

DECISION RECORD OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB /REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 16:00

Present

Councillor W J Kendall – Chairperson

H T Bennett	A R Berrow	F D Bletsoe	S J Bletsoe
JPD Blundell	E L P Caparros	N Clarke	RJ Collins
HJ David	C Davies	C L C Davies	P Davies
S Easterbrook	M J Evans	N Farr	P Ford
J Gebbie	W R Goode	RM Granville	H Griffiths
D T Harrison	M L Hughes	P W Jenkins	M R John
M Jones	MJ Kearn	M Lewis	J Llewellyn-Hopkins
RL Penhale-Thomas	J E Pratt	E Richards	R J Smith
JC Spanswick	I M Spiller	T Thomas	JH Tildesley MBE
A Wathan	A Williams	AJ Williams	HM Williams
I Williams	MJ Williams	R Williams	E D Winstanley

Apologies for Absence

S J Griffiths, RM James, G Walter and T Wood

Officers:

Jackie Davies

Mark Galvin

Laura Griffiths

Lindsay Harvey

Head of Adult Social Care

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Principal Solicitor

Corporate Director Education and Family Support

Rachel Keepins

Laura Kinsey

Carys Lord

Claire Marchant

Jonathan Parsons

Michael Pitman

Mark Shephard

Democratic Services Manager

Head of Children's Social Care

Chief Officer - Finance, Performance & Change

Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing

Group Manager Development

Technical Support Officer – Democratic Services

Chief Executive

Title of Report	Apologies for absence
Decision Made	Apologies for absence were received from the following Members/Officer:- Councillors S Griffiths, T Wood, RM James, G Walter and the Corporate Director – Communities.
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Declarations of Interest
Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests	The following declarations of interest were made:-

Disclosed	<p>Councillor H Bennett - Agenda item 6, personal interest as her employer was mentioned in the report as a partner provider.</p> <p>Councillor JC Spanswick – Agenda item 6, prejudicial interest as a close family member is involved in Children’s Services.</p> <p>Councillors N Clarke, Alex Williams and H Williams – Agenda item 8, prejudicial interests as close family members have second homes.</p> <p>Councillors Chris Davies and D Harrison – Agenda item 8, prejudicial interests (no reasons given)</p> <p>Councillor T Thomas – Agenda item 8, prejudicial interest as he works for organisation that represents the interests of property agents.</p> <p>Councillor S Bletsoe – Agenda item 8, prejudicial interest as Operations Manager, Wales, for the National Residential Landlords Association who represent the interest of Private Rental Landlords who are second home owners within the County Borough.</p> <p>All those Members who declared prejudicial interests in the items so stated, left the meeting whilst the reports relating to these were being considered.</p>
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Title of Report	Approval of Minutes
Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of a meeting of Council dated 19 July 2023, be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	To receive announcements from:
Decision Made	Council received announcements from the Members and Chief Executive, outlined on the agenda.

Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	To receive announcements by the Leader
Decision Made	Announcements from the Leader were received
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Social Services Annual Report 2022/23
Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council endorsed the 2022-23 Director of Social Services Annual Report.
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	As mentioned above, if applicable

Title of Report	A 3 Year Sustainability Plan to Improve Outcomes for Children and Family Services in Bridgend
Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved 'Think Family', the 3 year sustainability plan for children and families in Bridgend.</li> <li>• Approved the budget virement of £1m to social services in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules;</li> <li>• Noted the additional use of £2.5m EMR's in the current financial year to support the service as detailed</li> </ul>

	in the report
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	As mentioned above, if applicable

Title of Report	Council Tax Premiums - Second Homes
Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council approved the proposed 100% council tax premiums to be implemented from 1st April 2023 for long term empty homes, and 1st April 2024 for second homes, with these both increasing to 200% after 2 years.
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	As mentioned above, if applicable

Title of Report	South-East Wales Corporate Joint Committee Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements
Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> Council agreed to defer this item in order to receive further information at the next scheduled meeting of Council.
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	As mentioned above, if applicable

Title of Report	Appointment of Registered Representatives to the Overview and Scrutiny Subject Committees
Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council noted the report and approved the appointment of the following individuals as Registered Representatives for Education items considered by the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees, for a maximum term of four years:

	(i) Ms Angela Clark as the Church in Wales Registered Representative; (ii) Ms Samantha Rachel Lambert-Worgan as the Special School Parent Governor Representative
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	As mentioned above, if applicable.

Title of Report	Information Report for Noting
Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That Council acknowledged the publication of the report referred to in paragraph 3.1 of the report.
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Questions from Members to the Executive:
Decision Made	The responses by the Executive to questions posed to them by certain Members of Council had been circulated to all Members in advance of the meeting.  As the Mayor had briefly announced earlier, there would be no further consideration of this agenda item at today's meeting.
Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None

Title of Report	Urgent Items
Decision Made	There were no urgent items.

Date Decision Made	20 September 2023
Personal or Prejudicial Interests Disclosed	None.