

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 5.00 P.M.

#### PRESENT:

Councillors: D.T. Davies, A. Farina-Childs, C. Forehead, A. Hussey, M.P. James (Chair), C. Mann, A. McConnell, L. Phipps (Vice Chair), J.A. Pritchard, C. Thomas and J. Winslade.

Officers: L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), L. Lucas (Head of Customer and Digital Services), J. James (Digital Infrastructure Manager) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	VOTE
1.	To receive apologies for absence.	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Ead, L. Jeremiah, D. Price, J. Simmonds and A. Whitcombe.	N/A
2.	Declarations of Interest.	All Members declared a personal interest in relation to Agenda Item 4 (Supporting the Work of Members Electronic Access to Information and the Use of Broadband) and Agenda Item 5 (Independent Remuneration Panel For Wales Annual Report 2024 to 2025). As the interest was personal only, there was no requirement for Members to leave the meeting and they could take full part in the debate and vote.	N/A
3.	Democratic Services Committee held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023.	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Democratic Services Committee meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023 be approved as a correct record.	8 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions
4.	Supporting the Work of Members Electronic Access to Information and the Use of Broadband.	An amendment was moved and seconded that recommendation 5.7(a) read as follows to recommend to Council that all Elected members make use of their personal broadband connections to access e-mails, papers and meetings, as is the case for 64 members currently, and if for any reason Members do not have access to their own broadband, they could be provided with a MiFi device or a SIM enabled laptop. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation the amendment was agreed by the majority present.	9 For 2 Against 0 Abstentions

		<p>For the reasons contained in the Officer's report it was moved and seconded that amended recommendation 5.7 (a) be approved. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED to Council: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That all Elected members make use of their personal broadband connections to access e-mails, papers and meetings, as is the case for 64 members currently, and if for any reason Members do not have access to their own broadband, they could be provided with a MiFi device or a SIM enabled laptop.</li> </ol>	<p>10 For 1 Against 0 Abstentions</p>
5.	Independent Remuneration Panel For Wales Annual Report 2024 to 2025.	<p>RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officer's report: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' Annual Report 2024 to 2025 be noted.</li> <li>2. That all other determinations set out in 2022 to 2023 and 2023 to 2024 remain valid and should be applied be noted.</li> </ol>	<p>No vote required.</p>

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