



## **CORPORATE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 2015 AT 2.00 PM**

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PRESENT:

Councillor K.V. Reynolds – Chair

Councillors:

Mrs C. Forehead, N. George, D.T. Hardacre, K. James, Mrs. R. Passmore, D.V. Poole and T.J. Williams.

Together with:

C. Burns (Interim Chief Executive), C. Harry (Corporate Director Communities), D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services), L. Donovan (Personnel Manager), S. Phillips (HR Manager), C. Evans (Committee Services Officer).

Trade Union Representatives:

K. Andrews (GMB), N. Funnell (GMB), J. Marsden (UNISON) and J.C. Havard (NUT).

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors B. Jones and R. Woodyatt, N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services & S151), G. Enright (UNISON), D. Bezzina (UNISON) and S. Brassinne (UCATT).

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **3. CORPORATE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Corporate Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 22nd July 2015 (minute nos. 1-12) be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

Minute No. 10 – Collaboration.

Following from the last meeting, the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning, as Chair of the Joint Executive Group highlighted that Terms of Reference for the Group are available and will be circulated to the Committee.

Minute No. 11 – Budget

Mr C. Burns, Interim Chief Executive discussed the Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan and it was noted that a meeting was conducted between CMT and Trade Unions, which provided successful outcomes. Trade Unions added that the meeting was very constructive and aim to work with the Local Authority and engage positively in order to limit the impact of the savings requirements and avoid compulsory redundancies where possible.

It was noted that the consultation process on the Budget is due to take place, and will be wider reaching for staff and the general public, all ideas for efficiencies and savings will be considered in order to meet the £14-15m savings requirements.

#### **5. MINUTES OF THE HOUSING/WHQS JCC HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the Housing/ WHQS Joint Consultative Committee meetings held on 10th September 2015 were received and noted.

Arising from the minutes, Members were asked to note that a Communities Joint Consultative Committee is scheduled to meet next week, which will include Officers and representatives from Housing, Regeneration, Highways and Transport departments. Further updates and minutes from the meetings will be scheduled on relevant future agendas.

#### **6. CONSULTATION BETWEEN TRADE UNIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

No issues were raised

#### **7. COLLABORATION**

The Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning and chair of the Joint Executive Group provided the Committee with an update on the future of the Youth Services, which is currently under consideration. It was noted that a feasibility study is underway and the Deputy Minister for Education has highlighted 2 options, which include the development of a Consortia, in line with the Scottish Model or for Youth Services to remain as they are. A further meeting will take place on 4th November and feedback will be provided to the Committee at the next available meeting.

#### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning asked that it be noted that there has been an amendment to the Joint Executive Group and the Governance process regarding the Gwent wide EAS service, which will provide the group with more power in relation to Commissioning Education Services.

**9. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was noted that future meetings of the Corporate Joint Consultative Committee are scheduled as follows: Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 2pm; Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 2pm; Wednesday 20th July 2016 at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 2:13 p.m.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2016, they were signed by the Chair.

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CHAIR