulates its final proposals and submit them to the Welsh Government.
- 5.7 At stage 4 the Welsh Government will consider the Commission's proposals and may allow some very minor changes, probably around the autumn of 2020. If accepted, the Welsh Government will make the appropriate legislation so that the 2022 local government elections will reflect the changes in the electoral arrangements.
- 5.8 The review of electoral arrangements process is being carried out by the Commission in all the 22 principal councils in Wales, and a further review will begin in 2022.

## 5.9 **Conclusion**

By making representations to the Commission, the Council is at least trying to influence the thinking of the Commission. If no submission is made by the Council then it is likely that the Commission will reduce the number of councillors in the county borough down to 66 without having the benefit of the local knowledge of the Council, which may result in the electors beings deprived of adequate and proper representation.

## 6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 The proposals being presented to the Commission are made on the basis that there is a population within the county borough of 180,795; there is an electorate of 130,104, with a population eligible to vote of 142,461. Further it is accepted that there are just over 4000 16/17 year olds within the county borough.

## 7. **LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES**

- 7.1 The Commission's statutory role to review electoral arrangements across the 22 principal council areas in Wales is independent of the Council's policies.

## **8. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

8.1 Whilst the work of the Commission is independent of the Council, the report contributes to the following Well-being Goals:-

- A resilient Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language

## **9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The work of the Commission should not result in any negative equality issues.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no financial implications in the report.

## **11. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no personnel implications within the report.

## **12. CONSULTATIONS**

12.1 The views of the consultees listed below have already been incorporated into the report.

## **13. STATUTORY POWER**

13.1 The Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Draft Council Response to the Commission

Background Papers:

Report to Council of 5<sup>th</sup> March – Electoral Review of Caerphilly

Presentation of the Commission to Council on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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Dear Shereen,

### **Review of Electoral Arrangements within the County Borough of Caerphilly**

Further to the presentation by the Commission to the meeting of the Council on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Council agreed to establish a working group to review the electoral arrangements within the county borough. A seven member group, comprising of the Leader of the Council, Cllr Poole, who chaired the group, Cllr Mann, the Leader of the Opposition, Plaid Cymru, Cllr Etheridge, the Leader of the Independent Group, Cllr Jones, the Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Governance, Cllr Cuss, the Executive Member for Social Care and Wellbeing, Cllr Pritchard, Chair of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Cllr Whittle, an experienced Plaid Cymru member and former leader of the council.

At the meeting of Council 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019, the Council approved this response to the consultation exercise currently being carried out by the Commission. I will take each ward in order:-

1. Aber Valley – no change. 3 councillors representing 4549 electors. This is a housing renewal area that has considerable council money spent on improving properties. The Windsor Colliery site was cleared using public finance and has some new homes and a school. United Welsh Housing Association has planning permission to complete the site which they will begin immediately the new development of the Panteg public house is completed. That development is well under way. There are also an extra 40 houses to be built at Ty Isaf wher planning permission has been granted and pre-building works have already been carried out.
2. Aberbargoed – **Reduce ward representation from 2 to 1 councillor.** 2651 electors. Transfer Bedwellty fields to Pengam ward. Boundary to ward at southern point with neighbouring Pengam ward will be the Angel Way spur past the fire station.
3. Abercarn – no change. 2 councillors representing 4070 electors.
4. Argoed – No change. One member representing 1981 electors.
5. Bargoed – Merge with Gilfach forming a new 3 member ward representing 5903 electors.  
**Net reduction of 1 member.**

6. Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen – No change. 4 members representing 7673 electors.
7. Blackwood – retain 3 members but transfer Bedwellty Road and Bryn Road from the Cefn Fforest ward to the Blackwood ward. Extra 297 electors giving a total of 6500 electors.
8. Cefn Fforest – **Reduce to one member** but transfer Bedwellty Road and Bryn Road to Blackwood ward. One member representing 2512 electors.
9. Crosskeys – No change. One member representing 2470 electors. Compact ward.
10. Crumlin – No change. 2 members representing 4276 electors.
11. Darran Valley – No change.
12. Gilfach – Merge ward with Bargoed. **4 members reduced to 3.**
13. Hengoed – Leave as 2 members but transfer Firecrest Walk, Harrier Avenue, Kingfisher Way, Goshawk Rise, Brambling Crescent and Starling Walk to the Ystrad Mynach ward. Transfer Farm Close, Tiryberth to St Cattwg ward. This will result in Hengoed ward having 3727 electors.
14. Llanbradach – Leave as 2 members but transfer Clos y Felin, Camnant, llys y Coed, Castell Llwyd, Trem-yr-Felin, Coed y Graig, Clos Graddfa, Clos Mawr, Stryd Hywel Harris and Nant Twyn-yr-Harris to Llanbradach ward from neighbouring Ystrad Mynach ward. Llanbradach electorate increases by 621 electors to 3785. This proposal would affect the community area.
15. Maesycwmmmer – No change. One member representing 1680 electors. A housing estate is currently being constructed within the ward which will add a further 400 houses.
16. Morgan Jones – Leave as 3 members representing 5608 electors.
17. Moriah – merge with Pontlottyn ward to form new 2 member ward representing 4002 electors. **Net reduction of 1 member.**
18. Nelson – No change. 2 members representing 3549 electors.
19. New Tredegar – No change. Existing natural boundaries to ward. 2 members representing 3307 electors.
20. Newbridge – No change. 3 members representing 4766 electors.
21. Pengam – **Reduce from 2 members to one member.** Transfer Bedwellty fields to Pengam ward from Aberbargoed (cf 2 above).
22. Penmaen – No change except transfer Tirfilkins Close from Pontllanfraith ward. 2 members representing 4207 electors.
23. Penyrheol – No change. 4 members representing 8831 electors. This is a large but extremely compact ward that has existed in its present form for 48 years. It was an original Mid Glamorgan county council ward since 1971. The Community Council is also co-terminus in its boundary and recently one community councillor has been deleted. All schools are feeder schools to the existing comprehensive and it is recognised as a community. Whilst arguments could be made to increase the number of councillors it is recognised that the estates are well established. To link them would split the community. The majority of the estates are not areas of social deprivation.
24. Pontllanfraith – No change except transfer Tirfilkins Close to Penmaen (cf 22 above) and transfer Gelligroes to the Ynysddu ward. Use bypass as the boundary between the Pontllanfraith and Ynysddu wards. 3 members representing 6222 electors.
25. Pontlottyn – merge with Moriah to form new 2 member ward. Please see 17 above.
26. Risca East – Leave as 3 members but transfer Fernlea, Samson Street, York Place, Navigation Road, Church Road, Highfield Crescent, Darran Road and Highfield Close from Risca West to Risca East. The transfer would increase the electorate by 333 to 4954. These proposals will affect the community area. The boundary between Risca East and Risca West will be the railway line.



27. Risca West – Leave as a 2 member ward but subject to changes detailed in 26 above. The electorate will be 3515.
28. St. Cattwg – No change to 3 member ward except transfer Farm Close, Tiryberth from the Hengoed ward to St Cattwg, which will increase the electors by 67 to 5571.
29. St. James – No change. 3 members representing 4210 electors. This large ward is predominately rural but contains the large housing estate of Lansbury Park.
30. St. Martins – No proposed changes. 3 members representing 6401 electors.
31. Twyn Carno – Retain as 1 member ward. This ward has received and is eligible for grant funding to alleviate deprivation which may be lost if it is combined with another ward. Boundary will be the police station. Transfer Old Brewery Lane, The Terrace and Rhymney Walk from the former Pontlloftyn ward, and transfer Tanyllan Terrace, Tre Evans, Goshen Street, Goshen Close, Cross Street, Menest Street, High Street, Tre York Street, Colenso Terrace, Castle Fields, Heol Aneurin Bevan, Golwg y Mynnydd, St. Davids Close and Cwrt Andrew Buchan from the former Moriah ward (please see 17 and 25 above). With these changes the ward will have 2155 electors.
32. Ynysddu – Retain as 2 member ward but move Gelligroes from Pontllanfraith ward and use bypass as boundary between Ynysddu and Pontllanfraith wards. (cf 24 above). Ward will now have 3040 electors.
33. Ystrad Mynach – Retain as 2 member ward but subject to changes highlighted in 13 and 14 above giving an electorate of 4161 for this ward.

You will note from our proposals that the representation in the county borough will be reduced from 73 to 68 members. In coming to its conclusions, the working group has taken into account the statutory factors of electoral equality, community identity and effective and convenient local government, whilst respecting the natural and man-made boundaries to the wards within the county borough.

I trust that you will give serious consideration to the council's proposals.

Yours sincerely

Leader to the Council

Interim Chief Executive

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## COUNCIL – 4TH JUNE 2019

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS OF THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 On 5 December 2017, Council appointed Christina HARRY to the post of Interim Chief Executive for a period of 6 months ending 30 June 2018. Council, at the meeting held on 17 April 2018, agreed to extend this interim contract until 30 June 2019. This report seeks a decision from Council to further extend this interim contract arrangement.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Council is required by law to have in place a Head of Paid Service. Within the Council, this responsibility is designated to the Chief Executive.
- 2.2 Arrangements have been in place for Christina HARRY to undertake the post of Interim Chief Executive since 1 January 2018. These interim arrangements now need to be reviewed by Council and a decision made with regards to their continuation.
- 2.3 Members will be aware that as a consequence of this interim appointment, there is now also an interim arrangement in place for the post of Corporate Director, Communities. At the Council meeting held on 17 April 2018, Members delegated the decision to extend the interim contract arrangements for the Corporate Director, Communities, to the Interim Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and the two Deputy Leaders.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Council is asked to agree to extend the contract of the current Interim Chief Executive until 31 March 2020.

### **4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 To ensure the Council complies with its statutory requirements to have in place a Head of Paid Service.

### **5. THE REPORT**

- 5.1 Members will be aware of the interim arrangements that have been in place within the Authority since the suspension of the substantive Chief Executive in March 2013.

- 5.2 As stated, the Council is required by law to have in place a Head of Paid Service. Within the Council, this responsibility is designated to the Chief Executive, who also undertakes the required statutory roles of Proper Officer for the registration of births, marriages and deaths and the Returning Officer.
- 5.3 Council at the meeting held on 5 December 2017, confirmed Mrs HARRY's interim appointment to this post for a period of six months effective from January 2018. This interim contract was reviewed by Council on 17 April 2018, and a decision was made to extend it until 30 June 2019.
- 5.4 Members will be aware that allegations in relation to the substantive Chief Executive have been referred to a Designated Independent Person (DIP) to undertake an investigation in accordance with Welsh Government's statutory process for Disciplinary Proceedings for Statutory Officers. The DIP has concluded the investigation and is currently working on the report. It would be inappropriate to comment any further at this stage.
- 5.5 Consequently, it is necessary to consider the contract of the current Interim Chief Executive and whether or not this should be extended beyond 30 June 2019.
- 5.6 Currently, the Authority is engaged in a number of significant projects, including City Deal, Twenty First Century Schools, management of the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and the collaboration agenda. In order to provide ongoing continuity for the organisation, it is proposed to extend the Interim Chief Executive's contract until 31 March 2020, at which time it would be reviewed again, if required.
- 5.7 This timeframe takes account of the estimated period for the investigation as outlined in 5.4 and allows the Council to progress the recommendation of the DIP, whilst maintaining stability for the organisation. Should circumstances change, the interim contract arrangement can be reviewed quickly and can be terminated at any time during the extension period.
- 5.8 If Council agrees to the extension of the fixed-term contract, the Interim Chief Executive will be employed on the previously agreed salary and terms and conditions as published in the Council's Pay Policy Statement.
- 5.9 For completeness, Members are advised that the Interim Chief Executive has indicated her agreement to an extension of the interim contract until 31 March 2020, subject to Council approval.
- 5.10 Members are asked to note that Welsh Government has been notified that Council are being asked to consider an extension to this interim appointment.

### **Conclusion**

- 5.11 The Council is required by law to have in place a Head of Paid Service and the Council has designated this responsibility to the Chief Executive. Continuing the interim appointment of Christina HARRY to this post ensures that the Council complies with its statutory requirements to have in place a Head of Paid Service whilst the substantive Chief Executive is subject to a disciplinary investigation in line with the statutory procedure for Statutory Officers.

## **6. ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 There are no assumptions made within this report.

## **7. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES**

7.1 The Chief Executive leads the Council to deliver the strategic aims, to provide services as planned and to fulfil its statutory duties, including the duty to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement.

### **7.2 Corporate Plan 2018-2023**

The Chief Executive post is key to ensuring the delivery of the Corporate Plan 2018 – 23, which defines the Council's over-arching vision, supported with clear objectives and priorities, so that everyone is clear about the direction of travel and what we are aiming to achieve and most importantly, the role that each and everyone has to play in shaping it.

## **8. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

8.1 Having considered the five ways of working, the recommendation set out in this report contributes to the following Well-being goal:

- A more equal Wales

## **9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 No equality impact assessment has been undertaken on this report as it covers an extension to arrangements already agreed.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There is a revenue budget established for the post of Chief Executive and the post-holder currently fulfilling these duties on an interim basis is funded from the revenue budget.

10.2 Additional costs associated with the Senior Officer investigation have been funded from financial provisions previously approved by Council.

## **11. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 The personnel implications are included in this report.

## **12. CONSULTATIONS**

12.1 All consultation responses have been incorporated in the report.

## **13. STATUTORY POWER**

13.1 Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000  
Local Government and Housing Act 1989  
Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014  
Local Government (Wales) Act 2015

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Background Papers:

Council report 22 July 2014 'Recruitment of Interim Chief Executive'  
Council report 9 June 2015 'Contract arrangements of Interim Chief Executive'  
Council report 19 April 2016 'Contract arrangements of Interim Chief Executive and continuation of internal management arrangements'  
Council report 31 July 2017 'Contract arrangements of Interim Chief Executive and continuation of internal management arrangements'  
Council report 31 October 2017 'Potential Settlement Agreements'  
Council report 21 November 2017 'Contract arrangements of Interim Chief Executive and continuation of internal management arrangements'  
Council report 5 December 2017 'Designation of Interim Head of Paid Service'  
Council report 17 April 2018 'Contract arrangements of the Interim Chief Executive'