

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 AT 5.00P.M.

#### PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Adams, Mrs E.M. Aldworth, C. Andrews (Mayor), A.P. Angel, P.J. Bevan, C. Bezzina, L.J. Binding, A. Collis, S. Cook, D. Cushing, C. Cuss, W. David, D.T. Davies, M. Davies, K. Dawson, N. Dix, C. Elsbury, K. Etheridge, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, J.E. Fussell, A. Gair, N. George, C. Gordon, R.W. Gough, D.T. Hardacre, L. Harding, A.G. Higgs, A. Hussey, M.P. James, V. James, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnston, Mrs B.A. Jones, S. Kent, G. Kirby, Mrs A. Leonard, Ms P. Leonard, C.P. Mann, P. Marsden, B. Miles, S. Morgan, Mrs G.D. Oliver (by telephone), B. Owen, Mrs T. Parry, Mrs L. Phipps, D.W.R. Preece, Mrs D. Price, J. Pritchard, J. Ridgewell, R. Saralis, Mrs M.E. Sargent, J. Scriven, G. Simmonds, J. Simmonds, S. Skivens, Mrs E. Stenner, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, R. Whiting, L G. Whittle, T.J. Williams, W. Williams, B. Zaplatynski

Officers: C. Harry (Chief Executive), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services & Housing), M.S. Williams (Interim Corporate Director – Communities), S. Harris (Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer), R. Kyte (Head of Regeneration and Planning), R. Thomas (Planning Services Manager), S. Pugh (Communications Manager), A. Southcombe (Finance Manager - Corporate Finance) R. Williams (Group Accountant-Treasury and Capital), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer), R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer)

#### APOLOGIES:

Councillors: J. Bevan, Mrs C. Forehead, Miss E. Forehead, J. Gale (Deputy Mayor), D. Harse, D. Havard, D.V. Poole and J. Roberts.

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

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest	Agenda Item No. 5 - Councillors D.T. Davies, C. Elsbury and A. Hussey declared a personal interest as members of the South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.	No vote required
3.	Capital Strategy Report 2021/2022.	It was moved and seconded that for the reasons given in the Officers report the recommendations contained therein be approved and by way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.  RESOLVED that the annual Capital Strategy Report be approved.	59 For 1 Against 1 Abstain

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4.	Treasury Management Annual Strategy, Capital Finance Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2021/2022.	<p>It was moved and seconded that for the reasons given in the Officers report the recommendations contained therein be approved and by way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <p>1. The Annual Strategy for Treasury Management 2021/22 be approved.</p> <p>2 The strategy be reviewed quarterly within the Treasury Management monitoring reports presented to Policy &amp; Resources 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 a half-yearly report on Treasury Management activities.</p> <p>3. The Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management be approved as per Appendix 5.</p> <p>4. The Prudential Indicators for Capital Financing be approved as per Appendices 6 &amp; 7.</p> <p>5 Members adopt the MRP policy as set out in Appendix 8.</p> <p>6 The continuation of the 2020/21 investment strategy and the lending to financial institutions and Corporates in accordance with the minimum credit rating criteria disclosed within this report be approved.</p> <p>7. The Authority borrows £37.2m for the General Fund to support the 2021/22 capital programme and £52.0m for the HRA WHQS and Affordable Homes programme.</p> <p>8 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.</p> <p>9. The Authority adopts the monetary and investment duration limits as set in Appendix 3 of the report.</p>	62 For 0 Against 0 Abstain

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5.	Budget Proposals For 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Outlook.	<p>An amendment was moved and seconded in relation to Recommendation 1.6(v) for a 0% increase in Council Tax. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation the amendment was declared lost.</p> <hr/> <p>A further amendment was moved and seconded in relation to Recommendation 1.6(v) for a 2.4% increase in Council Tax with alternative savings proposed.</p> <p>A request for a formal recorded vote was moved and seconded and was supported by 10 Members.</p> <p>By way of a recorded vote, the amendment was declared lost.</p> <hr/> <p>Having moved and seconded that for the reasons given in the Officers report the recommendations contained therein be approved, by way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The revenue budget proposals for 2021/22 of £368.227m be agreed as detailed throughout the report and summarised in Appendix 1.</li> <li>2. The proposal to appoint four fixed-term Project Managers be approved for an initial period of 2 years to support the delivery of the Council's Transformation Programme and Place Shaping Plan, with the total costs of £368k being funded from the £1.8m reserve previously approved by Council to support the delivery of the MTFP (paragraph 5.3.37).</li> <li>3. The movements on the General Fund in Appendix 2 be noted and the proposal that for one year only £1.050m of the General Fund balance be used to support the 2021/22 budget be agreed due to there being no assumed Council Tax surplus in the 2020/21 financial year.</li> </ol>	<p>5 For 52 Against 2 Abstain</p> <hr/> <p>17 For 41 Against 2 Abstain</p> <hr/> <p>39 For 17 Against 1 Abstain</p>

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		<p>4. The proposed Capital Programme for the period 2021/22 to 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 3 be agreed.</p> <p>5. The proposal to increase Council Tax by 3.9% for the 2021/22 year be agreed to ensure that a balanced budget is achieved (Council Tax Band D being set at £1,230.57).</p> <p>6. The updated MTFP be noted as set out in Appendix 4 showing an indicative potential savings requirement of £21.1m for the four-year period 2022/23 to 2025/26.</p>	
6.	Council Tax Setting Resolution 2021/22.	<p>It was moved and seconded that for the reasons given in the Officers report the resolutions contained therein be approved and by way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Council Tax Resolution Setting 2021/22 as set out in the report be approved.</p>	40 For 15 Against 1 Abstain
7.	Bus Emergency Scheme (BES) - Request to All Councils To Sign Up To BES 2 Scheme - Urgent Item considered by Cabinet	Report noted	No vote required

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