

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillors: E.M. Aldworth, M. Adams, C. Andrews, A. Angel, C. Bishop, A. Broughton-Pettit, M. Chacon-Dawson, R. Chapman, P. Cook, S. Cook, D. Cushing, C. Cuss, T.D. Davies MBE, N. Dix, G Ead, C. Elsbury, G. Enright, K. Etheridge, A. Farina-Childs, E. Forehead, C. Forehead, J. E. Fussell, A. Gair, N. George, C. Gordon, D. Harse, T. Heron, A. Hussey, D. Ingram-Jones, M. James, L. Jeremiah, J. Jones, S. Kent, P. Leonard, A. Leonard, C. Mann, A. McConnell, B. Miles, C. Morgan, S. Morgan, B. Owen, T. Parry, L. Phipps, M. Powell, H. Pritchard, J. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, J. Reed, J. Roberts, J. Sadler, R. Saralis, J. Scriven, J. Simmonds, E. Stenner, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, L. Whittle, S. Williams, W. Williams, J. Winslade, K. Woodland, C. Wright.

Officers: D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services and Housing), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), M. S. Williams (Corporate Director for Economy and Environment) L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer), A. Southcombe (Finance Manager), N. Roberts (Principal Group Accountant), S. Pugh (Head of Communications), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Councillors M. Evans, D.W.R. Preece, D. Price, J. Rao, S. Skivens, A. Whitcombe

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](#):

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| 2. | Declarations of Interest | <p>Agenda Item No. 5 Budget Proposals for 2023/24</p> <p>Councillor C. Elsbury and C. Wright declared a personal interest in that they are Members of the South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.</p> <p>Councillor C. Cuss declared a personal interest as he is Chair of the Ael-y-Bryn Community Centre and sits on the Management Committee of St David's Community Centre and the Wigwam in Rhymney.</p> <p>Councillor N. George declared a personal interest as he sits on the Channel View Community Centre Management Committee.</p> | No vote required |

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| | | <p>Councillor W. Williams declared a personal interest as he sits on the Markham Community House and Leisure Centre Committee.</p> <p>Councillor P. Leonard declared a personal interest as she is Chair of the Management Committee of Channel View Community Centre.</p> <p>Councillor C. Morgan declared a personal interest as he is a Member of GYR Community Centre and Machen Village Hall Committees.</p> <p>Councillor T. Parry declared a personal interest as she is on the Management Committee of the Hengoed Community Centre</p> <p>Councillor D. Cushing declared a personal interest as she is Chair of Cefn Hengoed Community Centre Management Committee.</p> <p>Councillor H. Pritchard declared a personal interest in that he is on the Community Centre Management Committee and Local Football Club Committee Member.</p> <p>Councillor C. Mann declared a personal interest in that he is a Member of Llanbradach Community Centre Management Committee.</p> <p>Councillor E. Forehead declared a personal interest in that she is Chair of Van Community Centre.</p> <p>Councillor A. Gair declared a personal interest in that she is a Member of the Tir-y-Birth and Cascade Community Centre Management Committee.</p> <p>Councillor R. Chapman declared a personal interest in that he is Chair of Fochriw Community Centre Management Committee.</p> <p>Councillor A. McConnell declared a personal interest in that she is a Committee Member of the Machen Village Hall and Graig-y-Rhacca Community Centre.</p> | |

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| | | Councillor S. Morgan declared a personal interest in that he sits on the Management Committee of Nelson Community Centre. | |
| 3. | Capital Strategy Report 2023/2024 | <p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved and by way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the annual Capital Strategy Report be approved.</p> | 56 For 3 Against 4 Abstain |
| 4. | Treasury Management Annual Strategy, Capital Finance Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2023/2024 | <p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved and 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"> 1. The Annual Strategy for Treasury Management 2023/24 be approved. 2. The strategy be reviewed quarterly within the Treasury Management monitoring reports presented to Policy and 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. 3. The Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management be approved as per Appendix 5. 4. That the Prudential Indicators for Capital Financing be approved as per Appendices 6 & 7. 5. The MRP policy as set out in Appendix 8 be adopted. 6. The continuation of the 2022/23 investment strategy and the lending to financial institutions and Corporates in accordance with the minimum credit rating criteria disclosed within this report. | 54 For 3 Against 6 Abstain |

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| | | <p>7. The Authority to borrow £46.8m for the General Fund to support the 2023/24 capital programme and £45.0m for the HRA WHQS and Affordable Homes programme be approved.</p> <p>8. The investment grade scale as a minimum credit rating criterion to assess the credit worthiness of suitable counterparties when placing investments continues to be adopted.</p> <p>9. The monetary and investment duration limits as set in Appendix 3 of the report be adopted.</p> | |
| 5. | Budget Proposals for 2023/24 | <p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved.</p> <p>An amendment was then moved and seconded that there be a 0% raise in Council Tax with No Cuts to Services to be funded from existing funding (reserves)</p> <p>By way of Verbal Recorded Vote the motion was declared LOST by the majority present.</p> <p>A further amendment was moved and seconded that there be a 4% increase in Council Tax with the £2.4m shortfall funded from reserves.</p> <p>By way of Verbal Recorded Vote the motion was declared LOST by the majority present.</p> <p>The substantive motion having been moved and seconded and by way of Verbal Recorded Vote was approved by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <p>1. The revenue budget proposals for 2023/24 of £438.722m as detailed throughout the report and summarised in Appendix 1 be approved.</p> <p>2. The proposed budget virements in relation to Additional Learning</p> | <p>22 For 40 Against 0 Abstain</p> <p>20 For 41 Against 1 Abstain</p> <p>40 For 22 Against 0 Abstain</p> |

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| | | <p>Needs as detailed in paragraph 5.3.12 be approved.</p> <p>3. The proposed use of £346k of the LMS Contingency Reserve as a one off sum to support the Education & Lifelong Learning Directorate's 2023/24 contribution to the 50% repairs and maintenance budget for schools (as detailed in paragraph 5.5.3) be approved.</p> <p>4. The movements on the General Fund in Appendix 5 and the current projected balance as at 31 March 2023 of £13.041m be noted.</p> <p>5. The proposed Capital Programme for the period 2023/24 to 2025/26 as set out in Appendix 6 be approved.</p> <p>6. The proposal to increase Council Tax by 7.9% for the 2023/24 financial year to ensure that a balanced budget is achieved (Council Tax Band D being set at £1,353.01) be approved.</p> <p>7. The updated MTFP in Appendix 7 showing an indicative potential savings requirement of £48.335m for the two-year period 2024/25 to 2025/26 be noted.</p> | |
| 6. | Council Tax Setting Resolution 2023/24 | <p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report 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 Resolutions for the 2023/24 financial year be approved.</p> | 43 For 18 Against 0 Abstain |

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