

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF THE DECISIONS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 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, E. Davies, N. Dix, G. Ead, C. Elsbury, G. Enright, K. Etheridge, M. Evans, A. Farina-Childs, C. Forehead, E. Forehead, J. E. Fussell, A. Gair, N. George, C. Gordon, D. Harse, T. Heron, A. Hussey, D. Ingram-Jones, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnston, J. Jones, S. Kent, 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, R. Saralis, J. Scriven, J. Simmonds, E. Stenner, J. Taylor, C. Thomas, A. Whitcombe, L. Whittle, S. Williams, W. Williams, J. Winslade, C. Wright and K. Woodland.

Officers: D. Street (Deputy Chief Executive), R. Tranter (Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), R. Edmunds (Corporate Director Education and Corporate Services), M.S. Williams (Corporate Director Economy and Environment), G. Jenkins (Interim Corporate Director Social Services), S. Harris (Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer), L. Lane (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), L. Sykes (Deputy Head of Financial Services and S151 Officer), A. Southcombe (Finance Manager - Corporate Finance), E. Sullivan (Senior Committee Services Officer) and S. Hughes (Committee Services Officer).

Also in attendance: M. Jones (Wales Audit Office) and Mr P. Brunt.

#### APOLOGIES:

Councillors: D.T. Davies MBE, M. James, A. Leonard and S. Skivens.

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.	There were no declarations of interest.	No vote required.
3.	Retiring Mayor's Remarks.	The retiring Mayor's remarks were noted.	No vote required.
4.	To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal Services on changes to the Council's Constitution.	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.  RESOLVED that: -  1. The changes to the Constitution shown as track changes at	42 For 21 Against 0 Abstentions 2 Unverified

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		<p>Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 be approved.</p> <p>2. A Presiding Member be appointed for the remainder of the term of Council, to Chair meetings of full Council and to undertake all other administrative functions previously aligned to the Mayor, and the payment of a senior salary be approved.</p> <p>3. A Deputy Presiding Member be appointed for the remainder of the term of Council.</p> <p>4. The civic and ceremonial functions of Council to be undertaken by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be noted.</p> <p>5. The updated Integrated Impact Assessment at Appendix 6 and the increased font size of the report template to Arial 12 be endorsed.</p> <p>6. The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary changes to the Constitution to give effect to the changes approved by Council.</p>	
5.	To elect a Presiding Member (Chair) of Council.	<p>It was moved and seconded that Councillor C. Gordon be elected Presiding Member (Chair) of Council. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor C. Gordon be elected Presiding Member (Chair) of Council.</p>	40 For 19 Against 1 Abstention
6.	To elect a Deputy Presiding Member (Vice Chair) of Council.	<p>It was moved and seconded that Councillor E.M. Aldworth be elected Deputy Presiding Member (Vice Chair) of Council. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor E.M. Aldworth be elected Deputy Presiding Member (Vice Chair) of Council.</p>	40 For 17 Against 2 Abstentions
7.	To elect a Mayor of Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2025	It was moved and seconded that Councillor J. Simmonds be elected	57 For 0 Against

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	and to note the payment of a civic salary.	<p>Mayor of Council until the annual meeting in May 2025 and the payment of a civic salary be noted. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor J. Simmonds be elected Mayor of Council and the payment of a civic salary be noted.</p>	1 Abstention
8.	To elect a Deputy Mayor of Council until the Annual Meeting in May 2025.	<p>It was moved and seconded that Councillor D. Ingram-Jones be elected Deputy Mayor of Council until the annual meeting in May 2025. By way of Microsoft Forms and verbal confirmation this was agreed by the majority present.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor D. Ingram-Jones be elected Deputy Mayor of Council.</p>	57 For 0 Against 1 Abstention
9.	Mayor's Announcements.	The Mayor's announcements were noted.	No vote required.
10.	To note the appointment of Leader of Council and the payment of a senior salary.	The appointment of Leader of Council and the payment of a senior salary were noted.	No vote required.
11.	To note the appointment of a Deputy Leader and the payment of a senior salary.	The appointment of Councillor James Pritchard as Deputy Leader and the payment of a senior salary were noted.	No vote required.
12.	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 and the payment of senior salaries.	<p>The number of Members appointed to the Cabinet, the names the Leader has chosen as Members of the Cabinet and the payment of senior salaries were noted.</p> <p>The following members of Cabinet were noted: -</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>	No vote required.

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		<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>	
13.	To note the appointment of the Leader of the main opposition group and the payment of a senior salary.	The appointment of Councillor L. Whittle as Leader of the main opposition group and the payment of a senior salary were noted.	No vote required.
14.	Leader's Statement.	The Leader's statement was noted.	No vote required.
15.	Financial Statements for 2022/23.	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Audit Wales 'Audit of Accounts Report' be noted.</li> <li>2. The 2022/23 Audited Financial Accounts be approved.</li> <li>3. An 'Audit of Accounts Addendum Report' will be presented to the Governance and Audit Committee at its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024, setting out details of Audit Wales' recommendations arising from the audit of the Council's 2022/23 Financial Accounts along with the associated management responses, be noted.</li> </ol>	60 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
16.	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 unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> </ol>	59 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

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17.	The Annual Report of the Standards Committee.	RESOLVED that the Annual Report of the Standards Committee be noted.	No vote required.
18.	To appoint the Chair, Vice Chair and Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the political balance for the ensuing year and to note the payment of a senior salary to the Chairs.	<p>It was moved and seconded that the names of Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members provided to Democratic Services be appointed to serve on Overview and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the political balance for the ensuing year and the payment of a senior salary to the Chairs be noted.</p> <p>By way of Microsoft Forms and Verbal Confirmation this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members be appointed to serve on Overview and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the political balance for the ensuing year and the payment of a senior salary to the Chairs be noted.</li> </ol>	57 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions
19.	<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) and to note the payment of a senior salary to the Chair of the Planning Committee and Chair of Licensing and Gambling/Taxi and General Committee.</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 be appointed to serve on the following Committees for the ensuing year (in accordance with the political balance) and the payment of a senior salary to the Chair of the Planning Committee and Chair of Licencing and Gambling/Taxi and General Committee be noted.</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> <p>RESOLVED that Chairs and/or Vice Chairs and Members be appointed to</p>	59 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

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		serve on Committees for the ensuing year (in accordance with the political balance) and the payment of a senior salary to the Chair of the Planning Committee and Chair of Licencing and Gambling/Taxi and General Committee be noted.	
20.	To constitute Sub Committees/Working Parties/Panels/Boards and appoint Members to serve thereon for the ensuing year in accordance with the political balance.	The names of Members provided to Democratic Services be appointed to serve on Sub-Committees/ Working Parties/Panels/Boards for the ensuing year in accordance with the political balance.	No vote required.
21.	To appoint/nominate representatives to serve on Outside Bodies where required.	The names of representatives provided to Democratic Services be appointed to serve on Outside Bodies where required.	No vote required.

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