

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 AT 5.30 P.M.

#### PRESENT:

Councillors: M. Adams, E. M. Aldworth, 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, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, C. Forehead, E. Forehead, N. George, C. Gordon, D. Harse, T. Heron, A. Hussey, D. Ingram-Jones, M. James, G. Johnston, J. Jones, S. Kent, A. Leonard, P. Leonard, C. Mann, A. McConnell, B. Miles, C. Morgan, S. Morgan, B. Owen, T. Parry, L. Phipps, M. Powell, D. W. R. Preece, H. Pritchard, J. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, J. Rao, J. Reed, J. Roberts, J. Sadler, J. Scriven, J. Simmonds, S. Skivens, C. Thomas, L. Whittle, S. Williams, W. Williams, J. Winslade and C. Wright.

Officers: C. Harrhy (Chief Executive), D. Street (Corporate Director Social Services and Housing), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), M. S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment), S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance: Mr P. Brunt.

#### APOLOGIES:

Councillors: J. E. Fussell, A. Gair, L. Jeremiah, D. Price, R. Saralis, E. Stenner, J. Taylor, A. Whitcombe and K. Woodland.

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
2.	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.	No Vote Required
3.	Retiring Mayors Remarks.	The retiring Mayors remarks were noted.	No Vote Required
4.	To elect a Mayor of Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2024.	It was moved and seconded that Councillor M. Adams be elected Mayor until the annual meeting in May 2024. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.  RESOLVED that Councillor M. Adams be elected Mayor.	50 For 2 Against 1 Abstention
5.	To elect a Deputy Mayor of Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2024.	It was moved and seconded that Councillor J. Simmonds be elected Deputy Mayor until the annual meeting in May 2024. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.	51 For 0 Against 4 Abstentions

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		RESOLVED that Councillor J. Simmonds be elected Deputy Mayor.	
6.	Mayor's Announcements.	The Mayor's announcements were noted	No Vote Required
7.	To note the appointment of Leader of Council.	The appointment of Leader of Council was noted.	No vote required
8.	To note the appointment of a Deputy Leader.	It was noted that Councillor James Pritchard be appointed as Deputy Leader of Council.	No Vote Required
9.	To note the number of Members to be appointed to the Cabinet and the names the Leader has chosen to become Members of the Cabinet.	<p>It was noted that there would be 9 Cabinet Members including Councillor S. Morgan as Leader of Council.</p> <p>It was noted that the Leader has chosen the following to become Members of the Cabinet: -</p> <p>Councillor James Pritchard - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration and Climate Change.</p> <p>Councillor Nigel George - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Property and Highways.</p> <p>Councillor Eluned Stenner - Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance.</p> <p>Councillor Carol Andrews - Cabinet Member for Education and Communities</p> <p>Councillor Shayne Cook - Cabinet Member for Housing.</p> <p>Councillor Elaine Forehead - Cabinet Member for Social Care.</p> <p>Councillor Philippa Leonard - Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection.</p> <p>Councillor Chris Morgan - Cabinet Member for Waste, Leisure and Green Spaces.</p>	No Vote Required
10.	To note the appointment of the Leader of the main opposition group.	It was noted that Councillor L. Whittle be appointed as the Leader of the main opposition group.	No Vote Required
11.	Leader's Statement.	The Leader's statement was noted.	No Vote Required

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12.	Review of Political Balance.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendation contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the political balance as outlined in Appendix 1 and the general allocation of seats to the Committees in accordance with the political balance be noted.</p>	54 For 3 Against 1 Abstention
13.	Refinements to the Councils Constitution.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report 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 number of Scrutiny Committees be reduced from 5 to 3 in accordance with the naming conventions set out in para 5.3 with the new arrangements coming in to being in September 2023.</li> <li>2. Scrutiny Committees only receiving a single Notice of Motion per meeting.</li> <li>3. Notices of Motion requiring support from the relevant Scrutiny Committee for onwards consideration by Cabinet or Council.</li> <li>4. Limit the number of questions that can be asked verbally at Council to three.</li> <li>5. The introduction of a protocol for Members who are asked to represent residents outside of their own elected Wards as set out in Appendix 2.</li> <li>6. Decommission the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee and allocate local delivery matters to the relevant Scrutiny Committees.</li> <li>7. Remove the ABUHB Co-opted Member Position on the relevant Scrutiny Committee with social services responsibility.</li> </ol>	38 For 23 Against 0 Abstentions

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		<p>8. Remove one User and Carer Co-opted position on the relevant Scrutiny Committee with social services responsibility.</p> <p>9. Remove the Requirement for Task and Finish Groups to operate as Formal Sub Committees.</p> <p>10. Disband the Grants to the Voluntary Sector Advisory Panel and transfer its remaining functions to the Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee sitting as the Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub Committee comprising Caerphilly County Borough Councillors only.</p> <p>11. Note that a new set of terms of reference will be agreed at the next available Voluntary Sector Liaison Sub Committee to bring the new functions into effect.</p> <p>12. Replace the Health and Safety Committee with a Health and Safety Working Group.</p> <p>13. Endorse the changes to the Scheme of Delegation set out in Appendix 3 to this report.</p> <p>14. Authorise the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution accordingly.</p>	
14.	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2023/24 - Salaries and Allowances.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the recommendations contained in the Officer's report be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <p>1. The determinations of the IRPW as set out in the Annual Report for 2022/23 be noted.</p> <p>2. The following roles be confirmed that they will attract a senior salary payment: -</p> <p>Leader of Council</p> <p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration and Climate Change</p>	38 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

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		<p>Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Property and Highways</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Education and Communities</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Housing</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Social Care</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Waste, Leisure and Green Spaces</p> <p>Leader of the Largest Opposition Group</p> <p>Chair of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Chair of the Education Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Chair of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Chair of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Chair of the Licensing and Gambling Committee/Taxi and General Committee</p> <p>Chair of the Planning Committee</p> <p>It was noted that the number of Scrutiny Committees will be reduced from 5 to 3 in September.</p> <p>3. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor as appointed receive a civic salary payment.</p> <p>4. A Presiding Member will not be appointed.</p> <p>5. Schedule of Remuneration at appendix 2 of the report be noted, and</p>	

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		<p>A) to continue with the cap on payments to co-opted members of 12 full days a year for each Committee to which an individual may be co-opted and eligible to attend, and</p> <p>B) the continuation of the approved duties set out in Schedule 2 be noted.</p> <p>6. The requirements set out in the IRP report and in paragraph 5.10 of the report be publicly noted.</p>	
15.	The Annual Report of the Standards Committee.	RESOLVED that the Annual Report of the Standards Committee be noted.	No vote required.
16.	To appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the political balance for the ensuing year.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the names of the Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members appointed to serve on Overview and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the political balance be provided to Democratic Services by the respective political groups. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees be appointed in accordance with the political balance for the ensuing year.</p>	37 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
17.	<p>To appoint the Chair and/or Vice Chair and Members to the following Committees for the ensuing year (in accordance with the political balance).</p> <p>Appeals Panel  Appointments Committee  *Governance and Audit Committee (*Chair will be a Lay Member and will be appointed at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting of Council)  Democratic Services Committee  Investigating and Disciplinary Committee  Licensing and Gambling Committee/Taxi and General Committee  Planning Committee  *Standards Committee (*Chair and Vice Chair will be Lay Members)</p>	<p>It was moved and seconded that the names of Chairs and/or Vice Chairs and Members provided to Democratic Services by each political group be appointed to serve on the following Committees for the ensuing year (in accordance with the political balance).</p> <p>Appeals Panel  Appointments Committee  *Governance and Audit Committee (*Chair will be a Lay Member and will be appointed at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting of Council)  Democratic Services Committee  Investigating and Disciplinary Committee  Licensing and Gambling Committee/Taxi and General Committee  Planning Committee  *Standards Committee (*Chair and Vice Chair will be Lay Members)</p> <p>By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p>	38 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

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		RESOLVED that Chairs and/or Vice Chairs and Members be appointed to serve on the Committees for the ensuing year (in accordance with the political balance).	
18.	To constitute Sub-Committees/ Working Parties/Panels/Boards and appoint Members to serve thereon for the ensuing year in accordance with the political balance.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the names of Members provided to Democratic Services by each political group be appointed to serve on Sub-Committees/ Working Parties/Panels/Boards for the ensuing year in accordance with the political balance. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Members be appointed to serve on Sub-Committees/ Working Parties/ Panels/ Boards for the ensuing year in accordance with the political balance.</p>	38 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
19.	To appoint/nominate representatives to serve on Outside Bodies where required.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the names of representatives provided to Democratic Services by the political groups be appointed to serve on Outside Bodies where required. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that representatives be appointed to serve on Outside Bodies where required.</p>	38 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

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